

# A Future Perspective on the FNLCR

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# *Today's topics*

- Processes for going from current LBR contract to award of new contract
- Current & future activities at FNLCR

***Going from current contract with LBR to  
bridge award with LBR, to resumption of  
recompetition for new contract, and to  
award of new contract***

# ***Extension of current LBR contract***

- HHS OGC determined peer review of LBR proposal was needed prior to making bridge award
  - A technical evaluation had been conducted, but was deemed insufficient
- Compliance with peer review required extension of current contract to ensure no lapse in service

# ***Bridge contract award process***

- Peer review of proposed Bridge contract by DEA has been completed
- Making bridge award to LBR targeted for late 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 2019
  - Must be completed by August 2019
- Once awarded, bridge contract will have a 1 year base ordering period, with four 1-year optional ordering periods
  - Bridge contract must end by 2024; possible to end sooner



# *Initial recompetition steps*

- Resumption of initial full and open recompetition activities
  - Could include market research, release draft request for proposal, pre-proposal conference
  - This initial phase could begin after input from FNLAC
- Time estimate: will take at least 3 years from resumption of activities to making the new award

***Current and proposed future  
activities at FNLCR***

# ***Strengthening NCI-FNLCR interactions***

- Associate Director for Frederick
  - Search in progress (Toby Hecht, chair); Acting associate director for now
  - Regular meetings with FNLCR leadership, OSO & MOSB (Office of Scientific Operations; Management and Operations Support Branch)
  - Will also include regular meetings with Labs/Branches
- NCI DOCs (Divisions, Offices & Centers) working more closely with OSO, MOSB
- NCI & NIAID working together
- OSO has created several working groups to enhance communication and efficiency between NCI and FNLCR
  - Includes regular meetings between DOCs leadership and FNLCR leadership

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# *Special projects*

- Large scale projects that address an important biological or technological problem
  - A subset of special projects, where FNLCR would have a key role
  - Activity would have FNLCR component and extramural community component
- Through vetting and/or competitive process
  - FNLCAC could be involved in this process
- Projects would have a finite life-span, to make room for new projects

# ***FNLCR should serve as hub for technology development at FNLCR & in extramural community***

- **At FNLCR:** technology innovation
  - For emerging technologies: quality control, coordination, training, dissemination to community
  - For special technology (e.g., cryo-EM)
  - Conferences

## ***FNLCR should also serve technology development in extramural community***

- Cores would be established at institutions where cutting edge technologies are being developed to promote dissemination to the broader community
  - Possible examples: single cell genomic and cytof analyses, novel imaging modalities, GMP peptide facility
- Cores could be FNLCR facilities; would remain in place until technology is generally available, generally no more than 5 years
- Oversight: probably a combination of FNLAC & specific advisory committee

## ***New contract/contractor***

- A single contract covering administrative activities and scientific activities vs. two contracts?
- A corporate entity with an academic partner(s)?
- An academic entity?
- A corporate entity; academic partners are recruited for specific projects?

# ***Questions & Comments***