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# **PRINT: Proposer's Day** Personalized Regenerative Immunocompetent Nanotechnology Tissue

#### **Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)**

Program Manager: Dr. Ryan Spitler Health Science Futures (HSF), Mission Office (MO) May 7, 2024 | New Orleans, LA

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### **The ARPA-H Model**

### **Transforming Health for All**

Amy Jenkins, PhD Director, Health Science Future (HSF)





### **President Biden's Vision**

"ARPA-H will pursue ideas that break the mold on how we normally support fundamental research and commercial products in this country."

"Ideas so audacious that people say they just might work only if, only if, we could try. Well, we're about to try in a big way."

– President Biden Remarks, March 18, 2022



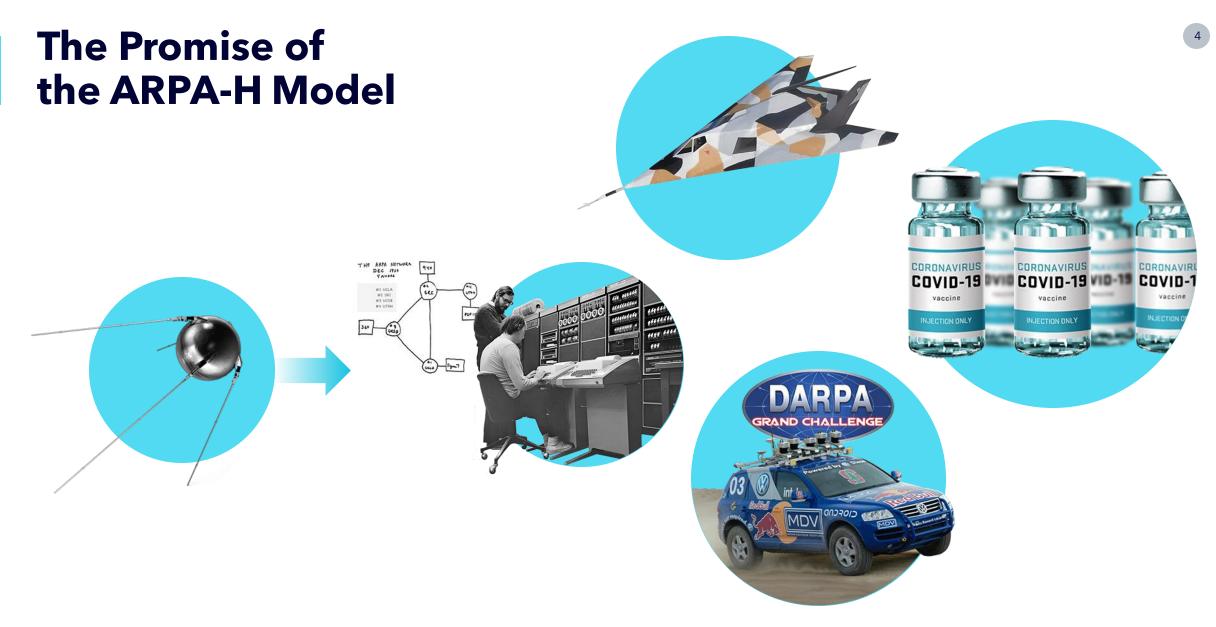


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# Mission

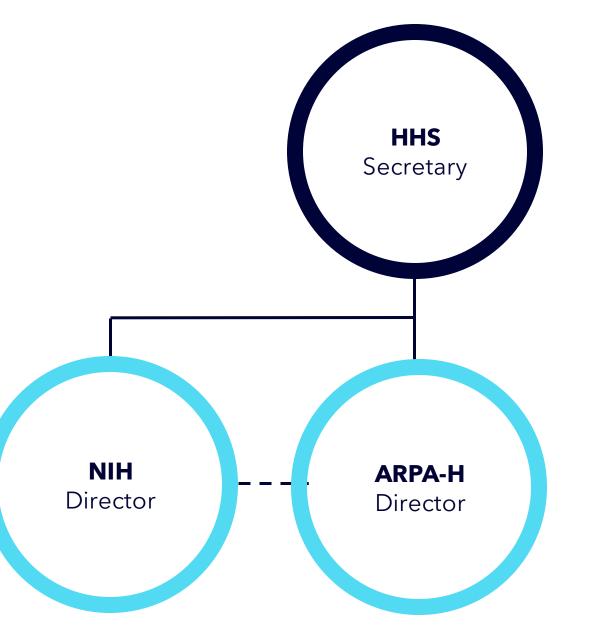
# Accelerate better health outcomes for everyone.





### **ARPA-H Organization** within HHS

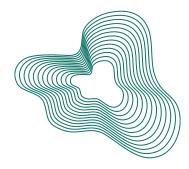
- Independent component of HHS within NIH; not an Institute
- ARPA-H Director reports directly to HHS Secretary
- No internal research labs; disease agnostic
- \$2.5B initial appropriation; budget independent from NIH
- Generally funds contracts, not grants
- Ability to directly reimburse FDA





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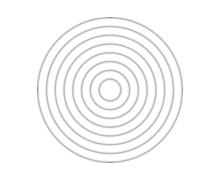
## **Initial Mission Focus Areas**



#### Health Science Futures

### Expanding what's technically possible

Accelerate advances across research areas and remove limitations that stymie progress towards solutions. These tools and platforms apply to a broad range of diseases.

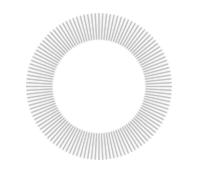


### Scalable Solutions

Reaching everyone quickly

Address health challenges that include geography, distribution, manufacturing, data and information, and economies of scale to create programs that result in impactful, timely, and equitable solutions.

**Digital cellular twin capabilities** that are accurate surrogates for wet lab testing and can drive training data for AI/ML tools.



#### **Proactive Health**

Keeping people from being patients

Preventative programs will create new capabilities to detect and characterize disease risk and promote treatments and behaviors to anticipate threats to Americans' health, whether those are viral, bacterial, chemical, physical, or psychological.

