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# Welcome to NIST

Working with industry and academia  
to enhance economic security and  
improve our quality of life

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# Brief Overview of NIST Congressionally Identified Projects Program FY 2026 Awards Cycle Q&A



# NIST Mission

To promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing **measurement science, standards, and technology** in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life.



We the People

# Measurements essential to commerce, trade, and innovation

Federal role established in the U.S. Constitution

Article I  
Section 2  
The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.  
Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and including Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at least one Representative, and until such Enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations five, Connecticut five, New York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware six, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.  
When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.  
The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers, and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

## NIST's Biggest Strength: Our Reputation

- › Technical excellence
- › Professional integrity
- › Uncompromising effort
- › Scientific rigor
- › Unbiased approach
- › Industry focus
- › Nonregulatory science mission



**NIST Nobel Laureates David Wineland,  
Eric Cornell, and Bill Phillips**

# Industry's National Laboratory

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**3,000+** Federal Employees



**3,000+** Associates



**5** Nobel Prizes



**10** Collaborative Institutes

Manufacturing Extension  
Partnership program



**400+** Businesses Using  
NIST Facilities

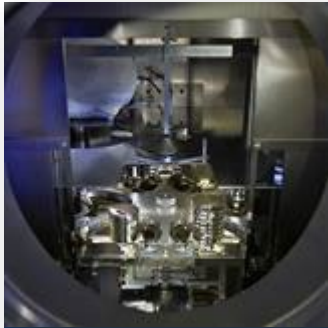


**2** Campuses  
Gaithersburg, Md (HQ)  
Boulder, Co

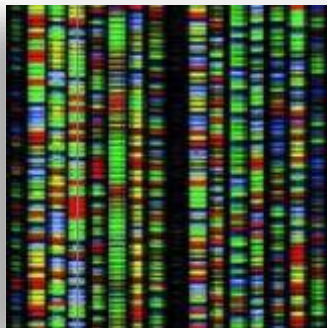


National Office for  
Manufacturing USA program

# NIST Laboratory Programs



Physical  
Measurement  
Laboratory



Material  
Measurement  
Laboratory



Information  
Technology  
Laboratory



Communication  
Technology  
Laboratory



Engineering  
Laboratory



NIST Center for  
Neutron  
Research

**Driving innovation  
through  
measurement  
science**

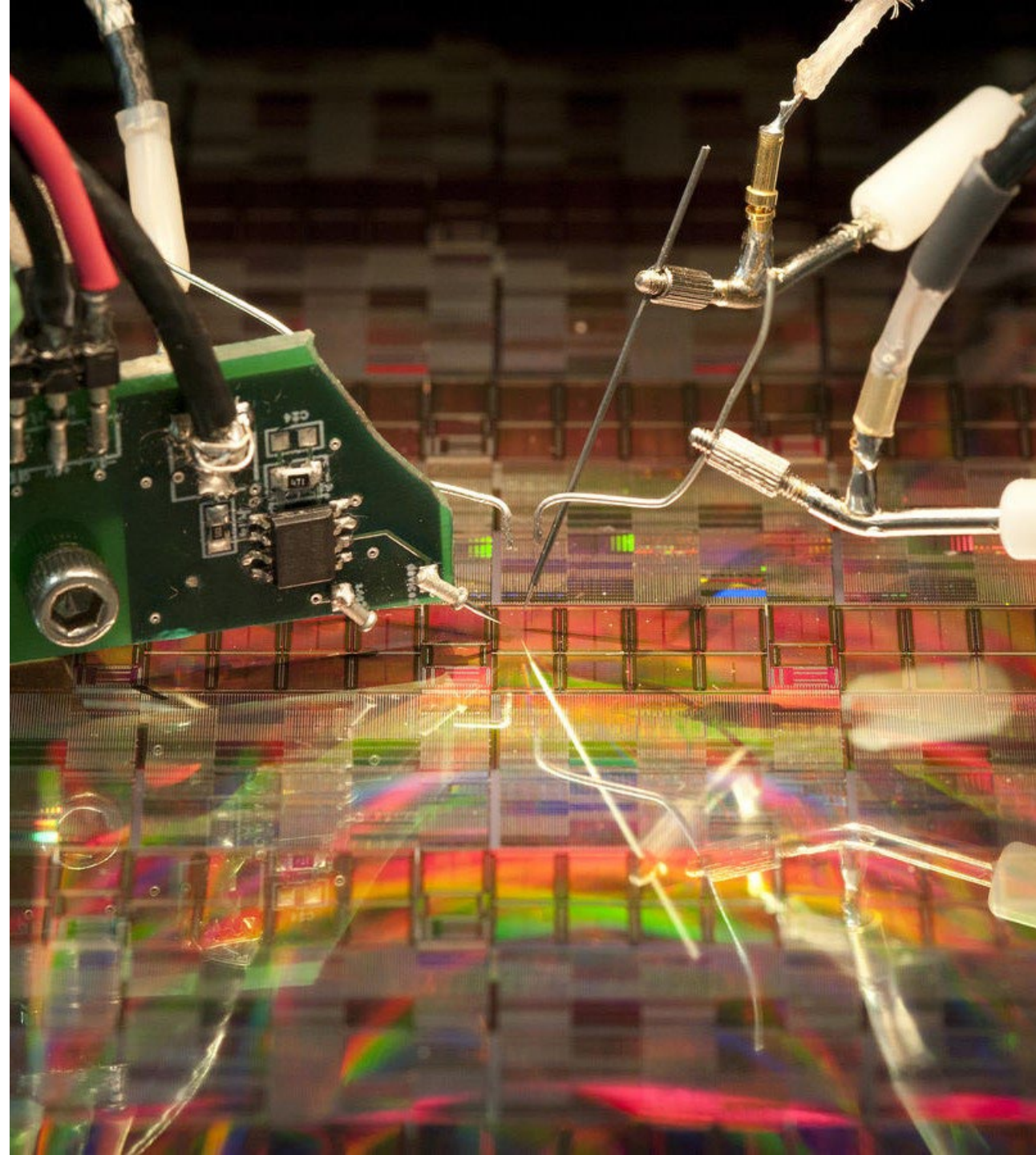
**Accelerating the  
adoption and  
deployment of  
advanced  
technology  
solutions**

**Providing  
world class,  
unique  
facilities**

<https://www.nist.gov/labs-major-programs>

# Accelerate Innovation in Critical & Emerging Technologies of the Future

- › Accelerate the Buildout and Scale-Up of the U.S. Quantum Industrial Base
- › Solidify American Dominance in AI Innovation
- › Harness the Power of Biotechnology
- › Grow U.S. Leadership in Semiconductors



# Bolster American Leadership in Standards

Leverage NIST's unique research and standards expertise while working with the private sector to advance American strength and agility in international standards development, especially within sectors of national importance.



