



The National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals

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# Request for Information

## (NM Technology Innovation Tank RFI 2026.01)

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## 1. Overview

The National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL) is dedicated to advancing biopharmaceutical manufacturing innovation, developing standards to enhance manufacturing efficiencies and speed, and cultivating a leading biopharmaceutical manufacturing workforce. This Request for Information (RFI) invites interested parties to self-nominate to participate in a special session at the 2026 NIIMBL National Meeting. Questions can be sent to [projectcalls@niimbl.org](mailto:projectcalls@niimbl.org).

## 2. Background

NIIMBL is organizing a special session at this year's National Meeting, scheduled for June 23-25, 2026. Last year's Innovation Tank session received overwhelmingly positive feedback and engagement, and we are excited to continue the format again this year.

The session will feature a "Shark Tank"-style pitch event, where up to three organizations will be invited to pitch their promising biopharmaceutical manufacturing-related technology to a panel of experts.

Each selected organization will be given 20–30 minutes to deliver a 5-to-7-minute pitch about your technology, followed by panel question and answer. The winning technology pitch will be determined by the panel with audience poll results weighted into the decision.

While the session is primarily intended for small businesses (e.g., Tier 3 industry members), submissions from academic institutions pursuing commercialization or large companies with innovative technologies are also welcome. However, priority may be given to small businesses.

### **Purpose of this RFI:**

Gather information from small- to mid-sized companies who want their technology to be considered for this pitch session.

Note: This RFI does not constitute a solicitation for funding proposals. NIIMBL will recognize the winning pitch at the closing banquet. The recognition will not include funding for research, development, demonstration or other dilutive or non-dilutive funding.

## 3. Submission Details

Please submit all the following information:

### **A. Technology:** A brief description (limit 1000 words maximum) of the following:

- What problem are you trying to solve and why is it important?
- What is your technical solution and how does it compare to other solutions (if any exist)?
- What evidence do you have that your technical solution works?
- What evidence do you have that there is a market for your technology and what is that market?

### **B. Organization & Presenter Background (Word file, max 500 words)**

- Briefly describe the individual who will deliver the pitch, including relevant background and experience.



- Provide a short overview of your organization, including size, age, mission, and any past success (or failure) in bringing products to market.
- Explain how the proposed technology fits into your organization's product offerings.
- If the submission is from an academic institution, please indicate that a start-up company is expected to pursue the technology.
- This section is limited to 500 words maximum.

### C. Video Pitch (≤ 60 seconds)

Please submit a video pitch that meets the following criteria:

- The presenter must appear on screen and speak for at least 30 seconds and no more than 60 seconds.
- Videos may be submitted in any standard file format - a simple Zoom recording with slides is perfectly acceptable.

## 4. Submission Process

Submissions must be sent via the [NIIMBL Submission Hub](#) by the due date. Late submissions will not be considered.

Only organizations that are Members in Good Standing are invited to submit information; they must remain Members in Good Standing through June 25, 2026. If an organization is invited to present at the National Meeting but declines to renew their membership prior to the meeting, they will not be permitted to give a presentation. A replacement organization may be selected.

## 5. Use of Information

Information shared will be used to help identify and select presenters at the National Meeting. Other factors beyond the information submitted may also be considered when inviting presenters. If an organization is not selected to present at the National Meeting session, that decision is not meant to reflect any assessment of the promise of the technology or the organization.

## 6. Abbreviated List of Acronyms

NIIMBL	National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals
RFI	Request for Information