Technology Transfer at NIST

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NIST Technology Transfer

The overall process by which NIST knowledge, facilities, or capabilities in measurement science, standards and technology promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness in order to enhance economic security and improve quality of life.

NIST Technology and Work Products

- Participation in Documentary Standards Committees
- Standard Reference Data
- Standard Reference Materials
- Patents and Licensing
- Software and Other Downloadable Products
- Technical Publications

NIST Collaborations

- CRADAs
- User Facilities – Research Participants
- Postdoctoral Researchers
- Guest Researchers
- Start-ups and Young Companies
- Calibration
- Accreditation Services
- Small Business Innovation Research Conferences, Workshops, and Inquiries
- Competitions

Technology Transfer Policy Committee

Purpose: Establish a more conscious and comprehensive technology transfer strategy that will enhance the overall management of our scientific enterprise.

- Associate Director for Innovation & Industry Services (Chair)
- Associate Director for Laboratory Programs
- Director, NCNR (User Facility Representative)
- Director, MML (Measurement Laboratory Representative)
- Director, EL (Technology Laboratory Representative)
- Director, PCO
- Chief, Budget Division
- NIST Chief Counsel

Technology Transfer Policy Committee

Collaborations

- Reduced paperwork requirements
- Delegations to Division level
- Service Now

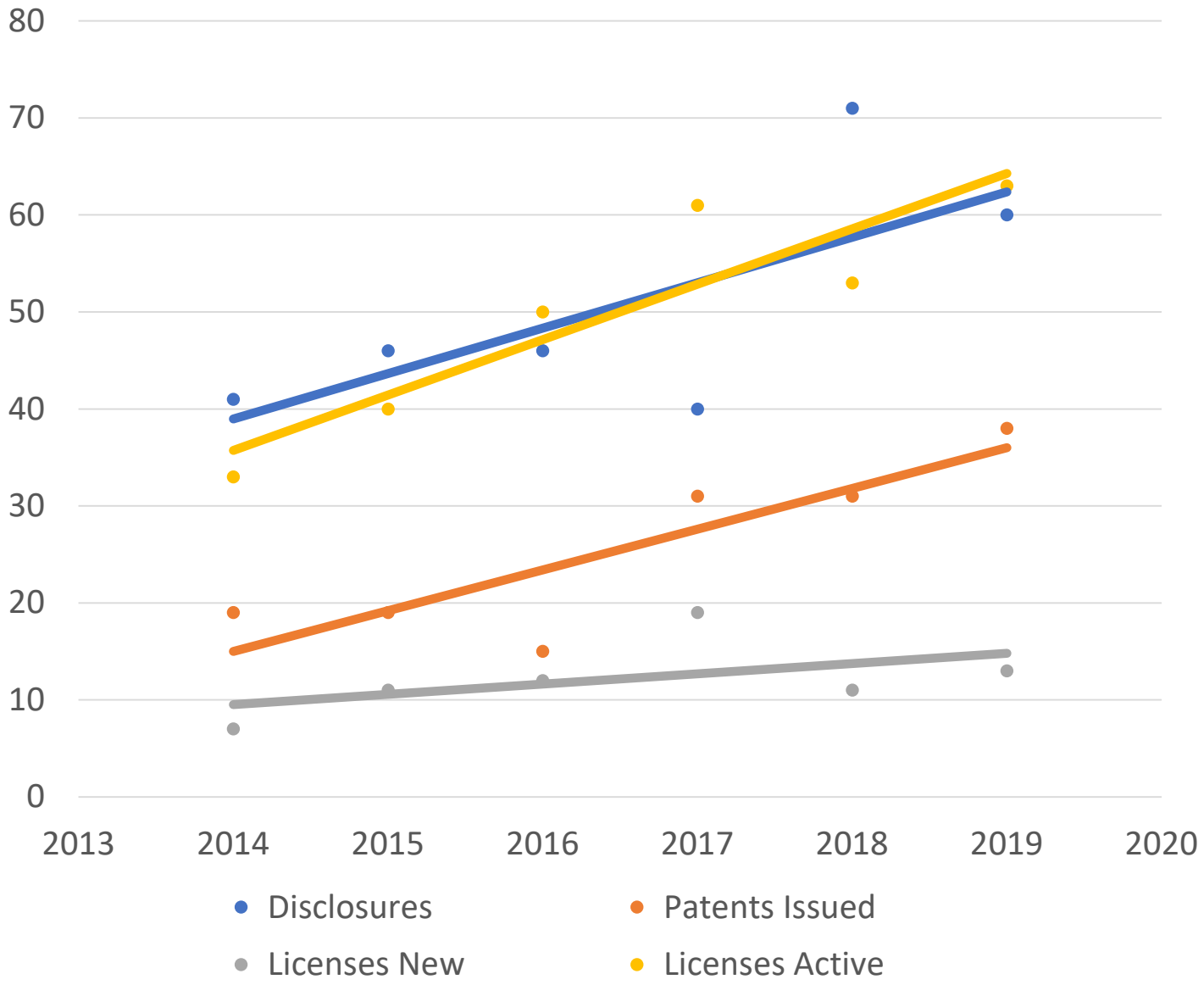
Disclosures

- Removed formal presentation
- Service Now

SBIR

- Topics on NIST priorities
- Increased Phase 2

Intellectual Property



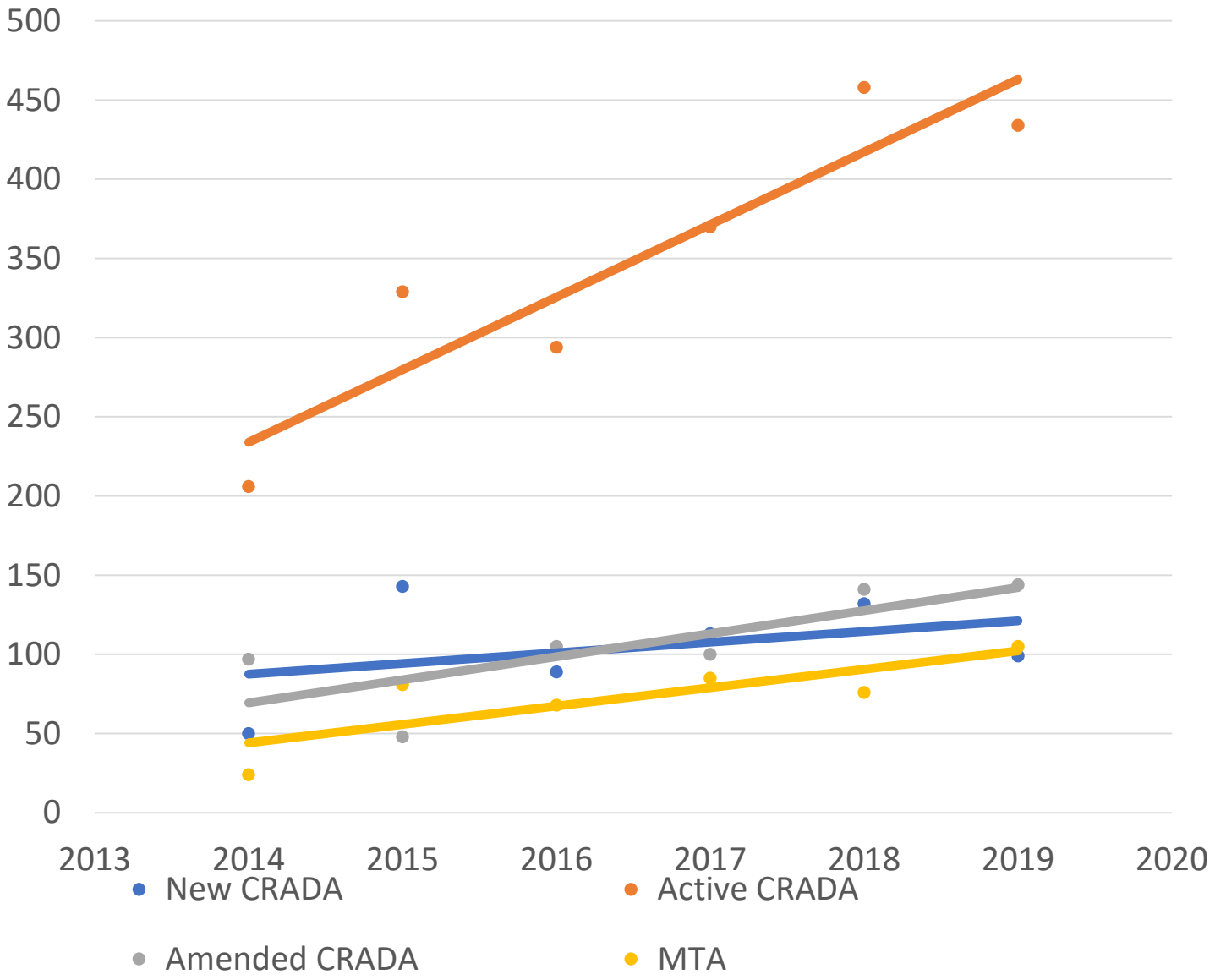
1. Continue to trend up across categories

