**EPSCoR Track 1 Research Infrastructure Improvement**

**Project Requirements**

Projects are research infrastructure–building awards focused on major areas of endeavor that are aligned with the State’s science and technology interests e.g. The Environment, Human Health (only in areas supported by NSF, e.g., brain and cognitive sciences), Cybersecurity, Advanced Materials/Manufacturing,

Renewable Energy and Energy Management, and Agriculture.

The Delaware EPSCoR State Office, located at the University of Delaware, will administer and serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

The Project Director and the Principal Investigators of EPSCoR projects must be affiliated with research universities, agencies, or organizations within the jurisdiction. In addition, the Project Director must be the lead Principal Investigator and be employed by the University of Delaware as the fiscal agent.

The project must involve a network of collaboration among the participating Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) who will share in the budget – state and federal

Projects are not designed for a single IHE, small groups of faculty or single faculty

The Project PI must have significant experience in leading and managing large, multi-investigator federal interdisciplinary projects

Must contain sections covering Research and Education, Workforce Development, Diversity Planning, Partnerships and Collaborations, Communications and Dissemination, Sustainability, Innovation, Economic Development and Evaluation and Assessment.

Must demonstrate meaningful impact on research, education and innovation capability and capacity at the state, institution and regional levels

The State EPSCoR Committee will manage the process to select the Delaware project candidate for submission to NSF

The selected team will partner with the Delaware EPSCoR State Office to develop and submit the final proposal to NSF.