



# NFRP

# NF Consortium Development Operations Center Award

## *Partnering with leading clinical research institutions to decrease the impact of NF1*

*Are you interested in coordinating and managing the activities of a synergistic consortium of exceptional investigators focused on the clinical evaluation of novel NF1 therapies?*

A key mission of the Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP) is to promote research to enhance the quality of life of individuals with NF1. In support of this goal, the NFRP seeks to establish an integrated consortium of leading institutions that will develop and conduct clinical studies of promising new treatments for NF1.

The new NF Consortium Development Operations Center Award will select and fund the consortium Operations Center, which is responsible for central administration, financial management, Institutional Review Board coordination, monitoring, data management, and statistical analysis for all consortium studies. The Operations Center and member institutions (independently selected and funded through the NF Consortium Development Site Award) will work together to develop key features of the consortium, including clinical protocols, a draft charter, and management and communication plans. The full consortium must submit an NF Consortium Award proposal and clinical protocols in Fiscal Year 2006.

Applicants must have experience in NF1 research and expertise in the design, administration and fiscal management of multi-institutional clinical studies. A maximum of \$3 million, inclusive of direct and indirect costs, is available for 2 years. A portion of the funds from this award must be used to assist the participating member institutions during the development of the consortium.

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## **PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY MAY 3, 2005**

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*This document is a synopsis of details specific to the NFRP NF Consortium Development Operations Center Award. Detailed descriptions of this award mechanism along with specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines are available in the*

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