

consideration of use, access, and governance. Sustainability solutions might incorporate physical sciences, biological sciences, computer sciences, institutional, economic, behavioral, and technical components.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

U.S.-based researchers, through their U.S. organizations, may submit unsolicited proposals to collaborate with China-based researchers on the INFEWS topic described above to the ENG/CBET Environmental Sustainability (7643) program. Please note that, even though the Environmental Sustainability program has no submission deadline, proposals submitted for consideration under this DCL must be received by 5:00 pm local submitter's time on **March 6, 2020**. More information on submittal procedures is posted at:

https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505695&org=CBET&from=home.

Each U.S. - China team is responsible for ensuring that their counterpart submits a matching proposal by the required deadline. Each submitted proposal must include a letter from the collaborator. For NSF proposals, the collaborator letter is to be included in the supplementary documents file of the electronic submission, along with the management plan described earlier.

REVIEW AND AWARD PROCESS

The review and award process will follow NSF and NSFC guidelines specified in their respective policy documents. NSF and NSFC will conduct separate reviews of eligible submitted proposals in accordance with their review policies and regulations. NSF and NSFC will reach consensus, through discussion, on which projects are high enough priority to both sides to warrant joint funding. NSF and NSFC will make awards to the U.S. and Chinese institutions respectively. In any collaboration between grantees, it is understood that it is the grantees' responsibility to have in place written agreements, as appropriate, on the rights of each collaborating grantee as to any intellectual property developed through the collaborative effort. These written agreements are not required at the time of submission, but will need to be in place before any award is made. Questions concerning this opportunity may be emailed to the CBET Environmental Sustainability program director, Bruce Hamilton (bhamilto@nsf.gov) or the CBET Associate Environmental Sustainability program director, Brandi Schottel (bschotte@nsf.gov)

Sincerely,

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