

BARDA Releases BAA-18-100-SOL-00018 for DRIVE

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) Division of Research, Innovation, and Ventures (DRIVE) recently released a new Easy Broad Agency Announcement (DRIVE EZ-BAA) seeking proposals for innovative research and development (R&D) projects. DRIVE's mission is to "...accelerate innovations, and improve availability of transformative countermeasures to protect Americans from natural and intentional health security threats." DRIVE has partnered with eight regional "accelerators" throughout the United States to help new innovators develop their technology and products. The new EZ-BAA seeks to simplify and speed up the proposal and award approach for groundbreaking projects that focus on one of three new Areas of Interest (AOI).

DRIVE EZ-BAA Provisions

DRIVE seeks unconventional approaches that have the potential for far-reaching impact. Critical elements of the EZ-BAA include:

1. **Areas of Interest (AOI)**
 - a. Early Notification to Act, Control and Treat (ENACT)
 - b. Solving Sepsis
 - c. Other Innovative Products with Potential to Radically Transform Health Security
2. **Simplified application process – An application form and an abstract with two components:**
 - a. Technical: Explanation of the relevance of the project to one of the AOIs, the technical approach and its impact on the AOI; and the ability to transition the technology.
 - b. Cost: Estimate of project costs by cost category (i.e., labor, material, travel, etc.) and any cost that will be assumed by the offeror.
3. **Restricted contract value** – The potential award value (including fees) is limited to \$749,000.
4. **Online submission** – All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the DRIVE portal found at www.drive.hhs.gov.

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