

## Solicitation for Vendor Proposals – STEM Outreach to Rural Populations

Logistics Management Institute (LMI), in collaboration with the Department of Defense (DoD), is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to support outreach and awareness of the Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program (referred to as the SMART Program) to rural<sup>1</sup> populations to increase the diversity of the Program.

**SMART Program Description:** The SMART Program, a highly competitive scholarship-for-service program, aims to develop a diverse, technically proficient, and innovative talent, and where appropriate, upskills the existing DoD science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) workforce. SMART accomplishes this goal by providing:

- Full tuition to students in pursuit of a post-secondary STEM degree at any accredited U.S. institution;
- An annual stipend for living expenses;
- Annual allowances for books and health insurance;
- Summer internships at participating DoD facilities, including laboratories, centers, and installations; and
- Guaranteed employment with the DoD upon completion of a participant's SMART-funded degree.

In return for receiving these scholarship benefits, participants commit to a



