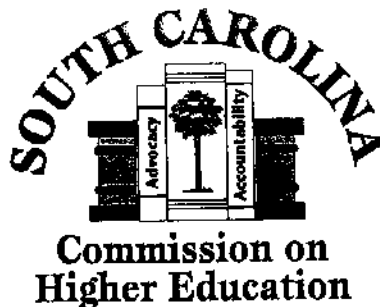


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Interim Executive Director

September 4, 2003

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

From: Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing *VJ Johnson*

**Consideration of Budget for S.C. Research Centers for Economic Excellence
FY 2003-04**

Background

Attached please find the budget approved by the Review Board, which oversees the Research Centers of Excellence for Economic Development program, at its meeting on August 25, 20003.

Under the legislation establishing this program, the Commission on Higher Education must approve the budget for the Research Centers program. This program has been funded with \$30 million dollars from the lottery for FY 2003-04.

For FY 2002-03, the Review Board awarded \$30 million dollars to the following Research Centers/Endowed Professorships:

Automotive Research	Clemson	\$10 million
Marine Genomics	MUSC	\$ 4 million
Brain Imaging	MUSC/USC	\$ 5 million
Proteomics	MUSC	\$ 4 million
Neuroscience	MUSC	\$ 3 million
Nanostructures	USC	\$ 4 million

Research Centers of Excellence

Operating Budget

Revised 8/12/03

<u>Expenditure Category</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>FY 03 Budget</u>	<u>FY 03 Expenditures</u>	<u>FY 04 Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Personal Service					
Accounting	0158	2,500	-	2,500	
Annual Report	0158	-	-	-	
Staff Support	0158	30,125	18,942	35,000	Reflects full fiscal year
Board's Per Diem	0171	1,260	-	1,750	
Contractual Services					
Electronic Reviewers	0207	9,800	2,900	50,000	\$500 per reviewer x 100
Expert Panelists	0207	26,000	21,000	25,000	5 x 4,000 + 5,000 for Chair
Printing/Copying	0209	-	-	2,000	Press, etc.
Consultant Travel	0232	-	7,928	2,000	Flights between campuses for consultants
Catering	0298	-	73	1,000	
Supplies					
Postage	0315	500	-	500	
Rent, Dues, & Memberships					
Facility Rental	0416	-	765	765	
Tort Insurance	0418	2,952	-	3,000	
Travel					
Meal Reimbursement	0501	-	152	1,000	Staff and consultants
Lodging	0502	-	661	3,500	Staff and consultants
Board's Travel	0504	3,312	336	3,500	
Panelist's Air Travel	0513	20,000	-	7,500	
Employer Contributions					
Fringe Benefits	1300	-	5,058	1,500	
		<u>96,449</u>	<u>57,815</u>	<u>160,515</u>	

Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commend favorably to the Commission the budget submitted by the Research Centers for Economic Excellence Review Board for FY 2003-04.

The Committee will make its recommendations to the Commission on September 4.