



To: William A. Baeslack II, Dean
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Richard R. Freeman, Dean
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From: W. Michael Sherman
Vice Provost for Academic Administration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Michael Sherman".

Date: January 2, 2007

Re: Advanced Materials

Thank you for submitting the implementation plan for the OSU Advanced Materials initiative that includes the Institute for Materials Research (IMR). Research and teaching associated with the evolution of new materials will contribute substantively to manufacturing, technology and health care solutions. As you know, there is a tentative five-year allocation of central funds totaling \$624,500 and \$9,090,000 in continuing funds and cash, respectively. You also know that \$2,090,000 is available to stimulate activities associated with the IMR.

The implementation plan identifies correctly the first-year central funds allocation of cash, that is, \$581,760 to the College of Engineering and \$818,100 to the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. The initial allocation of funds by the Colleges to this Targeted Investment in Excellence Initiative suggests a lower-than-expected allocation. The Provost's letter of June 29, 2006, awarding central funds stated higher levels of college investment, and this will need to be reconciled in the annual report submitted in May 2007.

Kevin King will work with your fiscal officers to release the first year's central funds in the amounts as indicated above. Attached is a Frequently Asked Question sheet related to the Targeted Investment in Excellence Plan and the Board of Regents Innovation and Incentive Initiative to support high-quality doctoral programs.

It was requested in the letter announcing the central investments in the Targeted Investment in Excellence Initiative that the implementation plan should include the names of the primary faculty investigators for the initiative. From the implementation plan, it appears that Dr. El Matls is one such person. If there are additional individuals who should be recognized as serving such a role at this time, please forward that information to me as soon as possible.

C: Barbara R. Snyder, Executive Vice President and Provost
Kevin King, Assistant Vice President for Fiscal and Human Resources