

Best Practice: Recognition Plaques for Project Investigators/Project Leaders

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Plaques are awarded to each COBRE investigators at a “graduation ceremony” at the end of each phase of the COBRE grant. They are a very nice “thank you” to the investigators for their contributions to COBRE and the IDeA program and serve as a thoughtful remembrance of their work with the program.

NAIPI has provided the attached template design onto which **any IDeA program** (COBRE, INBRE, CTR) can add their award specifics. In Delaware, the plaques are purchased from a local trophy shop. Plaques can range in size. Delaware uses an 8-1/2” x 11” frame with full-color text against a gold plate background panel. Others have had the template sketched on beveled glass. Depending on the size and materials you choose, plaques (including the processing) will vary in cost from \$20 to \$60 each.

Most shops have the following protocol:

- Provide the trophy company with a template
- The company produces a proof
- You adjust or approve the proof
- Plaques are made in 2-3 weeks