# Unique Products and Services

**1,100** Standard Reference Material (SRM) products

**100+** Standard Reference Data (SRD) products

**550** measurement services

## Every year:

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**28,000** SRM units sold

**7,000+** calibration orders

**600** accreditations of testing and calibrations laboratories

**20,000** SRD products downloaded or purchased



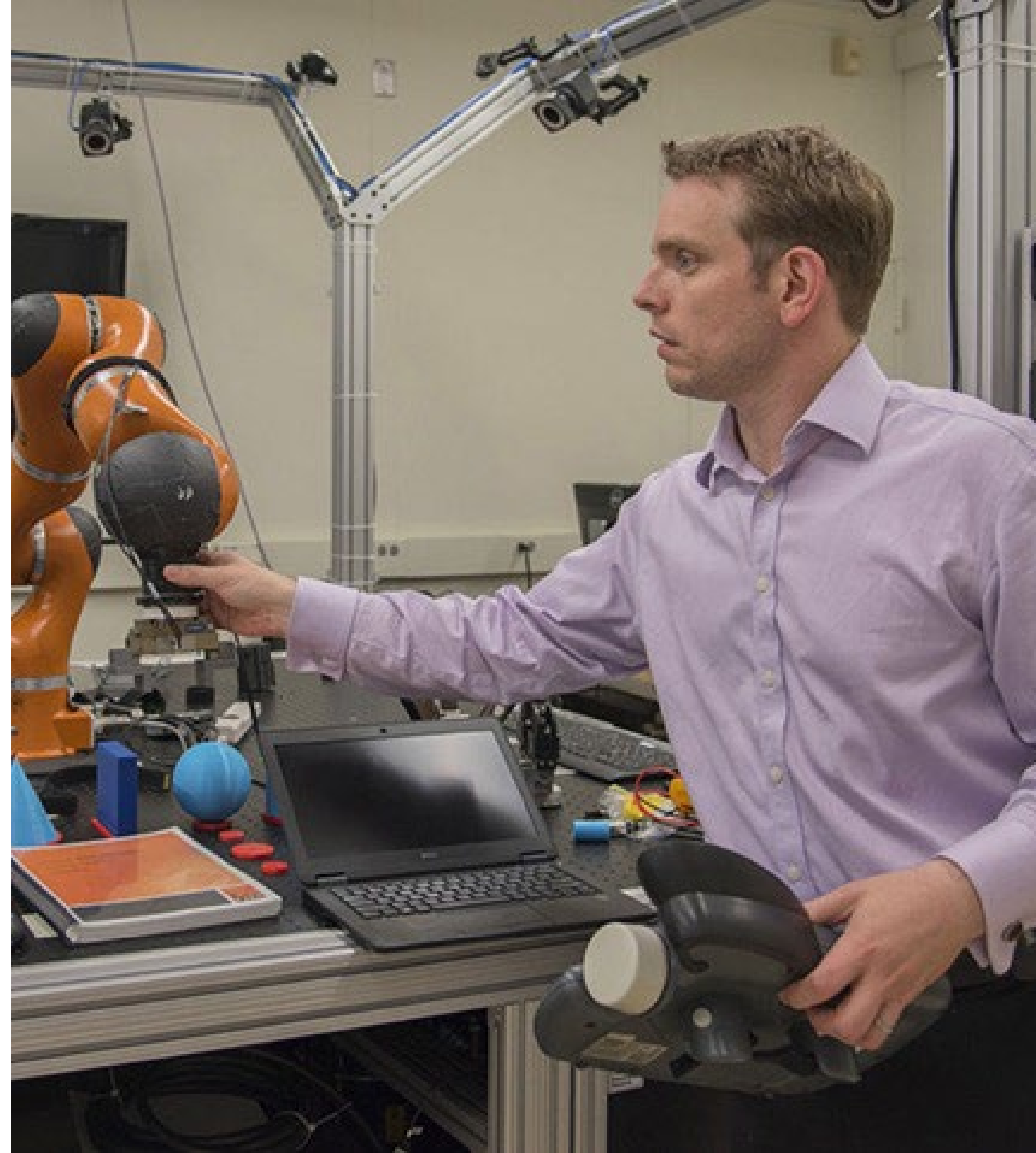
# Documentary Standards

**550+** NIST technical staff in  
**300+** standard committees on  
**3,000+** different standards activities

Leadership in **international  
standards** bodies

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NIST's technical expertise  
results in improved standards  
and U.S. competitiveness