2. Active licenses growing – major metric – up one third

3. Patent portfolio growing - issued patents up nearly double

4. Disclosures still key – up more than one third

Collaborations



1. Active CRADAs still very high – nearly double

2. Shift from consortia to more bilateral in 2019 – up a quarter

3. Amendments leveling double – relationships continuing

4. Material transfer becoming more important – more than double

Future Direction

Move to a more strategic approach to partnership and commercialization

NIST on a Chip Program Pilot

Increase focus on NIST strategic priorities

Increase customer service and program integration

Technology Maturation

- **Objective:** Develop a comprehensive pathway to support the development of NIST products and services toward commercialization and adoption by private companies for economic growth.
- **Proposal:**
- Strategic investment
  - Technology Maturation Accelerator Pilot
  - NIST Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Program (N-STEP)
  - NIST Small Business Innovation Research program (SBIR)
  - CRADAs

Technology Maturation Accelerator Pilot

What is the Goal?

- Accelerate maturation of emerging laboratory “technology” or “intellectual property” w/significant commercial promise by providing additional support for translational research necessary to *prove feasibility* and/or *build a laboratory-scale working prototype* with a basic or core set of features
- Pilot funding ($1.0M) to assess interest/demand and get feedback on whether a scaled-up program can be justified

How does it work?

- $1M will be made available to support new projects up to $250K; project must be completed in 12 months from date of award; funds must be obligated by September 30, 2020
- 90-day streamlined process for merit review and commercial assessment based on 3-page written proposals
- ADIIS and ADLP shortlist proposals for oral pitch (7 mins w/10 min Q&A) and make final selection decisions
- Reviewers of proposal and oral pitch will include experienced non-NIST entrepreneurs, investors, and technology managers

Who can participate?

- We are seeking proposals from all NIST Laboratories
- NIST associates are encouraged to participate on project teams
- Project leader must be a NIST employee; teams may designate co-project leaders

What are the Desired Outcomes?

- De-risk and advance technology readiness to evaluate commercial and impact potential of emerging technology
- Attract an industry partner interested in committing to collaborative development of the technology
- Collaborative development with industry partner provides path toward commercialization

N-STEP

- Partnership with TEDCO (PIA)
- Launched 18 Nov 2015
- Companies funded: 10 (7 new spinouts and 3 existing)
- Four States, MD, CO, IL, CA
- Six former Federal employees, Four Associates
- **Awards Funding: $1,120,000**

QUESTIONS?