Region VI Chair Elect Statement of Interest and Bio

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Statement of Interest

NCURA has been an invaluable resource to my development as a Research Administrator and I enthusiastically accept the opportunity to serve as Region VI Chair Elect.

We currently face some of the most exciting and challenging times in recent memory. We are seeing a new investment in research funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and at the same time we are faced with reductions in staff, travel and training funding. We are becoming quite familiar with the phrase, “do more with less.”

NCURA training, meetings and workshops have been and continue to be very instrumental in my development as a research administrator. In the current economic environment, it's vital that we continue to grow and expand on the educational and professional development opportunities in the Region. My institution, like many others, is facing serious budgetary issues and travel and training funds are highly impacted. We must explore all avenues to reach out to members of the Region and make available training, resources and tools that can be shared with minimal financial commitments. We have a wealth of knowledge and experience in this Region and now's the time to fully utilize it. Through the sharing of information, knowledge and experience, doing less with more is more doable. It is one of my goals (elected or not) to see Region VI establish a mentorship program.

BIO

Charles Greer is Assistant Director for Sponsored Programs Administration at the University of California, Riverside. His research administration career started in 2003 as a Contract Officer in Sponsored Projects at the University of California, Irvine. Prior to entering research administration, he worked for the federal government for eighteen years and held several positions in contracting including Contract Specialist, Sr. Contact Negotiator and Small Business Procurement Advisor. Charles has presented at NCURA and various other meetings and sessions on numerous research administration topics including export control, proposal review, subrecipient monitoring, subcontracting and contracting. He has been a member of NCURA since 2005.