**New detection modalities** that are more precise, sensitive, and have broader capabilities than existing methods



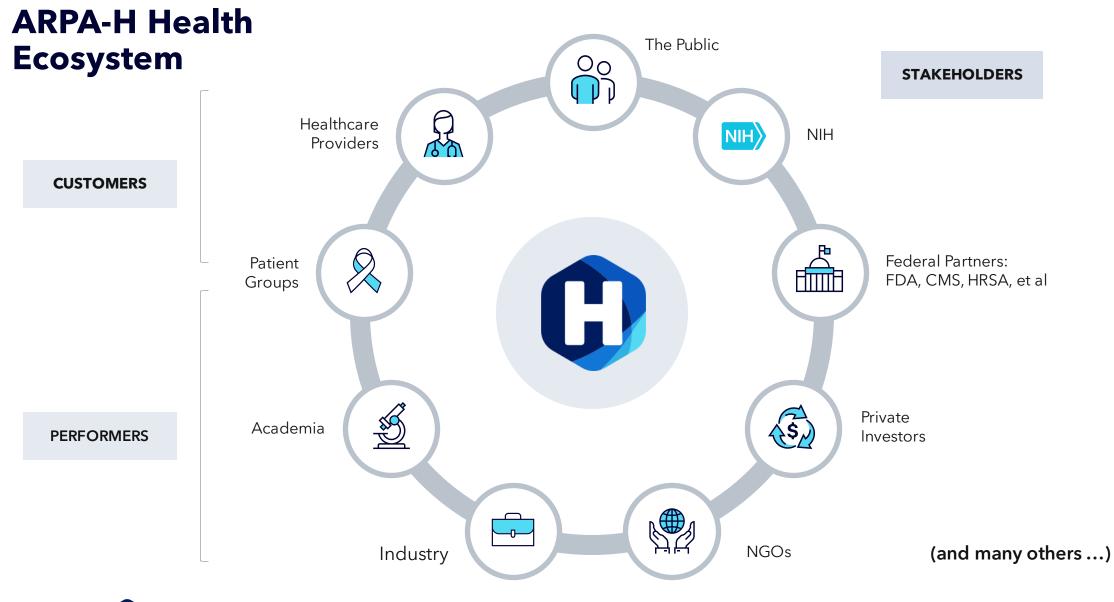
#### **Resilient Systems**

### Building integrated healthcare systems

Create capabilities, business models, and integrations to weather crises such as pandemics, social disruption, climate change, and economic instability. Systems are sustained between crises-from the molecular to the societal-to achieve better health outcomes.

Novel techniques to **improve the** efficiency and cost of manufacturing gene and cell therapeutics from small batch to scale-up







### **Focus Areas**

Unlock new ways to collaborate and attack problems



### Health Science Futures

Expand What's Technically Possible

Develop approaches that bring radically new insights and paradigms. These *innovative tools, technologies, and platforms* can apply to a broad range of diseases that affect large populations, rare diseases, or diseases with limited treatment options.

#### **Examples include:**

- Novel molecular platform approaches
  - Modulation of host systems
  - Delivery to targets with special and temporal precision
  - Mitigation of off-target effects to accelerate interventions
- Approaches to accelerate mammalian and microbial cellular engineering to enable next generation therapeutic applications.
- Interventions that target and reverse disease pathogenesis or enhance plasticity to address degenerative diseases.
- Advances in genetic, cellular, tissue, and organ replacement therapies.



## **Health Science Futures**

Prioritize Disease Agnostic Solutions



#### Adaptable Approach

• Zoom out to the big picture and focus on advances in technology that target key processes underlying a variety of disease states

#### **Innovative Methods**

• Use high-throughput technology and analytics to discover or test solutions across many disease states

#### Collaborations Across Disciplines

• Foster an environment of collaboration across disciplines to increase R&D creativity and efficacy





 Revisit existing technology/therapies to use their power in a different way to solve outstanding health issues



## The Program and Program Manager Flywheel





## **ARPA-H Model: Program Formation**

#### **Program Manager**

Program Manager identifies a difficult health-related challenge that is ripe for solving.

#### Challenge

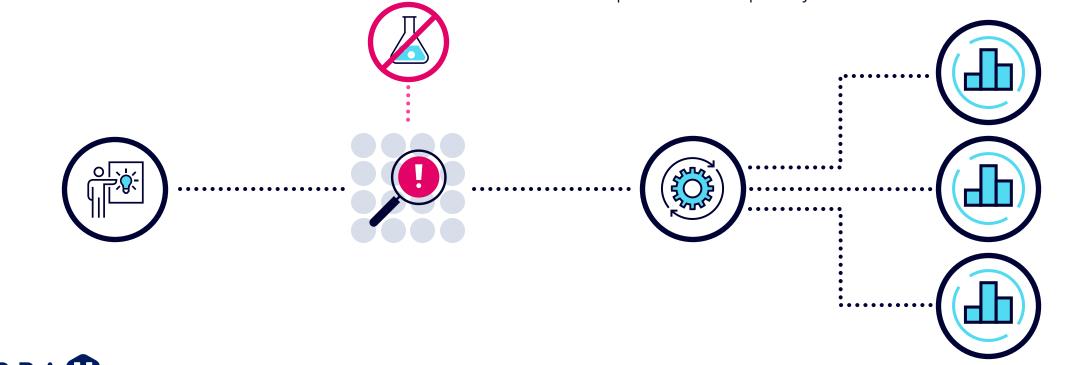
The challenge should NOT be easily solvable through traditional activities.

#### **Program Launch**

A Program Manager seeks – and oversees – several groups of performers aiming to solve the same problem in unique ways.

#### Performers

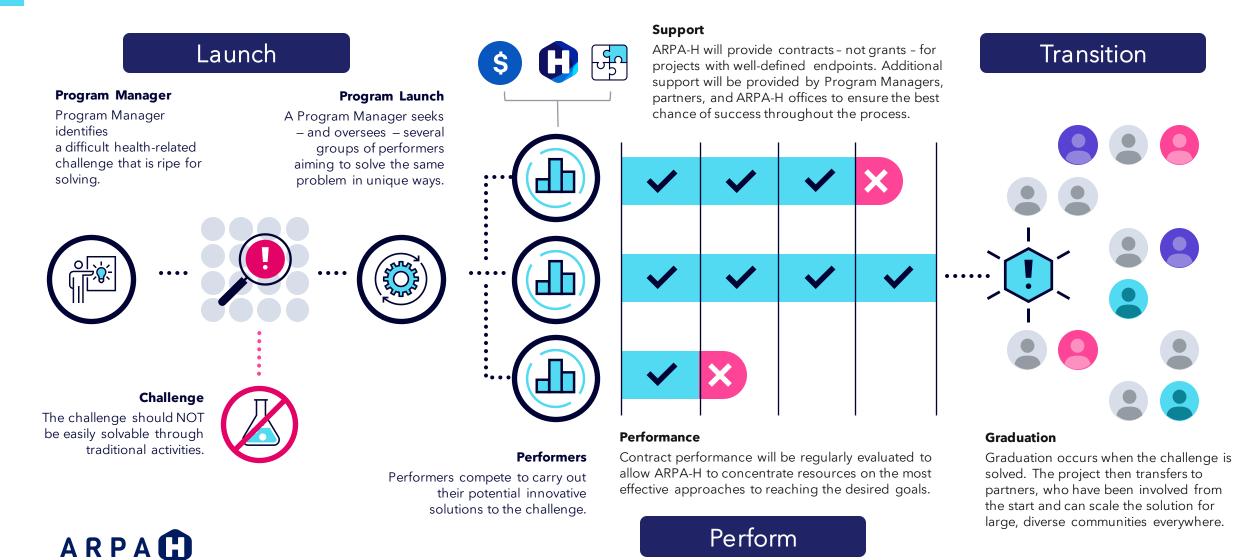
Performers competeto carry out their potential innovative solutions to the challenge





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## **ARPA-H Model: Program Lifecycle**







