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University of Massachusetts Lowell Manages COVID-19 Challenges with Assistance of InfoReady Review

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InfoReady Corporation, a leading provider of review management software to higher education, announced today that University of Massachusetts Lowell is one of the several universities using InfoReady's Review platform to manage challenges posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, institutions of research and higher learning around the world are facing a wide variety of challenges. They must endeavor to continue research and learning while ensuring the safety of everyone on their campuses. The obstacles caused by this historic event are significant. Institutions have found that InfoReady Review is helping them face these challenges efficiently and gracefully.

UMass Lowell has utilized InfoReady Review to manage pandemic-related challenges in three ways. (1) When the pandemic forced campus closings in March, the university pivoted its internal seed grant program to fund research with direct and immediate impacts related to COVID-19. Using InfoReady Review, UMass Lowell accomplished the call for, submission, review, and funding of seed grants all in less than three weeks. (2) As the state began to lift restrictions, the University needed to conduct rolling reviews of re-entry to campus research labs following the University's health and safety plan. InfoReady Review facilitated this process and allowed rapid, collaborative review by a team that included university Environmental Health and Safety, Facilities Management, academic administrators and research leadership. And, (3) Most recently, the university is using InfoReady Review to collect and evaluate requests for office and classroom re-entry.

InfoReady Review is used by over 150 colleges and universities worldwide to manage internal grant solicitations, competitive workflows, and review / approval processes. The platform solicits proposals, collects them, routes them for review and approval among administrators, and then collects follow-on status reports from awarded parties.

Dr. Anne Maglia, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at UMass Lowell, commented on InfoReady Review's role in managing challenges related to COVID-19: "InfoReady Review allowed us to call for, collect and review proposals for seed grants and campus re-entry rapidly and efficiently. This helped the university to respond to the pandemic with speed, safety, and agility. We look forward to utilizing InfoReady Review to evaluate additional access requests in the months ahead."

InfoReady Chief Executive Officer Bhushan Kulkarni welcomed UMass Lowell's use of the platform

for this mission. “We are honored that universities like UMass Lowell have employed our software to help make mission critical decisions in the face of such an adverse event. The InfoReady team has worked hard through the pandemic. We are proud to be of service at such an important moment in the history of higher education.”

InfoReady [www.inforeadycorp.com] helps universities become cohesive, vibrant, competitive, and engaging communities through a software platform transforming higher education.

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