

# **I. OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**Program Announcement for the Department of Defense**

**Defense Health Program**

**Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs**

**Reconstructive Transplant Research Program**

**Concept Award**

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## **SUBMISSION AND REVIEW DATES AND TIMES**

- **Pre-Application Submission Deadline:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET), November 15, 2017
- **Application Submission Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. ET, December 6, 2017
- **End of Application Verification Period:** 5:00 p.m. ET, December 11, 2017
- **Peer Review:** February 2018
- **Programmatic Review:** March 2018

*This Program Announcement must be read in conjunction with the General Application Instructions, version 20170516. The General Applications Instructions document is available for downloading from the Grants.gov funding opportunity announcement by selecting the “Package” tab, clicking “Preview,” and then selecting “Download Instructions.”*

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## **II. DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

### **II.A. Program Description**

Applications to the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Reconstructive Transplant Research Program (RTRP) are being solicited for the Defense Health Agency (DHA) J9, Research and Development Directorate, by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) using delegated authority provided by United States Code, Title 10, Section 2358 (10 USC 2358). As directed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD[HA]), the DHA manages the Defense Health Program (DHP) Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) appropriation. The execution management agent for this Program Announcement is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).

The RTRP was initiated in 2012 to provide support for research of exceptional scientific merit that has the potential to make a significant impact on improving the function, wellness, and overall quality of life for injured military Service members and Veterans, their caregivers and family members, and the American public. Appropriations for the RTRP from FY12 through FY16 totaled \$57 million (M). The FY17 appropriation is \$12M.

The RTRP challenges the scientific community to design innovative research that will foster new directions for, and address neglected issues in, the field of reconstructive transplantation, specifically, vascularized composite allotransplantation (VCA)-focused research, also known as composite tissue allotransplantation. VCA refers to the transplantation of multiple tissues such as muscle, bone, nerve, and skin, and as a functional unit (e.g., a hand or face) from a deceased donor to a recipient with a severe injury. The RTRP closely aligns with the Joint Program Committee 8/Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine Research Program (JPC-8/CRM RP) mission to implement long-term strategies to develop knowledge and materiel products to reconstruct, rehabilitate, and provide definitive care for injured Service members. The ultimate goal for both the RTRP and JPC-8/CRM RP is to return injured Service members to duty and restore their quality of life.

Applications from investigators within the military Services and applications involving multi-institutional and multidisciplinary collaborations among academia, industry, the military Services, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and other Federal Government agencies are highly encouraged. Though the RTRP award mechanisms support groundbreaking research, all projects must demonstrate solid scientific rationale with military-relevant utility.

#### **II.A.1. FY17 RTRP Focus Areas**

To meet the intent of the FY17 RTRP Concept Award mechanism, applicants **must** address at least one of the Focus Areas listed below.

- Immune system regulation as specifically applied to VCA
  - Understanding mechanisms of acute and chronic immune rejection
  - Immunomodulation approaches and mechanisms
  - Optimizing immunosuppressive drug regimens
- Psychosocial considerations and challenges associated with VCA, including but not limited to:
  - Development of quality-of-life measures
  - Return to full participation in community life
  - Criteria for impacting successful patient selection
  - Factors influencing donor registration and authorization
- Development of ex vivo VCA tissue preservation strategies to extend the time between procurement and transplantation, with a goal of 24 hours
  - Novel perfusates and suspended metabolism are encouraged
  - Strategies beyond incremental improvements in pump technologies are encouraged
- Development of pre-habilitation or rehabilitation strategies that improve reconstructive transplant functional outcomes
- Development of standardized quantitative functional outcome measures for VCA, especially for face transplant
- Graft clinical monitoring – acute and chronic, as applied to VCA
  - Development of non-invasive advanced imaging technologies
  - Development of biomarker profiles and methods for early reliable detection of graft rejection

## **II.B. Award Information**

The RTRP Concept Award mechanism was first offered in FY15. Since then, 67 Concept Award applications have been received, and 14 have been recommended for funding.

The intent of the FY17 RTRP Concept Award is *to support the exploration of a highly innovative new concept or untested theory* that addresses an important problem relevant to reconstructive transplantation. The Concept Award is not intended to support a logical progression of an already established research project, but instead, supports high-risk studies that

have the potential to reveal entirely new avenues for investigation. Young/early-career investigators are encouraged to apply.