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## **Organ Transplantation Crisis**

of diseased organs

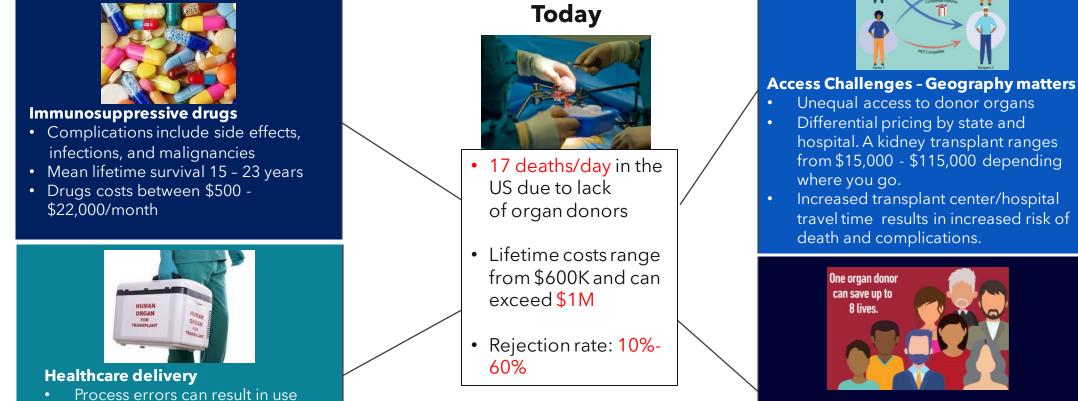
late, or damaged

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Challenges exist for organ

transportation, organs arriving

**PROBLEM:** Patients in need of organ transplants face chronic shortages, long wait lists, and the lifelong risk of transplant rejection.



#### **Supply and Demand**

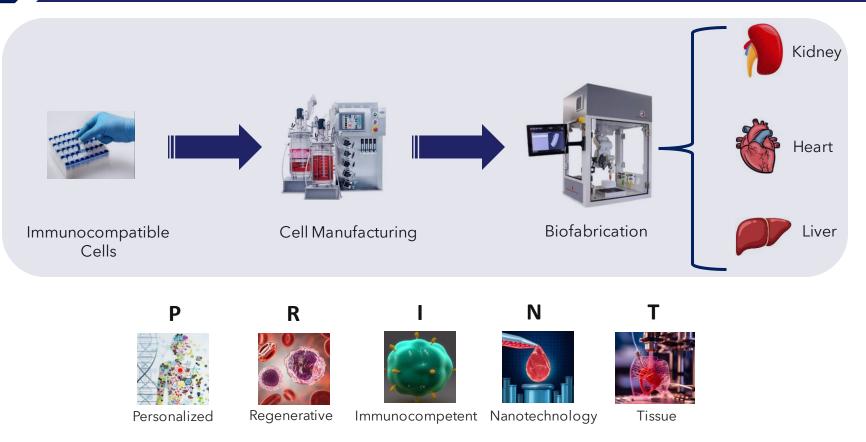
- Wait times range between 200 700 days, but can be years
- 45,000 transplants performed annually in the US with 120,000 patients remaining on wait lists and 7,000 died while waiting

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## **Vision for the Future**

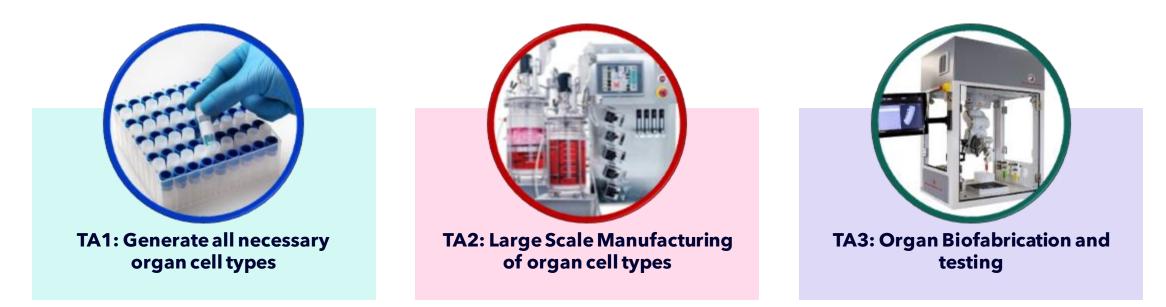
#### VISION

Use state-of-the-art bioprinting technology and a regenerative medicine approach to produce personalized, on demand organs that do not require immunosuppressive drugs.





### **PRINT Technical Areas (TA)**



**PRINT** will create a platform to restore healthy function to multiple organ systems and immuno-compatible to the patient to avoid rejection

QA/QC

Cell characterization

GMP/GLP manufacture

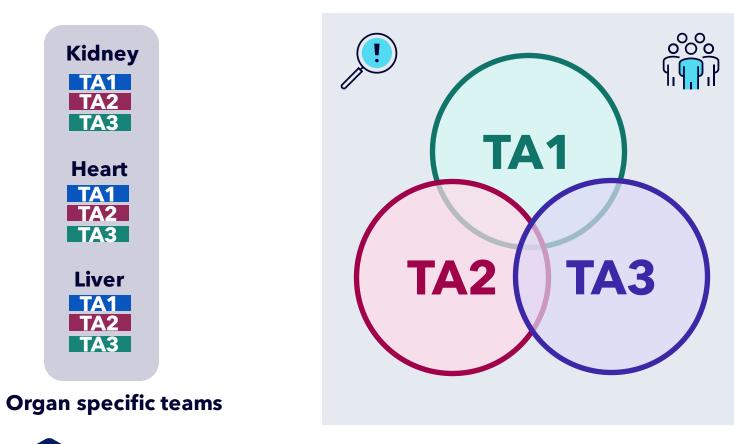
Ex vivo validation Humanized animal testing

Restore Normal Function



## All Teams Must Choose One Organ and Address All Three TAs

- Teams can include academia, small business, large business, contract research organizations, manufacturers, and more!
- Teaming is considered **crucial** to accomplish the program goals and metrics.





**Kidney** 

TA3

Heart

TA3

Liver TA1

TA3

## **TA1: Generate All Necessary Organ Cell Types**



Blood draw

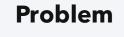






Biobank

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- 1. Some cell types are **naturally not proliferative.**
- 2. Not all cells have the same **multi-potent potential.**
- 3. Despite current expansion and differentiation protocols, generating organ specific and a relevant number of cells remains a barrier to print an organ.

#### **Objective**



- 1. Select **either autologous or allogeneic cell source** which are immunocompatible
- Demonstrate organ specific differentiation with phenotype (morphology +
  - molecular markers) and **function** (assays) in vitro
- 3. Provide product quality assurance (QA)

### **TA1 Metrics**

						PRINT	Phase I							
		Yea	ar 1			Yea	ar 2		Year 3					
Task	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Cell Source(s) Identified														
Develop Differentiation Protocol														
QA/QC														
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Deliverables		ed protoco for bioprint		differentiat	ion for all r	iecessary c	cell types, h	nigh expans	sion, and st	torage con	ditions to a	create a		



## TA2: Large Scale Manufacturing of Organ Cell Types



Bioreactor



Patient-matched Biobank

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- 1. Scaling cell manufacturing has been **limited and inefficient.**
- 2. Multiple parameters are **not optimal** for cell viability i.e., culture condition, media composition.
- 3. Biotech companies are **reluctant to invest resources** to develop manufacturing protocols specific to cell type, cell source, and application.





