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Health Sciences & Services Authority Announces 2009 Grant Competition

SPOKANE, Wash. – The Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County has announced its first request for proposals (RFPs) for a 2009 grant competition *to increase local infrastructure capacity for bioscience research*. The amount of funding available to applicants for the two-year grant is up to \$675,000, or as determined by the HSSA Board upon receipt of proposals.

Applicants for HSSA 2009 funding are invited from Spokane County public and nonprofit organizations, singly or in collaboration with other public and nonprofit organizations or with for-profit companies, and must meet the intent of the funding to increase local infrastructure capacity for bioscience research.

“We are very pleased to announce HSSA’s 2009 grant competition,” said Nancy L. Isserlis, Board Chair. “This is the first allocation of funds allowed by the legislation that created the Health Sciences & Services Authority, and we expect these funds to promote economic development in Spokane County through the growth of infrastructure capacity that supports bioscience research.”

A Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted by the sponsor of a proposal is required and due by 12 noon July 1, 2009, and should be submitted by e-mail to grantadmin@hssaspokane.org or <mailto:grantadmin@hssaspokane.org>. In addition to an electronic copy, a hard copy of the proposal may be mailed to Grant Administrator, Health Services & Sciences Authority, The University District, 665 N. Riverpoint Boulevard, Suite 124, Spokane, WA 99202-1665. The actual proposal in response to the RFP is due by 4 p.m. July 31, 2009, and should be submitted electronically. The awards will be announced by the HSSA Board in September.

Isserlis also said that a second 2009 grant competition to increase access to health services in Spokane County will be announced in about one month.

The Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County, a Washington State grantmaking authority, was established by the Washington legislature to promote bioscience-based economic development and to advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease and promote public health. The HSSA invests funds to create and support a nationally competitive health care cluster in Spokane County catalyzing connections between higher education and health care that lead to high wage jobs, long-term sustainability, and economic diversification. HSSA will fund the very best projects through a competitive, well-monitored and accountable process.

HSSA Board members are Nancy L. Isserlis, Attorney, Winston & Cashatt and Interim Board Chair; Dr. Patricia Butterfield, Dean of the WSU School of Nursing; Dr. Jeff Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Providence Sacred Heart and Holy Family; Dr. Earl “Marty” Martin, Dean of Gonzaga University’s School of Law; Alethea McCann, Owner, Spherion Staffing and Recruiting, Mari Thomas, medical researcher and wife of Fairchild Air Force Base Commander Bob Thomas; Wendy K. Schneider, Director of Development, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, and Roger Woodworth, Vice President, Avista Utilities.

More information about the 2009 Grant Competition may be found at www.hssaspokane.org or by calling (509) 358-2113.

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