

Sustaining the Center of Excellence for Communication Systems Technology Research (CECSTR)

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Center for Communications Systems Technology Research

**CECSTR.....A National Resource in Communications
Systems Technology Research and Education**

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Rationale for Developing a Center



- Address a regional or national need
- Currency of Research or educational activities
- Broad enrichment of education and training
- Research frontiers only accessible by wide collaborations

Student Impact



- Education and training of graduate students
- Enrichment of undergraduate students knowledge and skills in the discipline

Governance and Advisory Structure

- Must have designated director
- An executive or steering committee
- An organizational chart

Sustainability



- Center may receive some minor administrative fiscal support
- Center may receive initial start-up funding
- Center is expected to be supported largely funds

Sources of Funding for CECSTR



- Grants
- Contracts
- Philanthropic Gifts

Enhancing CECSTR Financial Resources

University Advancement and Development Approach

- A Membership Society – Corporate sponsors join the “CECSTR Support Society and in return CECSTR provides services to the corporation based on their level of financial support. Must determine value of CECSTR services in order for a the society to receive a tax deduction.
- Others may join by entering into contractual relationship where CECSTR would provide services up to the amount of their contribution.

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Cost Center Approach

- Evaluate CECSTR laboratories and equipment
- Determine cost to operate
- Charge an appropriate fee to both external and internal users of the laboratory or equipment

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Center Proposals

- **Benefits to CECSTR**
 - Enhance Reputation of Center
 - Enhance Individual PI Reputation
 - Provide CECSTR with increased funding to support its operation

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