**New for FY17: Investigators at or above the level of postdoctoral fellow are eligible to apply.**

***Presentation of preliminary data is not allowed.*** However, a rationale for the proposed work must be provided. ***Reviewers at both tiers of review will be blinded to the identity of the Principal Investigator (PI), collaborators, and their organizations.*** Applications that identify the PI, collaborators, or their organizations in certain components of the application (e.g., Project Narrative; references cited; List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols; see [Section II.D, Application and Submission Information](#), for details) will be rejected for noncompliance. A document describing common blinding mistakes to avoid can be found on the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>).

The anticipated total costs budgeted for the entire period of performance for an FY17 RTRP Concept Award will not exceed \$200,000. Refer to [Section II.D.5, Funding Restrictions](#), for detailed funding information.

**Use of Human Subjects and Human Biological Substances:** All DoD-funded research involving new and ongoing research with human anatomical substances, human subjects, or human cadavers must be reviewed and approved by the USAMRMC Office of Research Protections (ORP) Human Research Protection Office (HRPO) prior to research implementation. This administrative review requirement is in addition to the local Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Ethics Committee (EC) review.

Because the FY17 Concept Award is designed for preliminary investigations, projects involving human subjects or specimens will not be supported unless they are exempt under Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219, Section 101(b) (32 CFR 219.101[b]) or eligible for expedited review under 32 CFR 219.110 or 21 CFR 56.110. ***Studies that do not qualify for exempt status or expedited review will be administratively withdrawn and will not be funded.*** For studies using only commercially available unidentified specimens, a Claim of Exemption Form will be requested. Additional information regarding exempt status may be found on the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) ORP HRPO website ([https://mrmc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm?pageid=research\\_protections\\_orp\\_faq](https://mrmc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm?pageid=research_protections_orp_faq)). Projects using samples/data collected under a project (or protocol) that is not supported by this proposal should be submitted as a stand-alone protocol specific to the proposed project to the IRB for a determination of research not involving human subjects, exemption or meets eligibility criteria for approval by expedited review process. ***It is expected that HRPO Approval or Determination will be obtained within 3 months of award initiation.***

**Research Involving Animals:** All Department of Defense (DoD)-funded research involving new and ongoing research with animals must be reviewed and approved by the USAMRMC ORP Animal Care and Use Review Office (ACURO), in addition to the local Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of record. IACUC approval at the time of submission is ***not*** required. Specific documents relating to the use of animals in the proposed

research will be requested if the application is selected for funding. The ACURO must review and approve all animal use prior to the start of working with animals, including amendments to ongoing projects. PIs must submit the institutional animal use protocol, IACUC approval of that protocol, and a version of the animal use appendix titled “Research Involving Animals.” ***Allow at least 2 to 3 months for ACURO regulatory review and approval processes for animal studies.*** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, for additional information.

**DoD and VA Collaboration and Alignment Encouraged:** Relevance to the healthcare needs of the Armed Forces and Veterans, as well as their family members, caregivers, or clinicians, is a key feature of this award. Therefore, PIs are strongly encouraged to collaborate, integrate, and/or align their research projects with military and/or VA research laboratories and programs. The following websites may be useful in identifying information about ongoing DoD and VA areas of research interest:

Air Force Research Laboratory  
<http://www.wpafb.af.mil/afrl>

Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative  
Medicine  
<http://www.afirm.mil>

Center for Neuroscience and Regenerative  
Medicine  
<http://www.usuhs.mil/cnrm/>

Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine  
Research Program  
<https://crmrp.amedd.army.mil>

Combat Casualty Care Research Program  
<https://ccc.amedd.army.mil>

Congressionally Directed Medical Research  
Programs  
<http://cdmrp.army.mil>

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency  
<http://www.darpa.mil>

Defense Health Agency (DHA) J9,  
Research and Development Directorate  
<https://health.mil/About-MHS/Defense-Health-Agency/Research-and-Development>

Defense Technical Information Center  
<http://www.dtic.mil>

Military Infectious Diseases Research  
Program  
<https://midrp.amedd.army.mil>

Military Operational Medicine Research  
Program  
<https://momrp.amedd.army.mil>

National Center for Telehealth and  
Technology  
<http://t2health.org/>

National Museum of Health and Medicine  
<http://www.medicalmuseum.mil/index.cfm>

