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Colleagues:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed by President Obama on Feb. 17 provides \$787 billion to be spent over the next two years on infrastructure, research, education and health. This bill presents an unprecedented, one-time opportunity to support the University's research enterprise. All major federal research agencies are receiving significant research dollars for competitive grants, construction and renovation of research facilities, and equipment.

To help the University research community to be fully informed and prepared to take advantage of these opportunities, the Division of Research is taking the following steps:

- The Division of Research has created a web site <http://www.boisestate.edu/research/recovery/> to serve as a resource for the most up-to-date and verified information. The site is a central location for researchers to find appropriations by agency, specific areas of emphasis, and detailed funding announcements as they are released.
- The Division of Research will monitor various sites for Recovery Act funding announcements and will post these announcements to the web-site. You may also contact osp@boisestate.edu and request that you be added to the OSP funding opportunities list serve to receive these announcements.
- As always, the Division of Research is available to assist in proposal development and submission.
- The Division of Research will facilitate and process requests for proposals that have special requirements, such as announcements requiring limited submissions or those that involve participation from multiple units.

Please let us know if you learn of information about stimulus package research funding that would be valuable to University members. Please send your information to osp@boisestate.edu.

We have heard that program officers from funding agencies have already contacted faculty to fund pending proposals and add supplements to current projects. I advise you to consider in advance what you would ask for in the event you receive such a call.

In addition to checking the Division of Research website frequently for updated information, please feel free to contact me directly at markrudin@boisestate.edu if you have any questions.

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