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# Regional Experimental Support Centers (RESC) Program



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# Overview

- Program Description, Goals
- Potential RESC Functions
- Selection Process and Criteria
- Lessons Learned
- Factors Contributing to Success

## Description

- Shared usage centers established around major equipment grant
- 21 Centers in 8 Eurasian countries
- Serves educational, research and industrial communities
- Typically offers analytical services on a sliding scale

# Goals

- Serve as catalyst for science and industry
- Engage former weapons researchers, directly or indirectly
- Fill important gap left by most research grant programs
- Promote self-sustainability.

# Potential RESC Functions

- Public Health: Serve as biomedical lab for hospitals
- Law Enforcement: Test for narcotics and other controlled substances
- Civil Engineering: Test building materials for safety
- Environmental Safety: Testing air, water, food for contamination

# Typical Selection Process

- Public Announcement of Competition
- External Written Expert Review
- Share reviews with applicants
- Expert Site visits, preferably to all Candidates
- Recommendation to Program Funders
- Announce Results/Release Reviewer Comments to All Applicants

# Key Selection Criteria

- Strong support from host institute
- Solid sustainability plan
- Management ability
- Technical capability

# Lessons Learned

- Strong support from host institute/government crucial
- Building a reserve challenging
- National context crucial
- Many definitions of sustainability

# Factors Contributing to Success of RESC

- CRDF Experience in Center Creation
- Relationships with Host Government
- Procurement, Shipping Expertise
- Strong-Post Grant Support:
  - Minigrants
  - Management Training
  - English Language Training



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