Naval Health Research Center  
<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhrc>

Navy and Marine Corps Public Health  
Center  
<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc>

Office of Naval Research  
<http://www.onr.navy.mil>

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense  
for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics  
<http://www.acq.osd.mil/>

U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition  
Activity  
<https://www.usamraa.army.mil/>

U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel  
Command  
<https://mrmc.amedd.army.mil>

U.S. Army Research Laboratory  
<http://www.arl.army.mil>

U.S. Department of Defense Blast Injury  
Research Program  
<https://blastinjuryresearch.amedd.army.mil/>

U.S. Naval Research Laboratory  
<https://www.nrl.navy.mil>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
Office of Research and Development  
<http://www.research.va.gov>

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research  
<http://www.wrair.army.mil/>

The CDMRP intends that information, data, and research resources generated under awards funded by this Program Announcement be made available to the research community (which includes both scientific and consumer advocacy communities) and to the public at large. For additional guidance, refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section K.

Awards will be made no later than September 30, 2018. For additional information refer to [Section II.F.1, Federal Award Notices](#).

## **II.C. Eligibility Information**

### **II.C.1. Eligible Applicants**

**II.C.1.a. Organization: All organizations, including international organizations, are eligible to apply.**

**Government Agencies within the United States:** Local, state, and Federal Government agencies are eligible to the extent that applications do not overlap with their fully funded internal programs. Such agencies are required to explain how their applications do not overlap with their internal programs.

As applications for this Program Announcement may be submitted by extramural and intramural organizations, these terms are defined below.

**Extramural Organization:** An eligible non-DoD organization. Examples of extramural organizations include academia, biotechnology companies, foundations, Government, and research institutes. *Extramural Submission: Application submitted by a non-DoD organization to Grants.gov.*

**Intramural DoD Organization:** A DoD laboratory, DoD military treatment facility, and/or DoD activity embedded within a civilian medical center. *Intramural Submission: Application submitted by a DoD organization for an intramural investigator who is a DoD military or civilian employee working within a DoD laboratory or military treatment facility or in a DoD activity embedded within a civilian medical center.*

**Note:** Applications from an intramural organization or from an extramural non-DoD Federal organization may be submitted through a research foundation.

The USAMRAA makes awards to eligible organizations, not to individuals.

### **II.C.1.b. Principal Investigator:**

Investigators at or above the level of postdoctoral fellow (or equivalent) are eligible to apply.

An eligible PI, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or citizenship status, must be employed by, or affiliated with, an eligible organization.

The CDMRP encourages all PIs to participate in a digital identifier initiative through Open Researcher and Contributor ID, Inc. (ORCID). Registration for a unique ORCID identifier can be done online at <http://orcid.org/>.

### **II.C.2. Cost Sharing**

Cost sharing/matching is not an eligibility requirement.

### **II.C.3. Other**

All organizations must be able to access **.gov** and **.mil** websites in order to fulfill the financial and technical deliverable requirements of the award and submit invoices for payment.

For general information on required qualifications for award recipients, refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 3.

Refer to [Section II.H.2, Administrative Actions](#), for a list of administrative actions that may be taken if a pre-application or application does not meet the administrative, eligibility, or ethical requirements defined in this Program Announcement.

## **II.D. Application and Submission Information**

***Submission of applications that are essentially identical or propose essentially the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year is prohibited and will result in administrative withdrawal of the duplicative application(s).***

***Extramural Submission*** is defined as an application submitted by a non-DoD organization to Grants.gov.

***Intramural Submission*** is defined as an application submitted by a DoD organization for an intramural investigator, who is a DoD military or civilian employee working within a DoD laboratory or military treatment facility, or working in a DoD activity embedded within a civilian medical center.

## **II.D.1. Address to Request Application Package**

**Submitting Extramural and Intramural Organizations:** Pre-application content and forms can be accessed at eBRAP (<https://eBRAP.org>).

**Submitting Extramural Organizations:** Full application packages can be accessed at Grants.gov.

**Submitting Intramural DoD Organizations:** Full application packages can be accessed at eBRAP.org.

Contact information for the CDMRP Help Desk and the Grants.gov Contact Center can be found in [Section II.G, Federal Awarding Agency Contacts](#).

## **II.D.2. Content and Form of the Application Submission**

Submission is a two-step process requiring both pre-application and full application as indicated below. The submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. There are no grace periods.