# Congressionally Identified Projects Program

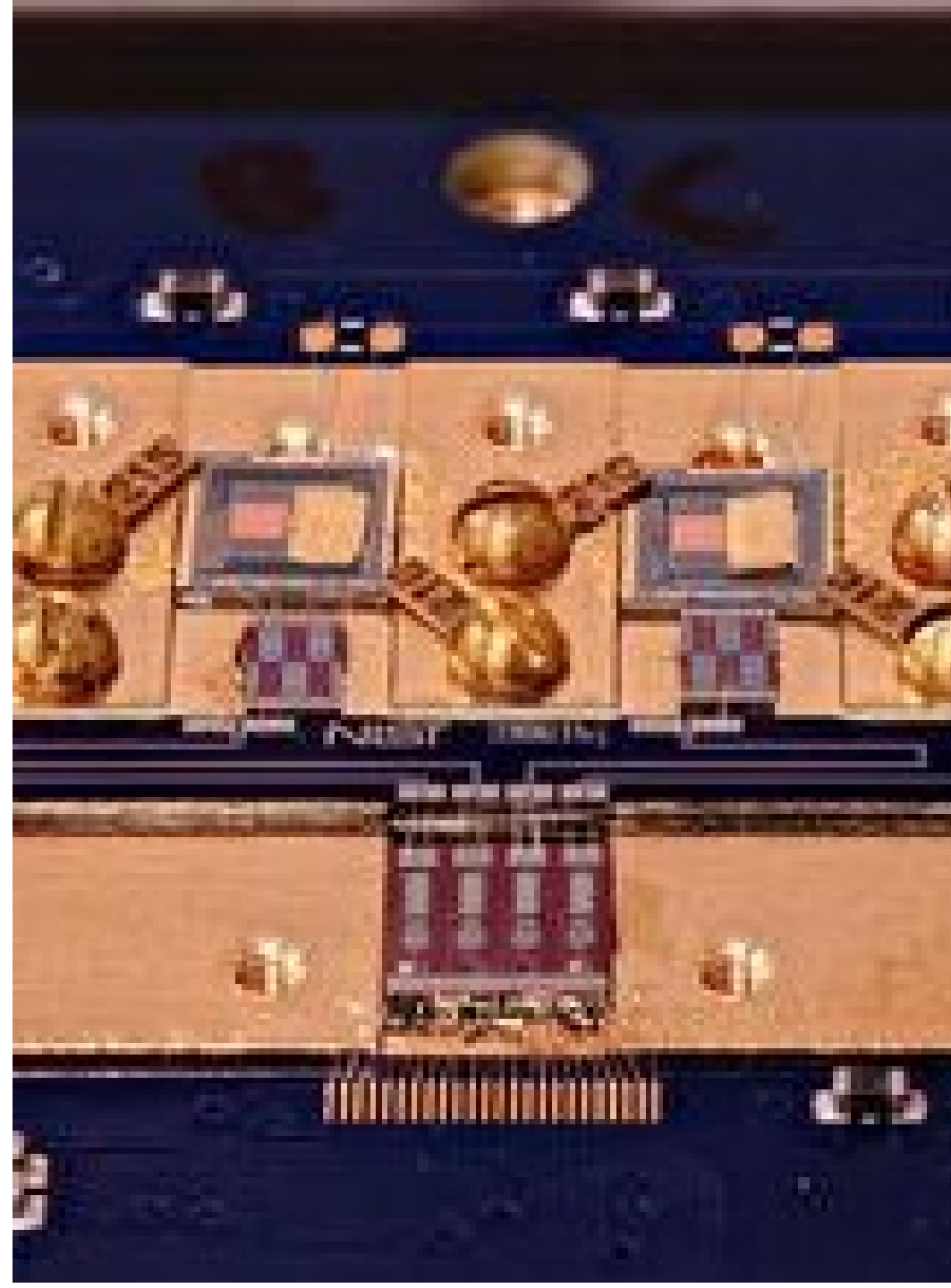
## CIPP Program Team

Kevin Kimball - Program Director  
Jody Sandel - Sr. Program Analyst  
Stacy Aspland – Administrative Specialist

## Technical Representatives from NIST Organizational Units

## Financial Assistance Agreements Management Office (FAAMO)

Gilbert Castillo – NIST Programs Lead  
Michael Teske – Team A  
Nuria Martinez – Team B  
Dean Iwasaki – Team C



# Congressionally Identified Projects Program



239 Projects totaling \$405.3M

Engagement with diverse set of Universities, Colleges, & Institutions

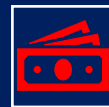
44 states and the District of Columbia represented

Projects funded in areas of mutual interest



FY24

118 projects totaling  
\$222,841,000



FY 23

30 projects totaling  
\$62,532,000



FY 22

20 projects totaling  
\$37,598,000

# Congressionally Identified Projects Program – General Information (cont)



## **Non-Competitive Award (CDS/Community Project):**

Some degree of flexibility with the project scope and budget but overall project outcome must be consistent with Appropriations Law.

## **Cost Share:**

Not required.

# Congressionally Identified Projects Program – General Information (cont)



## **Construction Activities:**

Not allowable. Example constructing a new building or major modifications.

Minor Modifications or Alterations are allowable (Discuss with NIST)

### **2 CFR 200.462(a):**

Costs incurred for ordinary and normal rearrangement and alteration of facilities are allowable as indirect costs. Special arrangements and alterations are allowable as a direct cost if the costs are incurred specifically for a Federal award and with the prior approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity.

