

NCTN RFA Renewal Evaluation Working Group

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NCTN RFA Renewal Evaluation Working Group (WG)

Rationale and Purpose

- An external NCTN evaluation is needed as part of the NCTN RFA renewal concept review package for SPL and BSA
 - Assess whether the scientific contributions of the NCTN support RFA reissuance
 - Develop recommendations for enhancing the scientific and operational functioning of the NCTN
- Given the large investment in the NCTN, NCI recommends the external review be conducted under the auspices of CTAC

NCTN RFA Renewal Evaluation

Distinctive Features

Evaluation of the NCTN for purposes of the RFA renewal is distinct from the strategic clinical trial portfolio assessment performed by the CTSA Working Group

- Provides a snapshot in time for progress since the issuance of the restructuring RFA (March 2014)
- Focused specifically on the overall scientific output of the NCTN Network
- Provides input on how the RFA might be modified for the next round including Network infrastructure, operations and overall scientific output

Implementation NCTN RFA Renewal Evaluation Working Group

- **Convened Fall 2016**
- **Membership Categories**
 - CTAC members
 - Cancer Center Directors
 - Biostatisticians
 - Patient Advocate
- **Membership Exclusions**
 - NCTN Members in leadership positions
- **Deliberations conducted October/November 2016**
- **Results reported to CTAC March 2017**

Proposed Process and Timeline

- July 2016: CTAC approval of an NCTN RFA Renewal Evaluation WG
- Summer 2016: Identification of WG chair and members
- July - October 2016: Information compiled for the WG by NCI staff
- September – October 2016: WG orientation and review of compiled information
- October/November 2016: In person WG meeting
- December 2016 – early February 2017: WG tasks completed
- March 2017: WG report presented to CTAC

Proposed Working Group Materials

- Questions the WG should address in evaluating the NCTN for purposes of the RFA renewal
- NCTN clinical trial highlights/practice changing trials/success stories provided by CTEP with input from the NCTN Groups
- List of trials activated or approved since March, 2014
- Accrual status of trials open to accrual at any time between March 2014 and September, 2016
- Accrual distribution across LAPS, NCORP, and Rostered Members
- Trial activation timelines for trials activated since March 2014
- Feedback obtained by CTEP staff at Town Hall meetings held during NCTN Group Meetings

Questions and Discussion

Requested Action

**Propose CTAC form a NCTN RFA Renewal
Evaluation Working Group**