**Pre-application Submission:** All pre-applications for both extramural and intramural organizations must be submitted through eBRAP (<https://eBRAP.org/>).

eBRAP is a multifunctional web-based system that allows PIs to submit their pre-applications electronically through a secure connection, to view and edit the content of their pre-applications and full applications, to receive communications from the CDMRP, and to submit documentation during award negotiations and period of performance.

**Full Application Submission:** Full applications must be submitted through the online portals as described below.

**Submitting Extramural Organizations:** Full applications from extramural organizations must be submitted through Grants.gov. Applications submitted by extramural organizations (e.g., research foundations) on behalf of intramural DoD or other Federal organizations or investigators will be considered extramural submissions.

**Submitting Intramural DoD Organizations:** Intramural DoD organizations may submit full applications to either eBRAP or Grants.gov. Intramural DoD organizations that are unable to submit to Grants.gov should submit through eBRAP. Intramural DoD organizations with the capability to submit through Grants.gov may submit following the instructions for extramural submissions through Grants.gov or may submit to eBRAP. Applications from extramural organizations, including non-DoD Federal organizations, received through eBRAP will be withdrawn. See definitions in [Section II.C.1, Eligible Applicants](#).

eBRAP allows intramural organizations to submit full applications following pre-application submission.

***For both Extramural and Intramural applicants:*** A key feature of eBRAP is the ability of an organization’s representatives and PIs to view and modify the full application submissions associated with them. eBRAP will validate full application files against the specific Program Announcement requirements and discrepancies will be noted in an email to the PI and in the Full Application Files tab in eBRAP. It is the applicant’s responsibility to review all application components for accuracy as well as ensure proper ordering as specified in this Program Announcement.

The application title, eBRAP log number, and all information for the PI, Business Official(s), performing organization, and contracting organization must be consistent throughout the entire pre-application and application submission process. Inconsistencies may delay application processing and limit or negate the ability to view, modify, and verify the application in eBRAP. If any changes need to be made, the applicant should contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507 prior to the application deadline.

#### **II.D.2.a. Step 1: Pre-Application Submission Content**

**During the pre-application process, each submission is assigned a unique log number by eBRAP. This unique eBRAP log number will be needed during the full application submission process.**

To begin the pre-application process, first select whether the submitting organization is extramural or intramural, then confirm your selection or cancel. **Incorrect selection of extramural or intramural submission type may result in delays in processing.**

If an error has been made in the selection of extramural versus intramural and the pre-application submission deadline has passed, the PI or Business Official must contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

All pre-application components must be submitted by the PI through eBRAP (<https://eBRAP.org>).

PIs and organizations identified in the pre-application should be the same as those intended for the subsequent application submission. If any changes are necessary after submission of the pre-application, the PI must contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

The pre-application consists of the following components, which are organized in eBRAP by separate tabs (refer to the General Application Instructions, Section II.B, for additional information on pre-application submission):

- **Tab 1 – Application Information**
- **Tab 2 – Application Contacts**

Enter contact information for the PI. Enter the organization’s Business Official responsible for sponsored program administration (the “person to be contacted on matters involving this application” in Block 5 of the Grants.gov SF424 (R&R) Form). The Business Official must be either selected from the eBRAP list or invited in order for the pre-application to be submitted.

Select the performing organization (site at which the PI will perform the proposed work) and the contracting organization (organization submitting on behalf of the PI, which corresponds to Block 5 on the Grants.gov SF424 (R&R) Form), and click on “*Add Organizations to this Pre-application.*” The organization(s) must be either selected from the eBRAP drop-down list or invited in order for the pre-application to be submitted.

It is recommended that PIs identify an Alternate Submitter in the event that assistance with pre-application submission is needed.

- **Tab 3 – Collaborators and Key Personnel**

Enter the name, organization, and role of all collaborators and key personnel associated with the application.

[FY17 RTRP Programmatic Panel members](#) should not be involved in any pre-application or application. For questions related to panel members and pre-applications or applications, refer to [Section II.H.2.c, Withdrawal](#), or contact the CDMRP Help Desk at [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org) or 301-682-5507.

