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TO: bruce Morgan  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research administration

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SUBJECT: F&A rate reduction to 26% MTDC for STTR Phase I subcontract

I am writing to request a F&A rate reduction to 26% MTDC on a STTR Phase I subcontract proposal under the direction of full name, entitled project title. This subcontract will provide direct cost funding of $ amount to provide a brief description of the project’s purpose.

The purpose of the STTR program is to stimulate technological innovation, foster technology transfer and increase private sector commercialization of technologies arising from Federal funding. The objective of STTR Phase I funding is to establish the technical merit, feasibility, and commercial potential of the proposed research or research and development effort. Another critical aspect of this program is the creation of public/private collaborations and partnerships to bridge the gap between performing basic science and the commercialization of resulting innovations.

Under the STTR program, non-profit research institutes must perform at least 30%, but no more than 60% of the proposed research and/or analytical effort. With Phase I funding limited to no more than $150,000, UCI’s portion of the funding will be substantially similar to a small seed grant that aims to attract a future larger award. In this particular case, such future awards may include STTR Phase II funding of this project, as well as other awards from the collaborating SBC and other potential sponsors.

I believe that forging strong bonds between the federal government, local and regional SBCs and the UCI research enterprise is of vital importance to the campus. STTR Phase I grants play critical role in creating such bonds. As these SBCs grow and UCI’s relationship with them matures, the SBCs will become important contributors to the UCI research enterprise through the creation of career conduits for our graduate and undergraduate students, the funding of research contracts, the transfer for research materials for use in UCI research, access to state-of-the-art technologies and involvement in future research collaborations that will expand the boundaries knowledge.

I look forward to your favorable consideration.