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# Title III & Sponsored Programs Newsletter

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

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This month the Title III and Sponsored Programs Office will be introducing GrantFinder, a new grant-finding tool that will help faculty find funding opportunities for research and academic programming. Maintained by Efficient.gov, an information service that tracks innovative solutions to fiscal and operational challenges, GrantFinder has several features that will make grant finding easier at Lincoln. These features include:

- A user-friendly, search database of federal, state, foundation and corporate grants
- A grants dashboard to keep track of grant deadlines & custom searches
- Weekly email notifications based on a user's grant preferences
- Access to key agency contacts, eligibility requirements, deadlines, & more.

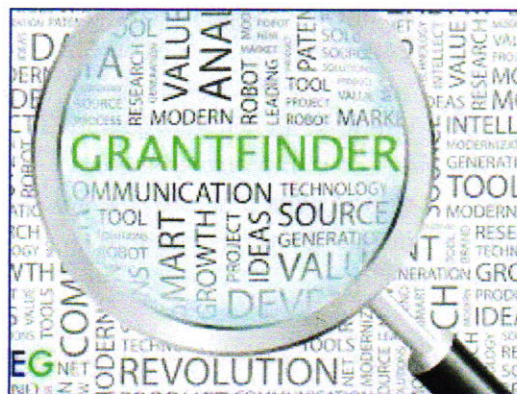GrantFinder is also an integral part of Amplifund, a grant management software used to streamline grant administration at Lincoln University. Purchased by the Title III office earlier in the year, Amplifund will be used to efficiently oversee the entire life cycle of new grants at Lincoln.



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## Sponsored Programs and STEM Faculty attend the Department of the Navy's Opportunities Awareness Workshop

*From Guest Writer Dr. Susan Safford of the Lincoln University Biology Department:*

The purpose of this meeting was to provide regional HBCUs with information on the range of programs the Navy provides under its "Historically Black College and Universities/Minority Institutions Program, and to allow teams of faculty and administrators from each school to meet with the directors of each of the programs. Anthony Smith, Director of the Minority Initiative Program, visited Lincoln this past summer. He is interested in helping us build up our infrastructure and develop a comprehensive plan to include ONR funding and relationships in our STEM programs. The steps that were recommended that we take are:

1. Create a committee of STEM faculty, Chairs, and Dean to plan ONR research program
2. Find an ONR focus area that coincides with the University's mission and needs
3. Get our foot in the door by identifying students who would be successful in these internships, and have them apply. Having our students involved is the first step toward a higher level of involvement.
4. Other programs ONR offers include:

- Student scholarships
- Faculty (mentor) and Student summer collaborative research (at ONR facility)
- Faculty summer research program (at ONR facility)
- New faculty research program (at home institution)
- Faculty leave/sabbatical program (long-term research at ONR facility or ONR-funded university program)
- Instrumentation grants

If planned properly, the ONR HBCU/MI Program could play a large role in creating modern research and inquiry-based mathematics, computer science, engineering, and physics programs.

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Here are some ways Amplifund will increase efficiency and ensure compliance :

- Reduce administrative time dedicated to grants by 72%;
- Streamline processes and communications;
- Automatically send reminders to eliminate missed deadlines;
- Improve workflows by adding capacity;
- Increase grant revenue



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- Meet future federal regulations with real-time updates;
- Act as a central hub for documentation and key data;
- Meet unique reporting needs;
- Automates data collection and report creation;
- Supports adherence to award terms and much more!

# National Science Foundation Hosts Conference at Georgetown University

The NSF and Georgetown University hosted a 2 day conference in Arlington, VA on Monday, November 2 and Tuesday, November 3. Key officials representing the NSF Directorate, Administrative Offices, Office of the Inspectors General, the General Counsel and others were present. Topics discussed during the conference include the following:

- New programs and initiatives

- NSF proposal preparation

- Merit review process

- Award management

- Conflict of interest policies

- Cross disciplinary & special interest programs

Annually the NSF receives over 42,000 proposal and funds between 23 – 25% of the projects proposed. At Lincoln, the NSF supports approximately 75% of federally supported sponsored projects. Along with managing NSF support, the Sponsored Programs office continues to encourage research scholars to keep abreast of NSF developments and maximize the opportunities available through the agency. Some opportunities include:

- Familiarizing one's self with NSF Proposal & award Policies (PAPP) and

- Becoming an NSF Reviewer (check NSF website for more details)

While the lion's share of our sponsored programs/research awards portfolio comes from the NSF, it is worth noting that the NSF's share of the federal Research and Development (R&D) budget pales in comparison to other agencies; such as the Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Energy (DoE), Health and Human Services (HHS) and NASA. (see table below)

To realize its potential as an Emerging Research Institute, the university is encouraged to identify areas of common interest with other federal agencies.
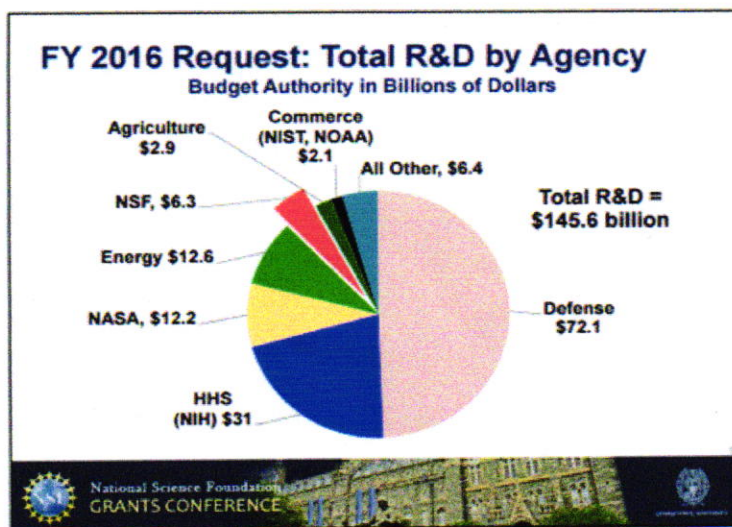


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