To preserve the integrity of its peer and programmatic review processes, the CDMRP discourages inclusion of any employee of its review contractors having any role in pre-application or application preparation, research, or other duties for submitted pre-applications or applications. For FY17, the identities of the peer review contractor and the programmatic review contractor may be found at the CDMRP website (<http://cdmrp.army.mil/about/2tierRevProcess>). Pre-applications or applications that include names of personnel from either of these companies will be administratively withdrawn unless plans to manage conflicts of interest (COIs) are provided and deemed appropriate by the Grants Officer. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 3, for detailed information.

- **Tab 4 – Conflicts of Interest**

List all individuals other than collaborators and key personnel who may have a COI in the review of the application (including those with whom the PI has a personal or professional relationship). Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 3, Section C, for further information regarding COIs.

- **Tab 5 – Pre-Application Files**

- **Letter of Intent (LOI) (one-page limit):** Provide a brief description of the research to be conducted. Include the FY17 RTRP Focus Area(s) under which the application will be submitted. LOIs are used for program planning purposes only (e.g., reviewer recruitment) and will not be reviewed during either the peer or programmatic review sessions.

- **Tab 6 – Submit Pre-Application**

This tab must be completed for the pre-application to be accepted and processed.

**II.D.2.b. Step 2: Full Application Submission Content**

*All contributors and administrators to the application must use matching compatible versions of Adobe software when editing and preparing application components. The use of different software versions will result in corruption of the submitted file. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for details on compatible Adobe software.*

*The CDMRP cannot make allowances/exceptions to its policies for submission problems encountered by the applicant organization using system-to-system interfaces with Grants.gov.*

Each application submission must include the completed full application package for this Program Announcement. The full application package is submitted by the Authorized Organizational Representative through Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/>) for extramural organizations or through eBRAP (<https://ebrap.org/>) for intramural organizations. See Table 1 below for more specific guidelines.

**II.D.2.b.i. Full Application Guidelines**

Extramural organizations, including non-DoD Federal agencies, must submit full applications through Grants.gov. Submissions of extramural applications through eBRAP may be withdrawn.

**Table 1. Full Application Submission Guidelines**

Extramural Submissions	Intramural DoD Submissions
<b>Application Package Location</b>	
Download application package components for W81XWH-17-RTRP-CA from Grants.gov ( <a href="http://www.grants.gov">http://www.grants.gov</a> ).	Download application package components for W81XWH-17-RTRP-CA from eBRAP ( <a href="https://ebrap.org">https://ebrap.org</a> ).
<b>Full Application Package Components</b>	
<b>SF424 (R&amp;R) Application for Federal Assistance Form:</b> Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.1, for detailed information.	<b>Tab 1 – Summary:</b> Provide a summary of the application information. <b>Tab 2 – Application Contacts:</b> This tab will be pre-populated by eBRAP; add Authorized Organizational Representative.
Descriptions of each required file can be found under Full Application Submission Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Attachments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Research &amp; Related Budget</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">R&amp;R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form</a> (if applicable)</li> </ul>	<b>Tab 3 – Full Application Files:</b> Upload files under each Application Component in eBRAP. Descriptions of each required file can be found under Full Application Submission Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Attachments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Key Personnel</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Budget</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Performance Sites</a></li> </ul>

Extramural Submissions	Intramural DoD Submissions
	<b>Tab 4 – Application and Budget Data:</b> Review and edit proposed project start date, proposed end date, and budget data pre-populated from the Budget Form.
<b>Application Package Submission</b>	
<b>Submit package components to Grants.gov (<a href="https://www.grants.gov">https://www.grants.gov</a>).</b> If either the Project Narrative or the budget fails eBRAP validation or if the Project Narrative or the budget need to be modified, an updated Grants.gov application package must be submitted via Grants.gov as a “Changed/Corrected Application” with the previous Grants.gov Tracking ID prior to the application submission deadline.	<b>Submit package components to eBRAP (<a href="https://ebrap.org">https://ebrap.org</a>).</b> <b>Tab 5 – Submit/Request Approval Full Application:</b> After all components are uploaded and prior to the full application submission deadline, enter your password in the space provided “Enter Your Password Here” and press the “Submit Full Application” button. eBRAP will notify your Resource Manager/Comptroller or equivalent Business Official by email to log into eBRAP to review and to approve prior to the application submission deadline.
<b><u><a href="#">Application Verification Period</a></u></b>	
The full application package submitted to Grants.gov may be viewed and modified in eBRAP until the end of the application verification period. During the application verification period, the full application package, <b><i>with the exception of the Project Narrative and Budget Form,</i></b> may be modified.	After eBRAP has processed the full application, the organizational Resource Manager/Comptroller or equivalent Business Official and PI will receive an email notification of this status and will be able to view and modify application components in eBRAP. During the application verification period, the full application package, <b><i>with the exception of the Project Narrative and Budget Form,</i></b> may be modified.
<b>Further Information</b>	
Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for further information regarding Grants.gov requirements.	Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV, for further information regarding eBRAP requirements.

