



South Texas Technology Management Offers Support for Texas Ignition Fund Proposals

Proposals for TIF Round 5 must be submitted to STTM by September 18

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SAN ANTONIO (August 17, 2009) – South Texas Technology Management (STTM), the regional technology transfer office that serves four University of Texas institutions — the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA), UT San Antonio (UTSA), UT Brownsville (UTB), and UT Pan American (UTPA) — today announced that it is offering support and assistance to UT researchers interested in submitting Texas Ignition Fund (TIF) grant proposals.

The TIF grants, which are made available through the UT System Office of Research and Technology Transfer, provide up to \$50,000 to support the commercialization of UT inventions and accelerate the movement of inventions into the public domain. Preference is given to proposals with a potential to result in formation of a new start-up company. Funds may be used for costs such as personnel, equipment, supplies, instrument use fees, market studies and business plans. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis with an emphasis on commercial potential.

Prior to submitting a TIF proposal through STTM, an Invention Disclosure Form must have been filed with STTM. Upon receipt of an Invention Disclosure Form and TIF proposal, an STTM case manager will work with the Principal Investigator to assess intellectual property status and commercialization potential. STTM will provide input, support and documentation to supplement the TIF proposal.

Principal investigators wishing to apply for a TIF grant should refer to the UT System TIF website, <http://www.utsystem.edu/rtt/TIF/TIFPAGE.html>, for additional information, including application instructions and a list of previous award recipients. Grant proposals are due to STTM by 5:00 P.M. Friday, September 18, 2009 to allow sufficient time for review, assessment and preparation of supporting documentation by the TIF proposal deadline of October 9, 2009.

For more information about STTM, please visit the STTM website, www.utsttm.org, or contact Claude Longoria at longoriacc@uthscsa.edu or (210) 567-2147. The STTM Invention Disclosure Form is available at the following link: http://www.utsystem.edu/sttm/docs/forms/STTM_IDF_082108.doc.

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South Texas Technology Management is the regional technology transfer office serving the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, UT San Antonio, UT Brownsville and UT Pan American. STTM provides comprehensive intellectual property services for technologies developed by faculty, staff and students. STTM is dedicated to the protection and licensing of these technologies in order to further research and development, protect the interests of the faculty and the University, enhance economic development and provide humanitarian value to the community. By facilitating the development and commercialization of UT inventions, STTM is fostering and encouraging the creation of new and cutting-edge technologies.