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Re: SPaRC Award Nomination for Innovation

To Whom It May Concern:

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

- Steve Ashwill, Administrative Information Technology Services
- Bryan Bachman, Sponsored Programs Administration
- Chris Bland, Administrative Information Technology Services
- Vivek Dixit, Administrative Information Technology Services Consultant
- Sean Ireland, Administrative Information Technology Services
- Andy Miller, Administrative Information Technology Services
- Christina Molitor, Administrative Information Technology Services
- Brian Rogers, Sponsored Programs Administration
- Katrina Royce-Malmgren, Administrative Information Technology Services
- Youngwook Song, Administrative Information Technology Services
- Tyler Tanaka, Administrative Information Technology Services
- Kamil Tamimie, Sponsored Programs Administration
- Andrew Tefft, Administrative Information Technology Services

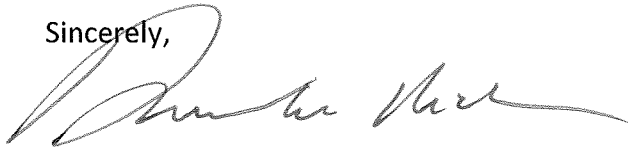
All of the above listed individuals worked together on the development and implementation of the myProposals electronic system for the creation, approval, and submission of proposals seeking external funding. Their combined effort was the cumulation of two years of development and innovation that led to the advancement and full digitization of the institutional proposal submission process. The implemented system significantly improved the process leading to increased efficiencies and transparency as well as improvement in data capture and fidelity. Starting from a not so user friendly out-of-the-box software system, the team sought input from the various user groups and redesigned the software to meet the culture, needs, and expectations of the campus. This included the critical capture of data pertinent to the review and submission process and the development and integration of the approval process into the existing START myResearch electronic portal.

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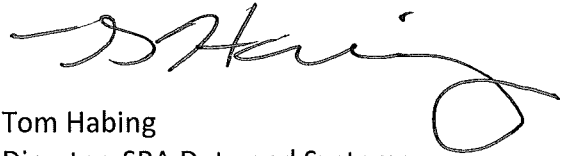
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The end result is the myProposal system provides more information, more transparency, and more data fidelity to all applicable parties for any proposal submitted externally. Due to their efforts, the University now has a significantly improved process to support the nearly 4,000 proposal submission transactions submitted each year. By reducing the burden on all involved in the proposal submission process, indirectly, the efforts of the myProposals implementation team has made the campus more efficient and competitive in the pursuit of external funding.

Sincerely,



David Richardson
Associate Vice Chancellor



Tom Habing
Director, SPA Data and Systems