



Advice on How to Prepare a Stronger RET in Engineering Site Program Proposal

(Program Manager's **Dos and Don'ts**)

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For Starters

- Thoroughly read the RET Program Solicitation (in revision), other relevant NSF documents e.g. GPG (NSF 09-29) before you begin!!!
- Give yourself plenty of time to prepare proposal.
- Be sure that all requirements are met, e.g. 2009 Post doc Mentoring Plan
- **Questions? Call the Program Manager right away!**



Recurring Major Issues

- Project Summary non-compliant, i.e. no intellectual merit and/or broader impacts (**RWR**)
- Project Description page limitation exceeded (**RWR**)
- No bio sketches (**RWR**)
- No letters from participating school districts (**RWR**)



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- Program duration-at least 6 weeks
- Research projects not identified or well defined
- Faculty commitment lacking
- Evaluation plan missing or poorly described
- Dissemination plan missing or poorly described



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- Program follow-up plan missing or weak
- Teacher recruitment plan not outlined
- No plan to ensure diversity in participants
- If had prior RET in Engineering Site and requesting renewal prior results poorly described or not included



And Finally

- **Don't be discouraged!!**
- If your ERC has been declined for a RET Site try again...November 2010
- Take heed of issues discussed
- Contact your colleagues at an ERC that has been successful in the competition
- Consider serving on RET panel