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Grant Title: Request for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and X-Ray Crystallographic Instrumentation
for North Carolina Central University

Principal Investigator: Robert A. Izydore

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Project Description

The purpose of the grant was to purchase a 300 MHz multinuclear nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer. The cost of the instrument was projected to be the funded amount of \$243,058. Additionally it was projected \$48,950. was needed to renovate room 123 of the Hubbard Chemistry Building at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) to accommodate the instrument. The specific renovations needed were itemized in the proposal. The costs of the renovation was to be paid by NCCU as matching funds.

The instrument is to be used by the principal investigator (PI) to characterize new drugs having antiinflammatory properties that he is synthesizing. These drugs include 3,5-isoxazolidinediones, 3,5-pyrazolidinediones, 1,3,5-triazabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,4-diones, 1,3,5-triazine-4,6(1*H*,5*H*)-diones and 1,2,4-triazolidine-3,5-diones. The instrument will be used by Dr. Shawn Sendlinger to characterize new inorganic oligomers and polymers having improved nonlinear properties. Other members of the Chemistry faculty will use the instrument to characterize their research compounds. The instrument will also be available to B.S. and M.S. students in the Department for their research projects, and it will be used in several of our teaching courses. Magnetic nuclei to be detected by the instrument include ^1H , ^{13}C , ^{15}N , ^{31}P , ^{51}V , ^{95}Mo , and other transition metals.

Discussion and Results

The PI investigated the NMR instruments that are commercially available during the fall, 1995. He had several phone discussions and a personal visit with the Varian Associates Sales Representative serving the southeastern United States. On 23-24 January 1996 the PI visited the Varian Associates Applications Laboratory in Florham Park, New Jersey for a comprehensive demo of their NMR instrumentation. Over the next month he worked with Varian Associates to negotiate an acceptable quotation for the specific NMR instrument system that was wanted. When this was accomplished, a requisition was submitted to the NCCU Contracts and Grants and Purchasing Departments on 27 February 1996. After approximately one month the requisition was approved at NCCU. It was then forwarded to the State of North Carolina Division of Purchase and Contract to initiate a competitive bidding process. The bidding process was initiated on 23 April 1996. The official bid opening day was extended from 7 May 1996 to 16 May 1996 and then to 23 May 1996 because of errors that were made in the original bid document published by the state. The bids were forwarded to the PI on 29 May 1996 for his recommendation. The PI recommended on 20 June 1996 that the Varian Associates NMR instrument system be purchased based on its specifications and price. A purchase order for the majority of the instrument system was sent to Varian on 27 June 1996 in the amount of \$230,000. A purchase order for accessories in the amount of \$6,250 was sent to Varian on 18 July 1996, and a final purchase order for accessories in the amount of \$6,603. was sent to Varian on 29 July 1996. The instrument purchased was a Varian Unity Inova 300 NB NMR System. The total cost of the NMR instrument system including shipping was \$242,853.

On 10 May 1995 the PI met with NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers to discuss the renovations that were needed to room 123 of the Hubbard Chemistry Building. The Chancellor then began a process to procure the needed funds for the project. The PI and Chancellor met several times over the next nine months to discuss the matter. On 7 March 1996 Varian Associates inspected room 123 and

performed a vibration test on the floor which was satisfactory. He also made recommendations for

the renovation. These were submitted to the architect. The architect submitted drawings and specifications for the renovations totaling \$80,000, which was considerably more expensive than the original estimate. Chancellor Chambers approved the renovations, and his approval was sent to the University of North Carolina System for their approval. The University of North Carolina approved the allocation in approximately April. The architect's plans for the renovation of room 123 of the Hubbard Chemistry Building were reviewed by the PI on 14 June 1996. The drawings and specifications were sent to the North Carolina Office of State Construction to initiate a competitive bidding process for the renovation. The contract for the renovations was awarded in July. The renovation work on room 123 was done from August to mid-September. The final electrical connections cannot be made until a larger project to renovate the entire electrical system in the Hubbard Chemistry Building are completed. This is scheduled to begin in December.

The NMR instrument system was delivered to room 123 of the Hubbard Chemistry Building on 18 September 1996. The instrument has not yet been installed by Varian. It awaits the completion of the renovation of the electrical system in the Hubbard Chemistry Building. It is expected that use of the NMR instrument system will begin in early, 1997.

The NCCU Accounts Payable Department paid Varian approximately \$137,000 on about 20 November 1996. The remaining money will be paid as soon as it is determined whether or not Varian actually shipped the computer for the instrument. Varian has advised us not to uncrate the instrument until their installation engineer is present for the installation. They are currently checking their shipping records. The NCCU office of Contracts and Grants will make the final financial report.

Beginning in December, 1995 monthly progress reports were submitted by the PI to Ms. Kathy L. Raible, Administrative Contracting Officer, Office of Naval Research, Regional Office Atlanta. Reports were submitted 20 December, 25 January, 28 February, 28 March, 29 April, 29 May, and 28 June.

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