



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health

Good Morning,

I wanted to provide you with some exciting news out of ARPA-H. We have recently made several announcements that will advance our mission to bring transformative healthcare breakthroughs to the American people and accelerate better health outcomes for everyone. Collectively, the announcement herein indicate ARPA-H is Open for Business! We're wrapping up the stand-up phase of our growth and launching our technical efforts that will bring transformational biomedical solutions to all Americans.

Last October, I was sworn in as the first director of ARPA-H. Since that time, the team and I have been working hard to get the agency's business operations stood up so that we can hire Program Managers, issue solicitations, and begin the innovative programs that President Biden had in mind when he proposed ARPA-H. I was able to speak to this on Monday when I participated in an event with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy marking the release of the President's FY 2024 Budget, which can be seen [here](#).

March 15th is the first anniversary of ARPA-H's establishment in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. With the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, and the permanent authorization of ARPA-H, we are in a position to fulfill the bold, bipartisan vision for this agency and to accelerate the health outcomes of everyone. As we celebrate ARPA-H's first year together, I would like to share with you a few announcements.

1. We hired our first program managers and mission office directors;
2. ARPA-H announced the intention to establish three hubs in various geographic locations, each supporting a network of partners – or spokes – that will actively support the dynamic needs of ARPA-H programs. Hub site No. 1 will be in the National Capital Region and focus on stakeholder engagement and operations. The other two locations will be selected from proposals responding to a draft solicitation and located in unique geographies in the U.S.
3. We posted the agency's first funding opportunity announcement with an agency-wide Open Broad Agency Announcement; and
4. We unveiled a nationwide prize competition to identify and promote future health breakthroughs.

These announcements are only the beginning of the work before us. They lay the foundation as we work toward our mission, and we know we can count on your support along the way. Importantly, we encourage you to share our Open BAA, draft solicitation for ARPA-H hub and spoke sites, and information on the ARPA-H Dash

broadly to your constituents to ensure we have participation from throughout the country.

ARPA-H is going to be a nationwide agency. We will support the best and brightest ideas across the country and the world. We want to hear from you and your constituents. Please encourage those who are a good fit to explore these new opportunities.

Please view our recent press release that contains more information on these announcements [here](#). I also encourage you to visit our website, ARPA-H.gov, for additional details on each announcement.

Thank you for your support of this critical endeavor. Please reach out to our Director of Legislative and Government Affairs Barb Menard at barb.menard@arpa-h.gov if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renee Wegrzyn".

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