- 1. Develop cell master bank based on TA1
- 2. GLP/GMP manufacturing for small and large animal studies
- Demonstrate organ specific phenotype (morphology + molecular markers) and function (assays) in vitro
- Provide product quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) for cell characterization and safety

### **TA2 Metrics**

			PRINT Phase I																							
	Year 1				Year 2			Year 3					Ye	ar 4		Year 5										
Task	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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GMP Manufacturing Master Biobank																										
QA/QC																										
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Deliverables				<b>1.</b> GL	1. GLP manufactured cell biobank								MP manu e-IND er				umonto	tion								



## **TA3: Organ Biofabrication and Testing**



#### 3D bioprinting



Perfusion chamber





- 3D organ biofabrication struggles with complex organ structures.
- 2. Cell viability **during and after** printing
- 3. Print **speed**
- 4. Print thick and vascularized tissues
- 5. Tissue **lack suturability**
- 6. Existing approaches are **unable** to restore normal human organ function and lack the biomechanical properties necessary for implantation.





- **1. Software and hardware** informed by multi-physics modeling
- 2. Bioink formulation for partial or full organ printing
- 3. Printing method for partial or full organ printing
- 4. Bioreactors to mature the bioprinted organ
- 5. Bioprint vascularized tissue with active perfusion and organ-specific biomechanics
- 6. Demonstrate bioprinted organ function in vitro
- 7. Demonstrate bioprinted organ **safety and function to sustain life** in small and large animal models
- 8. Demonstrate **viability**, **longevity**, and **immune compatibility** in a small and large animal model (3-6 months)

### **TA3 Metrics-Phase I**

					PF	RINT Phase	l (36 months)	)					
		Yea	ar 1			Ye	ar 2			Ye	ar 3		
Task	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Printing Software													
Bioreactor													
Bioink Formulation													
Printing Method													
In vitro organ efficacy assay													
Safety and efficacy in small animal													
Milestones	<ol> <li>Multi-physics modeling to inform 3D organ design (i.e., vascular branching, cell density, tissue layers at ≤50 µm resolution),</li> <li>Perfusion system that can sustain organ maturation and monitor organ function via non-invasive imaging and biochemical measurements (Maturation time &lt;30 days),</li> <li>Develop organ-specific bioinks that are immunocompatible and support organ regeneration and function (&gt;99% cell viability and non-immunogenic).</li> </ol>				various organ 4.2. Enable protection tissue with orgonifierence from 5.1. Demonst 5.2 Demonstr	sizes that fit f rinting of anis gan specific b m normal org rate organ fut ate safety and , rejection, to	<b>50µm</b> resoluti for both mouse sotropic and var iomechanics. ( an), nction in a perf d immune com exicity, mutager	<ul> <li>6.1. Demonstrate successful implantation of bioprinted organ in &gt;10 small animals,</li> <li>6.2. Demonstrate viability and longevity of the bioprinted organ in small animal model (3-6 month survival),</li> <li>6.3. Demonstrate normal organ structure and host response postmortem.</li> </ul>					
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### **TA3 Metrics-Phase II**

		PRINT Phase II (24 months)													
		Yea	or 4		Year 5										
Task	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4							
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Milestones	<ul> <li>1.1. Demonstratorigan in &gt;5 large</li> <li>1.2. Demonstratorigan in large at 1.3. Demonstratorigan in large at 1.3. Demonstratorigan and 1.4. Achieve not specific parameters</li> </ul>	ge animals, ate viability and animal model ( ate safety ( <b>no</b> te odel at <b>6-mont</b> ormal organ fur	l longevity of th <b>3-6 months</b> superatomas, rejec <b>h</b> post transpla	ne bioprinted rvival), tion, toxicity) in antation,	<ul> <li>2.1. Postmortem IHC and molecular markers of organ structure,</li> <li>2.2. Finalize QA/QC,</li> <li>2.3. IND documentation and transition.</li> </ul>										
Deliverables	<b>1.</b> Achieve norr model and surv				<b>2.</b> Pre-IND filing for bioprinted organ transplantation.										



### **PRINT Timeline**

TA2

TA3

		PRINT Phase I														PRINT Phase II							
Task		Yea	nr 1		Year 2			Year 3			Year 4				Year 5								
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
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In vivo safety and efficacy testing in small animal																							
IND enabling large animal studies																							
Independent Validation																							

## **Equity Requirements for all TAs**

Equity Considerations--ARPA-H builds **equity** into program design.

- PRINT aims to make solutions accessible to **all** Americans
- PRINT enables a cost-effective organ transplantation supply chain through efficient biofabrication, eliminates lifelong side effects and comorbidities associated with antirejection drugs, eliminates dialysis for kidney failure patients, and leverages existing (and will create new) reimbursement mechanisms.
- **Cost** is one key metric in TA 1 and 2.
- We welcome technologies that can achieve scale up manufacture to reduce per unit cost.



If we do not intentionally, deliberately and proactively include, we unintentionally exclude.





## **PRINT Commercialization**

#### **Goal: Performer and Program Transition**

- ARPA-H PATIO team
- Expert/Entrepreneur in Residence (XIR & EIR) Network
- Minimum Viable Product (MVP) Testing for Market Adoption
- Scalability with Hub and Spoke
- Venture Capital (VC) Panel

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• Successful exit from PROGRAM means established path towards patient care with product(s) entering market





### **Impact** of **PRINT**:

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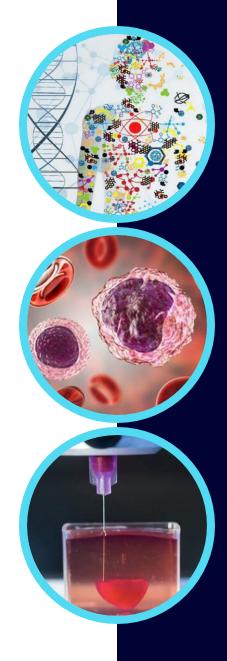
### Chronic organ shortage...

Over 120,000 patients need a new organ:

- Only 45,000 transplants performed annually in the U.S.
- Transplant organ only lasts 20 years and is not curative.

Current Transplantation Workflow:

- Organ supply requires matched human donor
- Lifetime costs to patients can exceed over \$1M



### A future with organs on demand

Equity in organ access

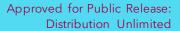
• Biofabrication producing immunocompatible tissues to restore normal organ function.

- All patients has access to new organs regardless of geography, background, or resources.
- Accelerated by Al/ML-aided Biologics Design.
- GMP production of all organ cell types.
- Biobank to enable recurring supply of cells.
- Advanced 3D organ biofabrication process that can be deployed anywhere.

