

# EPSCoR Evaluation Study Update: Announcing the Survey

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# Overview

- Overall Study Objective and Design
- Announcing the Survey
- Progress to Date in Rest of Study

# OVERALL STUDY OBJECTIVE AND DESIGN

# Study Objective

- To perform an in-depth analysis covering the life of the EPSCoR program focusing on individual activities and their associated outputs and outcomes over time.
- Findings of this analysis will be submitted to the NSF EPSCoR Office in a final report.
- An aim of the final report will be to provide recommendations for how best to ensure future investment strategies result in the greatest sustainable increases in research capacity for EPSCoR jurisdictions.

# Study Activities

- Through a variety of methods, including a stakeholder survey, this study will include an investigation of:
  - possible metrics and measures of research capacity building across and between states;
  - proposed and completed activities,
  - outputs and outcomes resulting from EPSCoR awards,
  - the historical roles of State Committees in jurisdictions; and
  - changes in the eligibility criteria over time
- Report due December 2013

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# ANNOUNCING THE SURVEY

# Survey Approach

- Given that primary study questions focus on jurisdiction-level research capacity development, surveys focus at jurisdiction level
- Survey received OMB clearance January 2013

# Survey Has Two Distinct Parts

1. Excel-based template where STPI pre-filled information from collated administrative data
  - STPI has prepared one template per jurisdiction
  - We will email each current PD his/her jurisdiction's template
  - We are asking you to add/edit/clarify the information
2. Set of free-response and closed-form questions regarding jurisdiction-level EPSCoR outcomes fielded over the Internet
  - There will be one survey per Track 1 award (all years)
  - STPI will send each current PD links to his/her jurisdiction's surveys

***We recognize that information from earlier years may be harder to assemble and include***

# Template Topics

Topic	What We've Filled In	Additional Information Asked Beyond Checking for Accuracy
Hired Faculty	List of faculty hired using EPSCoR funds/startup funds	
Postdoctoral Researchers	Names	Next steps, if known
Graduate Students	Names	Flag if supported by EPSCoR funds > 6 months
Patents, Patent Applications	Patent/application number	
Publications	List of journal articles	

# Template Topics (continued)

Topic	What We'll Fill In	Things We're Asking of Jurisdiction Beyond Checking for Accuracy
Equipment	Lists	Flag where expenditures > \$100K
Degree programs created	List of degree programs created, level (e.g., PhD, MS)	Year program initiated, whether program is still active, number of graduates to date

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# Topics for Survey

- Research/Research Themes
  - Strategy for choosing research themes
  - Sustained independent research centers post-award
  - Alignment of university research with state S&T plans
- University infrastructure
  - Strengthened infrastructure at non-doctoral institutions
  - Large-scale facilities
  - University research offices
  - Junior faculty
- E/O/D
  - K-12 outreach/engagement
  - University/academia
  - Broadening participation
- Research collaborations
  - Among universities within jurisdiction
  - With researchers at Federal laboratories
- Innovation and competitiveness
  - Commercialized research
  - Public policy change

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# Survey Timeline

- January
  - Received OMB clearance
  - Presenting survey (today!)
- February
  - Send out materials to each jurisdiction
  - Will schedule 2-3 webinars (and one-on-one conversations if needed) to give you opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues that are arising
- March
  - Schedule additional 1-2 webinars if useful
- April
  - Target date for survey completion
- Spring-Summer
  - Analyze results



# PROGRESS TO DATE IN REST OF STUDY

# Progress to Date in Each Study Area

- Metrics and measures of research capacity building within and among states
- EPSCoR proposed and completed activities
- Outputs and outcomes resulting from EPSCoR awards
- Historical roles of State Committees in jurisdictions
- Changes in eligibility criteria over time