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Date: Friday, February 13, 2009  
From: Eva J. Pell   
To: University Research Council (URC)  
Re: NIH Stimulus Funds

As you will have heard by now, it appears that there will be significant stimulus money from NIH for both research projects and for infrastructure and equipment needs. We do not yet know the form of the programs or any details, but we anticipate that there will be new solicitations and that the lead time will be extremely short. My office will coordinate the university response to these opportunities, distributing information through the URC as soon as we have it available. At this point, it would be prudent to alert relevant faculty that opportunities will be forthcoming with a rather short timeline.

I am asking that Peter Schiffer coordinate the effort for infrastructure and equipment support opportunities. He will be considering both the large equipment needs list that has already incorporated input from the community, as well as input from all relevant directors and Associate Deans. Please contact him with any questions or suggestions. Since Hershey is viewed as a separate campus by NIH, Alan Snyder will oversee the Hershey campus-specific requests. That said, I am asking that Peter Schiffer work with Alan, Peter Hudson and the relevant Deans on opportunities for facilities which are shared between the two campuses.

We have not received word about how NSF and DOE stimulus funds will be made available to the research community, but my office will also coordinate the university response and keep the community informed about new developments through the URC, as information becomes available. Naturally, we will be interested in hearing any information you obtain in the coming weeks that may not yet be widely available, since many of you have your own contacts within the federal agencies.