Proposals for Strategic Research Centers

We are seeking proposals for the establishment and leadership of up to four new Strategic Research Centers (SRCs) at NTID. Authors of proposals should review in detail, *Innovation, Scholarship, and Research Development Plan: Guidelines for Strategic Research Centers*, to obtain information about the role of SRCs at NTID and the responsibilities of Center Directors. Proposals should be submitted to Laurie Brewer by October 14th, 2011.

Proposals for centers should address one or more of the strategic areas of research:

- **Teaching and Learning**
- **Communication/Language and Literacy**
- **Communication Teaching/ Access and Support Services**
- **Employment/Adaptability to Social Changes and the Global Workplace**

The SRCs established through this process will complement the two existing centers at NTID, Center for Educational Research Partnerships (CERP) and Center for Access Technology (CAT). Strategic Research Center proposals should address the following:

1. **Center**-Describe the specific goals and objectives of the proposed SRC as they relate to one or more of the four strategic research areas of the college listed above. Give examples of research projects and questions currently being addressed by the potential members of the SRC. Provide a detailed example of a research project that represents the kind of work to be conducted in the SRC by writing a 2-3 page summary that covers the following topics: need for the project; significance of the project; project design; outcomes.

2. **Staffing**-List potential candidates for the Director of the proposed center either internal or external to NTID. List any prior funded projects and leadership experiences that have prepared the individual for this responsibility. List the faculty and staff who potentially would be interested in working with the center director to create a “research team” with the skills to address the centers’ research topics.

3. **Budget/Support**-Generate a budget estimate of the start-up funds needed to support the SRC. Given that the goal of all SRCs is that they will be self-sustaining after three years, enumerate the start up costs associated with accomplishing this goal. Identify existing research funds that could be committed to this project (e.g. research or development grants) and state whether any of these are currently pending.

4. **Evaluation**-Generate an evaluation plan for the proposed SRC. Given the goals and objectives of the SRC, describe the ways in which the Center
Director and research teams will be able to demonstrate that the stated goals and objectives of the center were accomplished.

**Due Date:** Proposals Due October 14, 2011 to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Review Process:** Proposals will be reviewed by the Innovation, Scholarship and Research Implementation Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the President and Dean

President and Dean will make final decisions and determine the appropriate level of resource allocation to each new center.

**Timeline:** Target date is December, 2011 for final decisions.