## **Acquisition Details**

### The Application Process

Georgina Perry Contracting/Agreements/ Other Transactions Officer Business Innovation Division (BID)





## **PRINT Solicitation/Funding Opportunity Basics**

Innovative Solutions Opening (ISO)





ISOs allow for meritbased awards ISOs allow the Gov't to focus award decisions on technical quality



Best Ideas >

Best Price



ISOs

allow for a variety of approaches to a problem, not one singular solution



ISOs

are flexible and allow for a variety of award instruments to be considered



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## **PRINT ISO Basics**

### **Award Types**

- Award type will be based on the best fit for the proposed project/solution
- Proposers will include, at the full proposal stage, the preferred award type, the ultimate decision will be made by ARPA-H
- Awards will be Cooperative Agreements and Other Transactions

### **Award Timeline**

- Full proposal evaluations are expected to be completed by Oct 2024
- ARPA-H will begin negotiating award instruments, Statements of Work, and Terms and Conditions with the selected proposers beginning Nov 2024

### **Award Funding**

- There is no funding limit, ceiling or range for individual awards, or an overall ceiling for the PRINT ISO
- All reasonable proposals will be evaluated and considered for award
- Awards are expected to be issued with negotiated milestones, with payments tied to actual progress/milestones accomplished

### **Traditional Awards**

 Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) procurement contracts and Grants are not being contemplated for award and <u>should not</u> be proposed



## **Award Types - Cooperative Agreements**

### **Financial Assistance**

- Financial assistance instrument to carry out a public purpose authorized by a U.S. law rather than to acquire supplies/services for the benefit of the Government
- Cooperative Agreements follow:
  - <u>2 CFR Part 200, 45 CFR Part 75,</u> and the <u>HHS</u> <u>Grants Policy Statement</u>

#### **Substantial Involvement**

- Includes "substantial involvement" from the federal agency (ARPA-H) that may be ongoing throughout the project
- Both parties are responsible for achieving the agreed-upon outcome, progress and results



## **Award Types - Other Transactions (OTs)**

#### What are OTs?

- ARPA-H has authority to award OTs when "use of such authority is essential to promoting the success of the project"
- OTs are contracts (e.g., mutual assent, expressed by a valid offer and acceptance; adequate consideration; capacity; and legality)
- OTs reflect commercial contracting rather than traditional FAR procurement contracts

### **OTs are collaborative**

- Increased collaboration and partnership, leading to more effective use of resources and knowledge sharing.
- Free-flowing negotiations and less restrictive than FAR based procurements.





# **Other Transactions (OTs)**

## • Pros:

- Many laws/regulations do not apply
  - Competition in Contracting Act; Bayh-Dole; 45 CFR 75; FAR/HHSAR; Cost Accounting Standards; Bid Protests, etc.
- Invokes commercial practices, allowing for negotiating terms and conditions
  - May negotiate intellectual property (IP), payments, etc.
- Streamlined award process

## • Cons:

 Lack the guardrails performers might desire under financial assistance or FAR contracts

• Requires careful negotiation by sophisticated parties



# **Cooperative Agreements**

### • Pros:

- Familiar
  - Many organizations designed their systems, processes, etc. around financial assistance awards
- Consistency among organization's award portfolio

### • Cons:

- Terms are largely set by law and regulation, with limited ability to negotiate
- Include requirements that might be unappealing to a commercial entity (e.g., profit cannot be charged, ceiling on unaudited indirect rates)
- Much more bureaucratic than OTs (e.g., submission documents, rigid reporting requirements, etc.)



# **Process Overview**



#### Solution Summary Submission

- Solution Summary submission is mandatory
- Length should not exceed **five (5)** pages (excludes cover page & ROM).
- Should include all sections as specified in the ISO.
- Evaluation criterion scientific and technical merit.
- Submitted via the electronic Contract Proposal Submission (eCPS) website



#### **Full Proposal**

- Full proposal by invitation only
- Submitted via eCPS for OTs
- Submitted via Grants.gov for Cooperative Agreements
- Summary of Proposal & Detailed Proposal Info - no more than 30 pages in length (excludes SOW).



#### **Evaluation and Selection**

- The Government will review each conforming solution summary against criterion
  - 1 and 2, and each full proposal against criteria 1-4 descending order of importance.
- Selection for award will be made as outlined in the ISO.



# **Evaluation Criteria**



#### **Overall Scientific and Technical Merit (Solution Summary and Full Proposal)**

- Innovative, feasible, achievable, and complete
- An outcome that achieves the expected goals
- Technical risk(s) identification with a feasible mitigation strategy



# Proposers' Capabilities and/or Related Experience (Solution Summary and Full Proposal)

- Team expertise and experience
- Experience in managing similar efforts



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# **Evaluation Criteria (cont.)**

# Potential Contribution and Relevance to the ARPA-H Mission (Solution Summary and Full Proposal)

- Future application, including unmet needs within biomedicine and to improve health outcomes
- Potential for interdisciplinary approach

#### **Reasonableness/Realism/Affordability (Full Proposal)**

- Submissions must include the specified excel spreadsheets
- Price Reasonableness Ensure the overall price is fair and reasonable (e.g., not too high)
- Cost Realism Proposed costs are realistic and consistent with the technical goals and SOW (e.g., too low)
- Availability/Affordability Acquire goods or services that meet needs and are within budgetary constraints
- Intellectual Property (IP) Impacts on the Government's ability to transition the proposed technology



# **Final Guidance**

#### Monitor SAM.gov and Grants.gov

- Any/all changes to the ISO will be made via formal amendments and posted online at <u>SAM.gov</u>
- No information discussed at Proposers' Day shall be construed as modifying the terms and conditions of the ISO

## **Conform to all ISO Requirements**

- Thoroughly read the ISO
- Pay special attention to the eligibility requirements (ISO pg. 21)
- Non-conforming proposals **may not** be evaluated or considered for award





#### Reminders

- SF 424 Research and Related (R&R) Application for Federal Assistance
- Research and Related Senior/Key Personnel Profile
- Research and Related Personal Data
- Project Abstract Summary

### **Dates and Deadlines**

- Solution Summary Due Date: May 28th, 2024, 9:00 AM ET
- Proposal Due Date: Aug 20th, 2024, 5:00 PM ET



#### Questions

- Please send to PRINT@arpa-h.gov



# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Please read the entire ISO and the FAQ's prior to submitting questions.

ISO questions will be answered via the FAQ's that get published on SAM.gov

- All inquiries shall be sent to <u>PRINT@arpa-h.gov</u>
- Write questions as clearly as possible
- Do not include proprietary information
- ARPA-H may re-phrase questions or consolidate similar questions for administrative purposes.
- If there is a contradiction between the FAQ and the ISO, defer to the ISO.



# Contracts and R&D Solicitation Specifics, and Cost Proposal

**Templated Spreadsheet** 

Emily Cortese PRINT Business and Financial Manager



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## **PRINT Review Process**

## **Solution Summaries**

#### 1) Submitted via eCPS

Review will occur only after the submission deadline.

#### 2) Compliance and Responsiveness Review

Does it adhere to the format requirements? Was it submitted on time? Does it adhere to the technical requirements?

#### 3) SME Reviewer Assignments Made

- 4) Reviews Conducted
- 5) PM makes a Recommendation

#### 6) Notifications Sent

- Invite
- Not Invite

## Proposals

#### 1) Submitted via eCPS & Grants.gov

Note: Review will occur only after the submission deadline.

