



**IGEM Council Meeting**

May 7, 2021

Meeting Location – 700 W. State Street – Clearwater Conference Room  
Meeting held virtually and meeting location provided for public attendance

<b>IGEM Council Members Present:</b>	<b>Idaho Commerce Staff Present:</b>
Dr. David Hill	Matt Borud, Marketing and Innovation Administrator
Director Tom Kealey	Carmen Achabal, IGEM Program Manager
Bill Gilbert	
Dr. Donna Lybecker	
Dr. Harold Blackman	
Dr. Christopher Nomura	
Rick Stott	
Dr. Marianne Walck	
Damond Watkins	

**Call to Order**

Dr. David Hill called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Nine members of the Council were present. Membership meets quorum. The minutes reflect that this meeting was hosted by Idaho Commerce, the teleconference link was published in the public domain, and the Idaho Commerce Clearwater Conference room was available for members of the public to attend the meeting. Matt Borud was physically in the Clearwater Conference room for the duration of the meeting.

**Investment Subcommittee Meeting Recap**

Carmen Achabal provided a recap of the recent IGEM Investment Subcommittee meeting held on April 29, 2021. Two applications were recommended to advance to the IGEM Council for funding consideration. The total amount for these two projects= \$330,204. The IGEM balance to date is \$461,906. Should these two projects be funded, a balance of \$131,702 would be available for IGEM funding.

It was suggested to open an additional round of funding (IGEM round 4). However, this decision was forwarded to the IGEM Council, the authoritative body for this program.

Suggestions for round 4 included:

- (1) Open to new projects – similar to previous IGEM rounds **AND**
- (2) Open to current/active IGEM projects that have demonstrated sufficient advancement and performance.

Equipment acquisitions would not be considered.

Idaho Commerce, through organizational savings has approximately \$70K to add to the \$131,702 balance, making \$200K available in round 4.

This decision is now before the IGEM Council.

### **Council Discussion - Prospective Fourth Round of Funding**

Council members discussed program precedent. Members overwhelmingly supported a fourth round of funding. Rick Stott abstained from discussion and voting. There were no dissenting comments.

**Motion:** To establish a fourth round of IGEM funding to (1) new projects and (2) current/active IGEM projects that have demonstrated sufficient advancement and performance.

Moved: Bill Gilbert

Seconded: Dr. Donna Lybecker

All in favor, no discussion.

**Motion approved.**

### **Public Comments**

Carmen reminded members of the IGEM Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will include two project presentations, three no cost extension requests, and Rachel Kolts, Commerce's Deputy Attorney General discussing ethics in government, conflicts of interest, etc.

No members of the public were present or online.

### **Action Items**

Idaho Commerce team to enable a fourth round of funding.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting**

Moved: Bill Gilbert

Seconded: Tom Kealey

All in favor, no discussion.

**Motion approved.**

Meeting adjourned by Dr. David Hill at 7:38 a.m.