Aligning Virginia’s Research Investments with Commonwealth Priorities

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§ 2.2-2221.2. Commonwealth Research and Technology Strategic Roadmap

Develop the Roadmap…to use to identify research areas worthy of institutional focus and Commonwealth investment in order to promote commercialization and economic development efforts in the Commonwealth.

§ 2.2-2233.1. Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund

Awards from the Fund shall only be made to applications that further the goals set forth in the Commonwealth Research and Technology Strategic Roadmap.
R&T Roadmap

• Identify key industry sectors for potential investment

• Identify basic and applied research opportunities with commercial promise in these sectors

• Encourage commercialization and economic development in these sectors

• Help ensure that investments in research are made prudently in focused areas with significant potential for commercialization and economic growth
Roadmap / CRCF Intersection

• Industry Opportunities / Eligible Sectors
  • Advanced Manufacturing
  • Aerospace
  • Communications
  • Cyber Security
  • Energy
  • Environment
  • Information Technology
  • Life Sciences
  • Modeling and Simulation
  • Nuclear Physics
  • Transportation

• www.cit.org/programs/cit-rd/roadmap
# Roadmap Application

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Established in 2001 as CTRF
• ~$25M in initial funding
• Collaborative research
• Public colleges and universities eligible
• Target sectors named in legislation

2009 / 2011
• Renamed CRCF
• Commercialization emphasized
• Target sectors mirror Roadmap
• Eligibility broadened, including private colleges and universities
CRCF Acceleration

Research & Technology Strategic Roadmap

- Eminent Researcher Fund
- Research Match
- SBIR Match

Research | Proof of Concept or Invention | Early Stage Development | Product Development | Production

- GAP Fund
- Commercialization Fund
- Facility Enhancement Fund
CRCF - FY2012

• CRCF
  • $6M appropriated for FY2012
  • $2M for SBIR Phase I NIH matching program
  • $4M for other programs
    • Matching Funds
    • Facilities Enhancement Loan
    • Commercialization
    • Eminent Researcher Recruitment

• Fall 2011 solicitation and awards
  • $3.9M awarded
  • 8 awards to IHE’s, totaling ~$2M
  • IHE partnerships / associations
  • Life sciences, nanotechnology, advanced manufacturing, marine sciences
Technology Sectors Represented in University Submissions

- Advanced Manufacturing: 4
- Information Technology: 1
- Life Sciences: 1
- Modeling and Simulation: 2
- Aerospace: 1
- Environment: 1
- Energy: 7
- Transportation: 1
CRCF – Next Steps

- Upcoming solicitation – Jan / Feb release
- June 2012 award announcements
- $6 million / year in Gov. McDonnell’s introduced FY13-14 budget