



## CeRCaS News Blast 8/12/20

### Ring 1: Welcome to CeRCaS!

Phase II of the center begins with four new members. We're thrilled to welcome Sinocat, NICE America, TCG Lifesciences, and AMPAC to CeRCaS and look forward to your insights and suggestions as we begin a new round of funded projects.



By the way, if your company is contemplating membership, now is a great time to join as you will have a hand in selecting and shaping the next set of research projects!

### Ring 2: Project Development is Now Open

Did I say a new round of funded projects? The deadline for the center director (JR, [regalbuj@cec.sc.edu](mailto:regalbuj@cec.sc.edu)) to receive white papers for new projects is August 21. Work with your favorite faculty to develop a project of interest to your company! From the expected pool of about three dozen projects, eighteen will be pre-selected by the Industrial Advisory Board for presentation at our September meeting (via a pre-LIFE assessment at the end of August). Of these, about nine will be funded.

For a sneak peak of the potential projects, prior to the pre-LIFE assessment, you can check our link at <http://www.che.sc.edu/centers/cercas/proposals.html> as new proposals are added to the matrix. These are (member-known) password protected.

### Ring 3: Save the Date - Virtual Fall CeRCaS Meeting (September 23-25<sup>th</sup>, 2020).

Did I say new funded projects? The 2020 Fall CeRCaS meeting will be held virtually via Zoom from Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, to Friday morning, September 25<sup>th</sup>. At the meetings, final reports of the current seven projects will be given, and the new projects for Year 1 of Phase II will be selected and refined by the IAB. Note that the meeting will begin on Wednesday afternoon; the extra time is necessary due to our larger membership and budget, which permits more research to be funded! A detailed meeting agenda will be distributed soon.

For more information:

<http://www.che.sc.edu/centers/cercas/>