Request for Proposals
Alliance for Advanced Food Sanitation

We are pleased to announce The Alliance for Advanced Food Sanitation’s (AAFS) first request for research proposals. The intent of this RFP is to provide members and UNL faculty and collaborators the opportunity to receive support for relevant projects during this first round of activity. It is envisioned that projects receiving initial support from this round of funding could potentially be evaluated by The Alliance for scale up and technology development based on the outcomes of such projects. Investigators interested in submitting a proposal for funding should review the attached priorities for the AAFS, complete the application, and submit all application materials by the deadline. More information about The Alliance can be found at www.aafs.unl.edu

INTRODUCTION
The Alliance is a public-private partnership between the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a group of private companies in the food and allied industries, focused on improving sanitary procedures, products, equipment and facilities and educating industry professionals responsible for sanitation. Current private partners include Cargill, Commercial Food Sanitation, ConAgra, Ecolab, Hershey, Kellogg’s, Neogen, Nestle and 3M.

SCOPE, FUNDING AND TIMELINE
The purpose of this request for proposals is to encourage innovative research in the area of sanitation and assist investigators to initiate and/or develop concepts that will deliver improved technologies and methods to the food industry. Funding for this cycle of projects is $50,000 in total, with the expectation of accepting a minimum of 2-3 projects completed 6-12 months from the date of project initiation. Longer term projects, may be submitted for consideration, with the understanding that a portion of the project (if appropriate) may be prioritized by The Alliance for the current budget cycle.

The following focus areas will be considered:
1. Applied Cleaning Methods
2. Materials Science for Hygienic Facility Design
3. Resource Recycling Methods
4. Meta-Genomic Applications for Food Processing Environments

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTION
Project proposals will be accepted exclusively via the web portal via this link (should you have trouble with the link, please copy and paste this address into a new browser). Verbal applications will not be considered. Pre-proposals will be accepted anytime between the RFP announcement date and the submission deadline. Pre-proposals will be reviewed and comments will be provided within 2 weeks of submissions. Final proposals must be submitted by midnight, October 15th, 2016. All submitted proposal will be reviewed within 2 weeks of submission and all applicants will be informed of status. The Alliance’s decision by November 11th. Approved projects must commence within 2 weeks of approval.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMAT
All faculty, staff and representatives from current Alliance member companies are eligible to apply. Project proposals should include the following information:
1. Principal Investigator (s) and Key Personnel. Include a 1 page biographical sketch/vitae for summary of all PIs.
2. Project Title, Start and End Dates
3. Innovation and Potential Application Statement. Include outline of the project, materials, methods, equipment, innovative approach and potential applications of the outcomes of the research.
4. Other Project Support (if any).
5. University Internal, Current and Pending Support
6. Corporate/Matching Support
7. Intellectual Property – Existing IP to be used in project proposal.

PROJECT BUDGET
Include an estimated project budget including materials, personnel, equipment and consumable costs. A detailed budget will be requested if chosen. If your project is chosen, you will be required to submit a detailed budget within 48 hours.

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