Strategic Energy Institute Request for Thought Leadership Planning and Convening Proposals

This Strategic Energy Institute funding program solicits thought leadership planning and/or convening proposals with a particular emphasis on activities where external funding is difficult to obtain, yet that are important in terms of promoting one of the following three SEI goals:

1) Developing and nurturing the energy research community across the campus and in the state
2) Growing the resource base for GT energy research
3) Growing the thought leadership projected by GT

For example, we want to facilitate planning activities that define frameworks, develop roadmaps, and convene thought-leaders around complex energy issues. Proposals that link up groups across different colleges and campus units such as GTRI and EII are highly encouraged, particularly those that integrate technical discipline expertise with system analyses or economics/policy/business aspects.

Thought leadership Proposals submitted under this program can span activities ranging from a few hundred dollars up to a maximum of $5,000 and can span time ranges from one day up to one year.

Activities contemplated under this RFP are not limited to, but could include:

- Pre-planning activities or team development for integrated techno-economic studies that frame issues and define frameworks for thinking through complex, integrated energy problems.
- Financial and organizational support for internal workshops to organize ourselves internally, either toward some anticipated opportunity or to help frame and define an external opportunity.
- Financial and organizational support for external workshops to develop consensus or recommendations around some energy issue.
- Financial support for pulling together proposals in response to large external solicitations.

This list is certainly not comprehensive and we look forward to the novel and thought provoking ideas which will come out of the proposed planning activities. Please note that this RFP is NOT soliciting technical research proposals.

Program Eligibility

This program is open to Georgia Tech faculty and professional staff. It is also open to students who will be actively enrolled for the duration of a proposed project and who have a faculty liaison or sponsor for the project. The solicitation is not open to individuals enrolled in professional education courses or those previously employed or enrolled at Georgia Tech.
Proposal Preparation Guidelines

Proposal Submission Guide

Proposals of $5,000 or less will be accepted at any time throughout the year. A separate larger call for more broadly defined thought leadership proposals will be announced bi-annually during the Spring Semester (next call spring 2015) with awardee funding to be initiated July 1 of the year during which the call goes out.

Total funding allocated will vary depending on the number of proposals received and the relevance of the work proposed as it pertains to the promotion of SEI’s three program goals. Note also that no overhead, fringe, or graduate student tuition will be charged on Program funds (you do not need to incorporate overhead and/or tuition costs into your proposed budget).

All proposals must include the following:

- SFP Program Application Cover Sheet (include summary/abstract)
- Project Description (three-page maximum, 12-point font) must include:
  - Project purpose and need in keeping with the program goals
  - Strategy for accomplishing proposed work (should include proposed student and/or other personnel activities)
  - Deliverables: Tangible outcomes from the project and explanation of how these deliverables will advance the objectives of this RFP. Examples of deliverables could include written summary of workshop, report, whitepaper, written testimony presented, transcript, policy brief, social media outlets, and so forth.
  - Schedule
  - If applicable, other opportunities for how these funds will enable leveraging of other resources
  - Project Budget Sheet (please link budget needs to quarterly deliverables if the project term is longer than three months).

Formats for each of the required sections are included in this guide.

Completed proposals should be sent via email to alex.energy.gatech.edu with a copy sent to mhhunt@gatech.edu. Please address questions to Mary Hallisey Hunt (mhhunt@gatech.edu) or visit the SEI website at www.energy.gatech.edu.
## Application Cover Sheet

**Project Title:**

**Proposed Time Frame:**
(in years and/or months)

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**FY12 CEO Program Funds (total dollars) Requested:**

**Summary of Proposed Effort** (100 words maximum):
Budget Sheet

Project Title:

I. Salaries

   Faculty and Staff
   Students

II. Materials and Supplies

III. Equipment

IV. Travel

Total Project Budget $  

* No overhead or tuition remission will be charged to your proposals/projects.