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1. Project Budget

This award is funded to purchase a new X-ray energy-dispersive spectrometer (EDS) – a dry Silicon Drifted Detector (SDD), replacing the original Si(Li) crystal EDS detector on the JXA-8530F HyperProbe that was purchased through DoD ARO award under Contract Number W911NF-09-1-001. The original total price of the instrument is \$72,000, while the old detector could be traded in to the manufacturer at \$18,000, so the funded amount is \$54,000. Table 1 lists the project budget.

No.	Vendor	Justifications	Fund Requested
1. Dry SDD Detector	JEOL USA, Inc., http://www.jeolusa.com/. Phone: (978) 535-5900	(1) Improvement of the performance for higher count rate; (2) Reduction of instrumental maintenance cost; (3) Elimination of associated staff routine labor and safety concerns; (4) Trade-in discount.	\$60,000
2. Detector accessory	JEOL USA, Inc., http://www.jeolusa.com/. Phone: (978) 535-5900	Accessory associated with the installation.	\$10,000
3. Software update	JEOL USA, Inc., http://www.jeolusa.com/. Phone: (978) 535-5900	EDS software for this detector.	\$2,000
4. Discount	JEOL USA, Inc., http://www.jeolusa.com/. Phone: (978) 535-5900	The PI negotiated with JEOL to trade in the available EDS detector (purchased in 2009 from JEOL) to obtain the large discount.	-\$18,000
Total \$54			

2. Installation of New Instrument

With this award, a new SDD detector (serial # XM17000016) was purchased from JEOL and installed, as originally proposed. The previous old detector was traded in. The installation was completed on February 18, 2016 (Certification of Installation is attached).

Performances were conducted and all specifications were met. The new instrument has been in functioning since the installation.

3. Publications Produced by the Instrument

Christina H. Young*, John G. Moch*, Shardai S. Johnson* and Zhiping Luo. Electrospun CeO₂-ZnO Nanofibers Analyzed by Electron Probe Microanalyzer. *Microsc. Microanal.* **22** (Suppl 3), 452–453 (2016). (* Undergraduate students.)

4. Application for STEM Education

The new instrument has been used for STEM education in the spring semester of 2016, and the following students have been trained using the new instrument:

- (1) MATS 160 Introduction to Materials Science: Diamond Gilliam, Brittanie Kittrell, Daniel Loeven, Laura Lovell, John Moch, Emily Oshita, Hellen Suira, Christina Young
- (2) MATS 311 Scanning Electron Microscopy and Microanalysis: Furaha Ive, Yavaughn Jackson, Shardai Johnson, Brittanie Kittrell, Daniel Loeven, Laura Lovell, John Moch, Emily Oshita, Shivaliben Patel, Doreen Rolstad, Mark Stultz, Chibu Umerah, Christina Young.

5. Summary

With the new instrument installed through this award, the following benefits have been obtained:

- (1) Improvements of performance. The SDD detector has the advantage of reaching higher count rates while maintaining the detector resolution, providing time-consuming mapping or line scan in shortened period of time.
- (2) Reduction of instrumental maintenance cost. The previous Si(Li) detector constantly consumed liquid nitrogen, resulting high maintenance cost. The upgraded SDD detector completely eliminates the liquid nitrogen.
- (3) Elimination of associated staff labor and safety concerns. The previous detector required filling liquid nitrogen twice a week. It also caused safety concerns dealing with hazardous liquid nitrogen. The replaced SDD detector eliminates such staff labor and associated safety concerns.

The new instruments enables the research in these areas: (1) high-efficiency X-ray radiation detection; (2) high-efficiency ultraviolet to infrared radiation detection; (3) shape memory alloy nanowires for deformation behavior on nanoscale; (4) nanostructured explosive biosensors; and (5) surface treatment of biomaterials. The research capabilities of the institution have been enhanced in the areas of Biology, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Materials Science and Physics at FSU.

The new instrument will be used for education to enhance current STEM education programs at FSU, including programs in the Departments of Chemistry and Physics, Biological Sciences, and Mathematics and Computer Science. The educational quality will be improved with the implementation of the research training. The new instrument will also be used for outreach to serve the local communities.

Certificate of Installation

MAIN INSTRUMENT WITH ACCESSORIES	X ACCESSORY ITEM(S) ONLY			
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