



## Information for Federal Stakeholders

### Overview

Federal stakeholder participation in this RFA and any resulting projects must be compatible with agency missions and internal policies, and any constraints related to accepting resources from NIIMBL. Important constraints are included in the 'Opportunity for Federal Stakeholders' section below.

Please refer to the NIIMBL website (<https://www.niimbl.org/projects-programs/viral-vector-aav-aggregation-testing-method-evaluation-rfa-2025-02/>) as the authoritative source of information related to the current RFA. As a general practice, NIIMBL will strive to accommodate the unique constraints of Federal proposers in this process to reduce barriers to participation. Please contact NIIMBL's Federal Technical Program Manager, Jorge Lamboy ([jorge.lamboy@nist.gov](mailto:jorge.lamboy@nist.gov))

### Key Considerations for Federal Participation in NIIMBL Projects

- Federal participation in project teams should be consistent with agency mission space and must have appropriate internal approval from management.
- Federal agencies cannot receive Federal dollars back from NIIMBL. However, for all agencies other than NIST, NIIMBL may provide non-Federal dollars as resources for projects as appropriate.
- Federal participants cannot contribute to project cost-share to meet a proposal team's obligation to match NIIMBL funds with non-Federal funds.
- Federal teams are not in general prohibited from leveraging NIIMBL resources provided by partners (materials, personnel, facilities, and equipment). However, participating agencies may have internal constraints on accepting these resources, so proposers must adhere to internal guidance. NIIMBL, as a non-profit, non-governmental entity, has reasonable flexibility in directing resources to support project costs, and encourages discussions with Federal stakeholders to understand how best to accommodate internal agency constraints where possible.
- Federal stakeholders are encouraged to consider partnering with NIST scientists (or other agency stakeholders) on proposal concepts as appropriate if necessary to avoid perceived conflicts of interest.

### About NIIMBL

The mission of the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL) is to accelerate biopharmaceutical manufacturing innovation, support the development of standards that enable more efficient and rapid manufacturing capabilities, and educate and train a world-leading biopharmaceutical manufacturing workforce. NIIMBL is a non-profit, public-private partnership, where Federal funding from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is matched at more than 1:1 by contributions from consortium members, to accelerate innovation in



precompetitive enabling technologies for industry-wide benefit. More information about NIIMBL and its partners can be found at <https://niimbl.org>.