### **DOC Grants Manual Citation**

Alterations that are incidental to the primary purpose of an award are generally not considered to constitute a construction award under this chapter. For example, if the primary purpose of an award is to allow a recipient to conduct educational or business seminars, the renovation of an educational exhibit or staging area would be considered an alteration and not considered construction.

# How to Apply – NOFO



The Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is anticipated to be released in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) April 2026 (a link to access the NOFO will be provided via email)

Identify the project by the same or similar title used in the Appropriations Act

Required forms and documents described in the NOFO

Earliest award date anticipated to be August 2026

30-Day application window- submit as soon as practicable- FIFO processing

# How to Apply – Grants.gov

- All Applications Submitted via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (No Paper Applications)
- Fillable Forms Completed in Grants.gov and Other Documents Uploaded into Grants.gov
  - ❖ Upload Documents to the SF-424 Box 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project (see Add Attachments button)
- Once NIST Receives the Application, Follow Up is via Email/Telephone Call
- Resources: [Grants.gov Online Help](#)  
Grants.gov Help Desk: 1-800-518-4726  
[Grants.gov Track My Application](#)  
[Check Application Status](#)

# Congressionally Identified Projects Program – Program Time-Line



- March – Initial Communication with recipients
- Early April – NIST Technical POC and Federal Program Officials identified
- April – Webinars for Recipients
- April – Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Issued on Grants.gov – 30 Day period begins (Estimate)
- May – Submission Deadline (or 30 days from NOFO publication)
- End of May through End of June – Projects Reviewed for Completeness and consistency with Congressional Intent
- Mid August through End of September – Project Awards Issued

# How to Apply – SAM.gov

- System for Award Management ([SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)) registration must be active
- Required for all recipients of Federal funding
- Grants.gov will hold application submission if registration not current
- First time/new registration Can Take More than 3 Weeks to Complete
- Resources: [SAM.gov Registration Information](#)  
[SAM.gov Live Chat](#)  
Federal Service Desk Help Desk: 1-866-606-8220

# Period of Performance

- Typically, 1-2 years but additional time may be requested
- Justify the period of performance in the application as needed
- Must not exceed 5 Years
- NIST anticipates the earliest awards will be processed is August 2026, so please take this into account when selecting a proposed start date
- Bi-annual progress and financial reports are due for periods ending 03/31 and 09/30

- Budget Reviewed Against Cost Principles [2 CFR 200, Subpart E](#)
- Pre-Award Costs
  - Costs Incurred Prior to the Period of Performance May be Allowable
  - Costs Should be in Accordance with [2 CFR 200.458](#)
- Construction
  - Construction Not Allowable, however Minor Alterations May be Allowable
  - Build America Buy America Requirements and/or Environmental Review May Apply. See Commerce website for details on Financial Assistance Policy:  
<https://www.commerce.gov/oam/policy/financial-assistance-policy>
- Indirect Costs
  - Follow Internal Processes for Inclusion of Indirect Costs
  - Guidelines Included in the NOFO
  - Alternatives: De Minimis Indirect Rate (see 2 CFR 200.414(f)) or Include Costs as Direct

- Personnel Costs (SF 424A)
  - Compensation of personnel from the applicant organization only
  - Do NOT include consultants, contractors, and subrecipients under this category
- Contractual Costs (SF 424A)
  - This section of the SF 424A should include third-party evaluation contracts, procurement contracts, and subawards.
  - Costs related to individual consultants should be listed in the “Other” category
  - Leasing agreements should be listed in this section
  - Do NOT include real property owned by the recipient
  - If no contract costs anticipated, leave blank.

## Contact information

- CIPP Program Office
- [Email: CIPP@NIST.gov](mailto:CIPP@NIST.gov)
- [Website: https://www.nist.gov/cds](https://www.nist.gov/cds)
  
- **FAAMO**
- Email: [NOFO@nist.gov](mailto:NOFO@nist.gov) with “2026-NIST-CIPP-01” in the subject line.
  
- Website: [www.nist.gov/oaam/financial-assistance-agreements-management-office](http://www.nist.gov/oaam/financial-assistance-agreements-management-office)





# Questions?



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