IV-2.00 – POLICY ON SOLICITATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF SPONSORED PROJECTS

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I. The University System of Maryland engages in a wide variety of activities sponsored by non-System entities. These activities include research, training and public service projects which are consistent with the missions of the System and the institution. Such activities are encouraged as a means to further the objectives of the System and the institution, to strengthen ties with government, industry, the community, and other academic institutions, and to expand and enhance the instructional environment.

II. All proposals for specific sponsored projects shall be reviewed by institution personnel for consistency with all University System and institutional policies, for appropriateness to the mission of the institution, and for liability assessment. Each institution has primary responsibility for the solicitation and negotiation of proposals and administration of awards.

III. Applications may be submitted and awards accepted directly by the designated officer on each campus.

IV. In the course of soliciting, negotiating and executing agreements with sponsors, a constituent institution may encounter conditions for performance which are not standard System practice. Upon discovery of such a condition, the chief executive officer shall immediately notify the Chancellor. Such unusual practices include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

Abridgement of publication rights
Necessity for legislation in order to conduct the program of work
Assumption of liability for a third party
Creation of an unfunded liability
Exceptional contribution of State monies to the project

The Chancellor may, in consultation with the chief executive officer, require withdrawal of the proposal or non-acceptance of the award.

V. Constituent institutions, on an annual basis, are required to submit to the Chancellor a summary of sponsored project activity. The content and format of the report shall be determined by the System office and shall include, at a minimum, the number of awards and their dollar value.

Replacement for: BOR VII-2.00 and BOT Appendix I