The Office of Research and Health Services and the Development Office invites you to submit a three-page concept paper for an internal competition to the WM Keck Foundation. The primary interest of the Keck Foundation continues to be support for exemplary research in science/engineering and medical programs.

Science and Engineering Program seeks to enrich research and teaching through support for equipment, facilities, fellowships, and basic research projects at the frontiers of science and engineering.

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Your Concept Paper should include:

1) Statement of the specific amount being requested from the Keck Foundation

2) Description of the project, including its purposes, specific aims and envisioned impact

3) Summary of the timetable for implementation of the project

4) Justification stating why this request is being submitted to the Keck Foundation, as opposed to other private or public funding sources

5) Project budget (recommended range for funding between $800,000 to $1.2 M), not to exceed one page

6) List of at least five names, titles, complete addresses, telephone and fax numbers of knowledgeable experts in the field who can review the letter of inquiry and provide opinions about the potential value of the project and about the ability of the applicant to successfully complete it. These experts should not benefit in any way if the organization receives an award.

Please note if NO proposal in the pool is "cutting edge" enough, then USC will not submit to Keck during this round. For detailed information please refer to the Program Guidelines and Procedures: http://wmkeck.org/files/grant.html. **Deadline for Concept Papers is Friday, March 19, 2004 no later than 10 am.** Please e-mail your concept paper to Wanda Hutto at huttowk@gwm.sc.edu.

Contact Wanda Hutto at 576-6042 if you would like additional information.