#### 2) Compliance and Responsiveness Review

Does it adhere to the format requirements? Was it submitted on time? Does it adhere to the technical requirements? 3) Federal Reviewer Assignments Made 4) Reviews & Reviewer Discussions Conducted 5) PM makes a recommendation 6) Internal review and determination 7) Notifications Selected/Not Selected 8) Negotiation



# **Required Document Checklist**

## **Cooperative Agreements**

- Volume I, Technical and Management Proposal (PDF) Part I: Administrative (1 page max.) Part II: Detailed Proposal Information
  - Section A-E (30 pages max)
  - Section F-I (no page limit)
- Volume II, Cost Proposal (Excel)
  - Sub-Awardee Proposals (As Applicable)
    - MS Excel SF-424A Budget Wrksht Research
- Volume II, Supporting Document (PDF)
- Form 1: SF 424
- Form 2: Research and Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)
- Form 3: Research and Related Personal Data
- OCI disclosures/OCI mitigation plans
- Forward Price Rate Agreement
- Project Abstract Summary
- Human Subject Research Doc. (As Applicable)
- Vertebrate Animals Section (VAS) (As Applicable)
- Intellectual Property Representations

## **Other Transactions**

- Volume I, Technical and Management Proposal (PDF)
  - Part I: Administrative (1 page max.)
    - Part II: Detailed Proposal Information
      - Section A-E (30 pages max)
      - Section F-I (no page limit)
- Volume II, Cost Proposal (Excel)
   Sub-Awardee Proposals (As Applicable)
   MS Excel ARPA-H Standard Cost Proposal
  - Spreadsheet
- Volume II, Supporting Document (PDF)
- Current or Pending Support (May be included in Cost Proposal volume)
- OCI disclosures/OCI mitigation plans
- Forward Price Rate Agreement
- Human Subject Research Doc. (As Applicable)
- Vertebrate Animals Section (VAS) (As Applicable)
- Intellectual Property Representations



# ARPA-H Cost Proposal Suggestions and Reminders 🕑 🔤

- Provide all requested information on the cost proposal cover sheet in your proposal submission.
- Include:
  - A cost estimate of total funds requested from ARPA-H and the amount of any cost share (if any);
  - Per task **cost broken down by fiscal year** and phase.
  - A summary of projected funding requirements by month for all phases of the project.
- Include supporting documentation for any cost >\$5,000
  - Backup may consist of a vendor quote, past purchase order/invoice, information from a website, or a detailed explanation of labor and material costs for custom made items
- Include an **itemization of Subcontracts**. All subcontractor cost proposal documentation must be prepared at the same level of detail as that required of the prime. The prime proposer is responsible for compiling and providing all subcontractor proposals and the proposal must show how subcontractor costs are applied to each phase and task. If consultants are to be used, proposer must provide consultant agreement or other document that verifies the proposed loaded daily/hourly rate.
- Make sure to state how the proposed costs are realistic for the technical and management approach and accurately reflect the technical goals and objectives of the solicitation.
  - Include how the proposed costs are consistent with the proposer's Statement of Work and reflect a sufficient understanding of the costs and level of effort needed to successfully accomplish the proposed technical approach.



# ARPA-H Cost Proposal Suggestions and Reminders

Don'ts 🗙

- Don't forget to utilize the ARPA-H Cost Proposal Checklist!
- Don't change formulas given in spreadsheet
  - If the formulas must be changed to match your business practices, please make sure the "total amount" tab accurately reflects the costs correctly
- Don't delete a row, column, or worksheet in the spreadsheet if it is not needed for your proposal. Just ignore or hide it.
  - Deleting will break the formulas and increase processing time.
- Don't cost strategize! ARPA-H recognizes that undue emphasis on cost may motivate proposers to offer low-risk ideas with minimum uncertainty and to staff the effort with junior personnel in order to be in a more competitive posture. ARPA-H discourages such cost strategies.



# **ARPA-H Cost Proposal Checklist**



- 1. Are all items from Volume II, Cost Proposal) of the R&D Solicitation included on your Cost Proposal cover sheet?
- 2. Does your Cost Proposal include (1) a summary cost buildup by Phase, (2) a summary cost buildup by Year, and (3) a detailed cost buildup for each Phase that breaks out each task and shows the cost per month?
- 3. Does your cost proposal show a breakdown of the major cost items listed below: Direct Labor; Indirect Costs/Rates; Materials and/or Equipment; Subcontracts/Consultants; Other Direct Costs; Travel?
- 4. Have you provided documentation for proposed costs related to travel, to include purpose of trips, departure and arrival destinations and sample airfare?
- 5. Does your cost proposal include a complete itemized list of all material and equipment items to be purchased (a priced bill-of-materials (BOM))?
- 6. Does your cost proposal include vendor quotes or written engineering estimates (basis of estimate) for all material and equipment with a unit price >\$5,000?
- 7. Does your cost proposal include a clear justification for the cost of labor (written labor basis-of-estimate (BOE)) providing rationale for the labor categories and hours proposed for each task?
- 8. Do you have subcontractors/consultants? If so, does your cost proposal include copies of all subcontractor/consultant technical (to include Statement of Work) and cost proposals? Do all subcontract proposals include the required summary buildup, detailed cost buildup, and supporting documentation (SOW, Bill-of-Materials, Basis-of-Estimate, Vendor Quotes, etc.)?
- 9. Does your cost proposal include copies of consultant agreements, if available?
- 10. Have all team members (prime and subcontractors) who are considered a Federally Funded Research & Development Center (FFRDC), included documentation that clearly demonstrates work is not otherwise available from the private sector AND provided a letter on letterhead from the sponsoring organization citing the specific authority establishing their eligibility to propose to Government solicitations and compete with industry, and compliance with the associated FFRDC sponsor agreement and terms and conditions?
- 11. Does your proposal include a response regarding Organizational Conflicts of Interest?
- 12. Does your proposal include a completed Data Rights Assertions table/certification?



## **Accelerated Transition**

## Path to Success

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# PATIO

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# **Project Accelerator Transition Innovation Office (PATIO)**

**Our Mission:** PATIO increases the probability that ARPA-H funded health technologies **will reach those Americans** by identifying barriers and providing transition and commercialization services to program managers and performers.

Since ARPA-H will not fund performers in perpetuity, PATIO's services increase the odds that solutions attract private investment and customers-to translate the breakthroughs



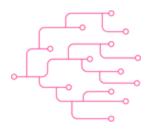
# Where might the solution go after ARPA-H?

Work backwards: design with the end in mind





# **Our Capabilities**

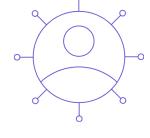


#### **Technology Transfer and Transition Services (T3X)**

Build transition-ready programs by de-risking solutions from program design through performance; runs agency SBIR/STTR program

Led by Jenica Patterson





#### Health Ecosystem and **Engagements Team (HEET)**

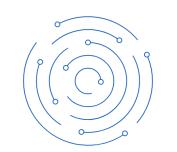
Create meaningful bi-directional communication between ARPA-H and America.



### Led by Amy Lin







#### **ARPANET-H (ANH)**

Connect a fragmented health ecosystem through projects, events, and democratized learning



Led by Dan Bram

PATIO is led by Craig Gravitz (Director) and Melissa Antman (Deputy Director)

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# Technology, Transfer and Transition Services (T3X)



Build transition-ready programs by derisking solutions from program design through performance.

## **Capabilities**

- **Experts in Residence (XIR) Program** External, recognized transition/commercialization experts identify and solve for blind spots of ARPA-H PMs and programs.
- **Regulatory & Reimbursement Support** Demystify and assist in navigation of these processes. Get involved early to avoid traps.

