

NF CONSORTIUM AWARD

A Groundbreaking Multi-Institutional Approach
to Decreasing the Impact of NF1

Groundbreaking advances in the clinical management and treatment of NF1 will most likely be made by assembling a multidisciplinary team to focus on the pivotal questions in NF1 research. The Fiscal Year 2006 (FY06) **Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP)** is offering the NF Consortium Award to support an integrated consortium of leading institutions that will develop and implement clinical studies of promising new NF1 therapeutic agents. The consortium shall consist of multidisciplinary synergistic sites that will jointly conduct clinical studies and a core Operations Center that will provide critical management and analytical support to implement all consortium protocols. All participating institutions must have experience in developing and conducting clinical trials and multidisciplinary expertise in supporting NF1 clinical research.

FY05 NFRP NF Consortium Development Operations Center Award and NF Consortium Development Site Award recipients must submit a joint proposal to this mechanism. This mechanism is also open to any group of institutions that wishes to form an NF1 clinical consortium. Funding for the Operations Center can be requested for a maximum of \$2 million (M) for direct costs over a 3-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate. Funding for clinical studies can be requested for a maximum of \$4M for direct costs over a 3-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate.

All proposals must include at least one protocol for an NF1 *therapeutic* clinical trial. The proposal and each submitted protocol will be reviewed. Proposal peer review will emphasize the qualifications of the consortium personnel, institutional resources, administrative and communications plans, and plans for protocol development, study management, and data management. Protocol peer review will emphasize trial/study design, clinical impact, statistical plan, and compliance with ethics and regulatory requirements. See the program announcement for additional criteria.

Required Letters of Intent Are Due by: **March 7, 2006**

Proposals Are Due by: **August 8, 2006**

This document is a synopsis of details specific to the NFRP NF Consortium Award. A detailed description of this award mechanism along with specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines are available in the [FY06 NFRP NF Consortium Award Program Announcement](#) found at:

<http://cdmrp.army.mil>

