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Re: Homeland Security Centers

Dear Colleagues,

In a recent Board Agency Announcement, the Department of Homeland Security issued guidelines for university-based homeland-security centers. The department, in partnership with the Oak Ridge Associated Universities, will develop a team of external evaluators to conduct a merit-based review of proposals to create the centers. In its call for proposals, the department said likely areas of research could include:

• economic modeling on the impact and consequences of terrorism,
• behavioral research on terrorism and countermeasures,
• public safety,
• technology transfer,
• agroterrorism countermeasures, and
• research and development on security technology

In an attempt to organize our efforts, I am surveying all areas of the University to identify interest in this opportunity. Please notify me if anyone in your college is intending to participate in a consortium related to the creation of these centers or intending to submit a proposal with the University of South Carolina as the lead organization. I would appreciate this information by Friday, August 1, 2003. For more information on the call for proposals refer to http://www.orau.gov/dhsuce. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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