## Due Diligence / Landscape Analyses

IP analyses, commercialization landscape to understand a particular technology, competitive landscape to understand key players in the arena, etc.

• **Small Business Program** provides funding for small businesses that possess the expertise to use innovative approaches to enable revolutionary advances in science, technology, or systems leading to developments that contribute toward the agency's mission.





## Animal Subjects Research and Human Subjects Research

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# Animal Subjects Research for Proposers

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# **Definition of Animal Subjects Research**

## What is animal

- A living or dead vertebrate
   Dead=killed for the direct purpose of conducting RDT&E or training
- A larval fish or amphibian
- An egg laying vertebrate is only an animal after hatching

## What is <u>NOT</u> an animal

- An un-hatched egg
- An invertebrate
- Dead animals or parts of dead animals purchased at grocery stores or slaughterhouses



# **Animal Subjects Research Regulations**

#### Animal Welfare Act/Animal Welfare Regulations

www.nal.usda/gov/awic/animal-welfare-act

Produced by the USDA, set standards for animal care and require establishment of an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

#### **Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals**

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK54050

Produced by the NIH, provides guidelines for institutional policies, husbandry requirements, veterinary care, physical plant requirements





# All institutions engaged in ASR must have the following in place prior to any funds being used for animal research including purchase of animals and per diem costs for animal care:

Current IACUC approved protocol

Valid assurance of the Institution engaged in the ASR

Vertebrate Animal Section completed Interinstitutional Assurance (if applicable)

The above **needs to be reviewed/approved** by the ARPA-H ASR oversight lead before ASR can begin If any of the above **are not completed before award**, a restricted award can be issued



# **Protocol amendments**

#### Significant amendments require IACUC approval before implementation

- include changes that have, or have the potential to have, a negative impact on animal welfare
- some activities that may not have a direct impact on animal welfare are also considered to be significant
- Examples, including but not limited to:
  - Changes from non-survival to survival surgery
  - Changes resulting in greater pain, distress, or degree of invasiveness
  - Changes in housing and or use of animals in a location that is not part of the animal program overseen by the IACUC;
  - Changes in species, study objectives, PI and anything that impacts personnel safety

#### Non-significant amendments do not require IACUC approval before implementation

- Examples, including but not limited to:
  - Correction of typos, grammar
  - Updates to contact information
  - Personnel changes (other than the PI) note that there is an administrative reviewed to ensure that all personnel are
    appropriately identified, adequately trained and qualified, enrolled in occupational health and safety programs, and meet
    other criteria as required by the IACUC



# **Protocol rewrites**

- IACUC approvals are good for **three (3) years** or the length of the award (whichever is shorter).
- At the three-year mark, IACUC protocols **must be re-written AND re-approved** by the IACUC.



# Non-compliance

#### • Protocols are NON-COMPLIANT if:

- Significant amendments are implemented before IACUC approval
- Protocol re-writes are not submitted to IACUC within the time specified by the IACUC
- In order to clear most cases of non-compliance, all performers on the protocol **must complete training** on ARPA-H animal use regulations.
- Serious cases of non-compliance may be cause to cancel the award.



# Human Subject Research for Proposers

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# **Definition of Human Subjects Research**

#### The term "human subject" can be applied to research efforts that meet EITHER of the following criteria

A living individual about an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research:

- Obtains information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual, and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens; or
- Obtains uses, studies, analyzes, or generates identifiable private information, personally identifiable information, or identifiable biospecimens

#### Human Subjects Research involves:

Activities that include both a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge and involve a living individual about whom an investigator conducting research obtains information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual, or identifiable private information, or biospecimens



# **Human Subjects Research Regulations**





# **Award policies**

All institutions engaged in HSR must have the following in place prior to any funds being used for human subjects research:



Current IRB approved protocol



Valid Assurance of the Institution engaged in the HSR

The above needs to be reviewed/approved by the ARPA-H HSR oversight lead before HSR can begin. If any of the above are not completed before award, language needs to be inserted that prohibits the performer from engaging in HSR prior to approvals.





#### The IRB needs the following items in order to approve the research:

Full protocol



Informed consent document

#### **Additional materials and training**



Recruitment/advertising materials

Any sort of flyers, handouts, oral scripts, telephone screening materials, etc. used in the recruitment process



Data collection materials

Surveys, interview questions, case report form(s), written tests, etc.

Curriculum Vitae (CV) / Biosketch

A copy of the PI's CV or biosketch should be submitted to the IRB



Human Subjects Research Training

Pls and their support staff must complete human research projections training in accordance with their institution's requirements



# **IRB Determinations**

#### • Only an IRB or delegated official can make a determination regarding HSR.

- If it is determined as research involving human subjects, then one of the additional determinations will apply.

#### Exempt Research

- Involvement of human subjects falls under one of the "exempt" categories listed in 32 CFR 219.

#### Research considered <u>not</u> <u>greater</u>than minimal risk

The probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in research are not greater in and of themselves than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests

#### Research considered greater than minimal risk

Subjects means that the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research risks are more than minimal risk, but not significantly greater



## **Amendments to protocol**

- An addition or change to the study design/protocol that would result in the need to change the overall human subjects designation or clinical trial designation of the grant
- The new inclusion of subject populations that are covered by additional regulatory protections under 45 CFR 46 subparts B, C, or D (i.e. pregnant women, human fetuses, and neonates; prisoners; or children)
- Any change to the study protocol that would result in an overall increase in risk level for subjects, including physical, psychological, financial, or legal or other risks.
- New information that comes to light after a study is underway, which indicates a higher level of risk to participants than previously recognized for a study intervention, procedure, or pharmacological treatment.



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

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# **FAQ: Teaming**

#### Can one group be part of multiple proposals? Can one person be part of multiple proposals?

Yes. Although there is no limit in the number of proposal one group/person can be part of, PRINT award selection is a competitive process so should a group or individual be part of multiple proposals, they will be effectively competing with themselves.

#### Do we have to have a partner from industry/academia/something else?

No. Teams can have participants from any mix of institutions.

#### Is there a limit to how many institutions can team?

No, but be sure to include detailed budget information for each institution as per the ISO and include in your proposal a program management structure that explains how the teams will be coordinated.



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# FAQ: Teaming, cont'd

#### Can we have multiple Principal Investigators (PIs)?

No, there will be ONE (1) PI, the rest will be Co-Investigators.

#### Can we change teams partway through the program?

Teaming changes may be allowed with ARPA-H's approval in response to specific needs arising from the program's progress. Requests will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

#### Will you establish teams for us? I'm looking for a partner to complement our capabilities.

We are glad that you are looking to assemble a diverse and capable team! We cannot make introductions for you, but we encourage you to talk to people at Proposers' Day and to use our teaming website, where you can submit your profile and find the contact information for potential teammates: <u>PRINT Teaming Profiles | ARPA-H</u>



### **FAQ: Metrics**

#### The requirements/timeline seem aggressive. Do you really intend for us to hit these metrics?

We want you to work hard to meet them. We aim to set our goals high, with the understanding that advancements in science cannot be made without failures along the way.

#### What if I do not meet the metrics at one point in my project? Will you stop my project?

We have two Phases, and not all offerors are guaranteed to continue to subsequent phases. However, the metrics are not necessarily rigid Go/No-Go criteria, and instead are used to help make decisions about whether sufficient progress has been made. In other words, the answer to these questions will depend on the state of the technical program and how much progress has been made.



