



OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH

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Re: SPaRC Award Nomination for Collaboration

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm pleased to nominate the following combined team of personnel for the Sponsored Programs and Research Compliance **(SPaRC) Collaboration Award.**

- Michael Brosco, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research
- Ryan Holmes, Sponsored Programs Administration
- Anne Marshall, System Government Costing
- Jennifer Otto, System Government Costing
- Ben Percy, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research
- Ryan Tipsword, Sponsored Programs Administration

The above individuals worked in collaboration with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research on the development and implementation of the Service Center Rate Matrix for the collection and management of campus service rates. The system provides for the central capture of the charge-out rates supporting the various research labs and technical support services. The development of the rate matrix was intended to provide a single source site for securing the proper service rates, ensuring the rates are reasonable, and the rates have an acceptable allocation methodology. For the units with multiple rates, the system permits the units to manage their rates within the system and innovatively alerts them to rates that are about to expire. The nominee's collaborative effort was the culmination of a year of design and development work leading to the Service Center Rate Matrix. While the rate matrix provides the platform for remaining compliant with the federal regulations, it was developed with goal of reducing the burden of approving the rates, managing the rates, and finding the current rates when developing sponsored budgets. By reducing the burden in managing the hundreds of service center rates, the above team has made the campus more efficient and competitive in the pursuit of external funding.

Sincerely,

David Richardson
Associate Vice Chancellor

Linda Gregory
Director, SPA Post-Award