

FY10.1 OTC Funding Competition

Utilizing an Independent Project as OTC Matching

Advantages - Both Principal Investigators and OTC may benefit from this arrangement.

Principal Investigators who conduct such projects through the OTC receive the following types of benefits:

- Exposure through publicity associated with the OTC's ongoing outreach efforts, such as articles in newsletters and annual reports.
- Profile is listed on the OTC website.
- Project Information, including project description and the final report (where appropriate and allowed by the original project sponsor) posted to the OTC website. This provides instant access by potential collaborators and research partners.
- The project may qualify for matching funding credit towards an OTC funding competition.

The primary advantage of such projects for the OTC is the expansion of its network of qualified researchers and program managers, and the increase in its portfolio of successful projects.

Criteria for Inclusion Within OTC's Project Portfolio - Projects may be conducted through the OTC if they fall within the scope of the OTC Strategic Plan.

Procedure – PI's may request OTC review of an externally funded project, using the following steps:

- Submit to Ms. Suzette Lavoie the projects official statement of work, budget and external agency award document with a statement indicating the OTC Strategic Plan focus area the project qualifies under.
- The OTC will review the project packet for compatibility with the OTC's theme and programs.
- If the project is accepted the OTC will notify the PI.
- If the anticipated project is at the proposal stage include the following on the proposal cover page: "This project will be conducted under the auspices of the Oklahoma Transportation Center".

Requirements of such Projects – Upon acceptance as an OTC project:

- A distinct OTC project number is assigned and the project is added to the OTC records.
- Such projects are subject to the normal requirements of the original project sponsor. However, the PI is expected to conduct the project in a way that brings credit to the OTC.
- The PI is required to complete annually a performance indicator report for the OTC.
- The PI is required to submit a copy of the project final report to the OTC.
- Publications and presentations resulting from the project should include an acknowledgement of the OTC's role. "This project is being conducted under the auspices of the Oklahoma Transportation Center".
- All eligible project expenditures (subject to RITA requirements) will be captured by the OTC as match.
- If the PI is compliant with the requirements outlined above, the PI will receive a match credit, for eligible project expenditures, that can be applied to an OTC funding competition held under the current RITA grant DTRT06-G-0016.