# FAQ: Metrics, cont'd

#### We have an advanced prototype; can we go faster than the milestones you have scheduled?

Yes, absolutely, provided you are meeting/exceeding all technical metrics and guidelines.

#### Do you have any preferred technological approaches for PRINT?

We will entertain all approaches that are proposed, as long as they fit within the TA guidelines and can be used to satisfy the metrics proposed in the ISO.

#### What if I want to use metrics that are not mentioned in the ISO?

We are open to other approaches that would define success in each TA as long as they are a logical fit to satisfy the TA.



# **FAQ: Meetings and Technical**

#### Can you meet with us to discuss our idea?

We would love to meet with you to answer questions, but we are unable to discuss concepts that a potential applicant is considering submitting to the ISO.

#### Can you tell us if you like our technical approach?

We will evaluate and provide feedback on technical concepts once they have been officially submitted as solution summaries/proposals.

#### What if I have an idea that is outside the scope of PRINT?

If your proposal is not a good fit for the PRINT program, the <u>Mission Office-specific Innovative Solutions Openings (ISO)</u> pursues innovative high-impact biomedical and health research proposals.



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# **FAQ: International Proposers**

#### Are foreign entities eligible for award?

ARPA-H will prioritize awards in accordance with Public Law No. 117-328 (Section 499A(n) of the PHSA). Without limiting the foregoing ARPA-H will prioritize awards to domestic entities (organization and/or individuals) that will conduct funded work in the US. However, **non-US entities may participate** to the extent such participants comply with nondisclosure agreements, security regulations, export control laws, and other governing statutes and regulations applicable under the circumstances. **Non-US entities are encouraged to collaborate with domestic US entities**. In no case will awards be made to entities organized under the laws of a covered foreign country (as defined in section 119C of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. § 3059)) or entities suspended or debarred from business with the Government.

Foreign entities may be subject to a clearance review prior to beginning work on an award, whether as a prime or sub. Where the foreign entity is a sub, awards may still be made with the foreign support restricted until the clearance process is completed.



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# **FAQ: Government Proposers**

#### Are federal entities and federally sponsored entities eligible for award?

Federal entities and federally sponsored entities (e.g., Government/National laboratories, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC), University Affiliated Research Center (UARC), military educational institutions, etc.) <u>are not eligible for award</u> under this announcement. This includes both prime and subawards. However, ARPA-H is committed to working with its federal partners. Federal partners interested in working with ARPA-H on this program should contact <u>PRINT@arpa-h.gov</u> to discuss supporting this effort.





#### How big can our program be? What is the overall budget for PRINT?

- Proposers are encouraged to propose a realistic, justifiable, comprehensive, and reasonable budget that aligns with the proposed solution. The proposed budget should align with the technical scope. No budget ceiling has been established.
- We are not able to provide budgetary details for PRINT or a target number for your budget.
- ARPA-H discourages strategies such as using only junior staff or proposing only low-risk ideas to cut costs.

#### Can you explain the rules around the salary cap in our cost proposal?

Since 1990, Congress has legislatively mandated a limitation on direct salary for individuals under NIH grant and cooperative agreement awards. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) restricts the amount of direct salary to Executive Level II of the Federal Executive pay scale. Effective January 1, 2023, the salary limitation is \$221,900.

This means that the maximum for any one person in one year, for any labor category, and any level of effort, the maximum is \$221,900.



# **FAQ: Intellectual Property**

#### Who will own the IP?

Generally, the government does not take ownership of intellectual property produced under awards.

- Under **Cooperative Agreements**, performers retain ownership of IP created under an award, but the government receives a license to use the IP for federal purposes.
- For **Other Transaction Agreements**, there is more flexibility, and IP will be subject to negotiations between the proposer and ARPA-H.

At a minimum, ARPA-H wants to ensure that IP restrictions do not keep breakthrough technologies from the people who can benefit from those technologies.



### **Submission Timelines and Feedback - Solution Summary**

#### Will feedback be provided for all solution summaries? When?

Feedback will be provided on all responsive summaries; we will provide brief comments on Evaluation Criteria #1, 2, and 3.

We will also provide one of three decisions:

- 1. ARPA-H has not selected the proposer to move forward
- 2. ARPA-H requests the submission of a full proposal
- 3. ARPA-H will contact the proposer for explanation on any unclear elements in the submitted solution summary to determine whether the summary will be selected or not

Solution summaries are due May 28<sup>th</sup>; we aim to provide feedback and notice of selection a few weeks after that date.



# Submission Timelines and Feedback – Full Proposal

# May I submit a full proposal if my solution summary is not selected? May I submit a full proposal if I do not submit a solution summary?

No, ARPA-H will only evaluate a full proposal for those offerors who submit a solution summary and are selected/invited to submit a full proposal.

#### Will feedback be provided for all full proposals? When?

Feedback will be provided for all full proposals; see the ISO for the selection criteria.

Full proposals are due Aug 20<sup>th</sup>. We aim to make selections by Nov; however, we expect many high-quality proposals and will take the time necessary to ensure we consider them thoroughly.



## **FAQ: Science**

#### • Is GLP/GMP manufacturing required for small and large animal studies?

Yes, GLP & GMP manufacturing capability is key to the successful translation of this program and are therefore required. It is expected that cells manufactured under GLP & GMP standards (TA1 & 2) to be used in subsequent animal studies.

#### Are biobank and bioreactor required products/deliverables?

The required deliverables for the program include cell manufacturing and restoring organ function. We envision that biobanks and bioreactors are important tools to achieve these goals. Existing or new biomanufacturing infrastructure may be leveraged in this program. In TA1, biobank may serve as one approach to generate necessary cell types. In TA2, developing master cell bank under GMP are required deliverable.



# FAQ: Science, cont'd

#### • Are there any restrictions on what types of cells or animals that can be used?

For cell sources, you as the performers will have the freedom to choose from a variety of sources using existing or novel protocols to achieve organ functions as outlined in the metrics.

For animal testing, humanized small or large animal models are required. Small animals may include mouse or rat. Large animals may include pig or sheep.

#### • Can inorganic products be used to achieve the required end result (such as artificial organ & bionic organ)?

The final bioprinted organ products from this program will either be full size functioning organs, partial organs, or ectopic organ substitutes. Additionally, the program structure allows for non-standard organ design as long as normal organ function is achieved. However, those approaches will involve cell bioprinting. Inorganic approaches will not be considered in this ISO.



## **Read the ISO**

The answers to many questions are in the ISO. We also link to it on our website. Make sure you've read the ISO! Final ISO will be posted soon.

#### Still have questions? Check the FAQ!

The PRINT FAQ will be updated periodically on our website and on sam.gov.

#### Still have questions that are not answered in the ISO or FAQ?

Email us at <u>print@arpa-h.gov</u>. If your question is relevant and generally applicable, we will publish the question and answer to the FAQ. If your question is relevant and pertains to your individual circumstances, we will try to get back to you with an answer as soon as possible.



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### Thank you for joining us today!

We will make this slideshow and a video of this talk available at the PRINT program website.

Please join us for the poster and networking session after lunch, starting at 1PM.

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