For the purpose of informing interested University of Tennessee-Knoxville faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity. Please note that the other recipients of this announcement could be potential collaborators on this opportunity.

**USDA-FNS-OEMCOE-11: Center of Excellence for School Food Safety Research**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is soliciting applications to establish a Center of Excellence for School Food Safety Research, to provide science-based support to improve the safety of foods provided through the FNS nutrition assistance programs, particularly those served in schools and child care settings. The Center will be established at a university that has an interdisciplinary group of faculty available to address food safety issues, including but not limited to, expertise in food safety, food microbiology, foodservice management, agricultural production (both livestock and plants), psychology, sociology, research design, and statistics. The Center will address current food safety research needs identified by FNS and Center personnel, demonstrate flexibility in addressing these needs, and provide the level of staffing to deliver timely results.

**A Letter of Intent is required.** Letters of Intent are due to the agency by May 7th, 2010 by 5 PM ET.

For detailed information about this opportunity (USDA-FNS-OEMCOE-11) please see the full solicitation (here). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see here.

Approximately $800K will be available to support one award. Cost sharing is not required. Please see the full solicitation for complete award information for each of the programs.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 6/4/2010**
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-2402) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements for all tracks.
Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency: 6/11/2010

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