***The organization’s Business Official or Authorized Organization Representative (or Resource Manager/Comptroller) should approve/verify the full application submission prior to the application verification deadline.***

Application viewing, modification, and verification in eBRAP are strongly recommended, but not required. ***The Project Narrative and Budget cannot be changed after the application submission deadline.*** Prior to the full application deadline, a corrected or modified full application package may be submitted. Other application components may be changed until the

end of the application verification period. After the end of the application verification period, the full application cannot be modified.

***Material submitted after the end of the application verification period, unless specifically requested by the Government, will not be forwarded for processing.***

***Reviewers will be blinded to the identity of the PI, collaborators, and their organization(s).*** Due to the blinded nature of the review process, identifying or making references to the PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s) in the Project Narrative, List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols, Statement of Work, etc., is prohibited and will result in administrative rejection of the application. In addition, the use of “I,” “we,” “our,” “this organization,” or similar phrases that refer to the PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s) through the references listed, or the use of formatting (e.g., bolding, underlining, names in headers/footers), inclusion of citations to unpublished manuscripts, inclusion of URLs, or in any other way highlighting the names of the PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s), is prohibited and will result in administrative rejection of the application.

Although required, Research & Related Budget, R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form (if applicable), biographical sketch, previous/current/pending support, DoD Military Budget Form(s) (if applicable), and Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form will not be forwarded for peer review or programmatic review. These documents will be used for administrative purposes only.

The full application package must be submitted using the unique eBRAP log number to avoid delays in application processing.

#### **II.D.2.b.ii. Full Application Submission Components:**

- **Extramural Applications Only –**

**SF424 (R&R) Application for Federal Assistance Form:** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.1, for detailed information.

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications –**

**Attachments:**

***Each attachment to the full application components must be uploaded as an individual file in the format specified and in accordance with the formatting guidelines listed in the General Application Instructions, Appendix 4.***

For all attachments, ensure that the file names are consistent with the guidance. Attachments will be rejected if the file names are longer than 50 characters or incorrect file names that contain characters other than the following: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore, hyphen, space, and period. In addition, there are file size limits that may apply in some circumstances. Individual attachments may not exceed 20 MB and the file size for the entire full application package may not exceed 200 MB.

- **Attachment 1: Project Narrative (two-page limit):** Upload as “ProjectNarrative.pdf.” The page limit of the Project Narrative applies to text and non-text elements (e.g., figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, drawings) used to describe the project. Inclusion of URLs that provide additional information to expand the Project Narrative and could confer an unfair competitive advantage is prohibited and may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.

Due to the blinded nature of the review process, identifying or making references to the PI, collaborators, or their organization(s) in the Project Narrative is prohibited and will result in administrative rejection of the application.

Describe the proposed project in detail using the outline below.

- **Innovation:** Describe how the proposed research is innovative and has the potential to reveal new avenues for investigation in reconstructive transplantation. Innovation should be the primary feature of the proposed study.
  - **Hypothesis/Rationale/Purpose:** State the hypothesis/purpose of the proposed research, and provide the rationale. Do not include preliminary data.
  - **Objectives:** State concisely the specific aims and objectives of the proposed study. Do not request funding as part of a larger study.
  - **Research Strategy:** Describe the experimental design and methodology, including plans for analyses. If the methodology is new or unusual, describe it in sufficient detail for evaluation. Projects involving human subjects or specimens must be either exempt under 32 CFR 219.101(b) or eligible for expedited review (32 CFR 219.110 or 21 CFR 56.110).
  - **Significance/Relevance:** Provide a brief statement, in nontechnical terms, describing the importance of this research to at least one of the FY17 RTRP Focus Areas. It is the responsibility of the applicant to clearly and explicitly articulate how the proposed research is responsive to the healthcare needs and quality of life of military Service members and Veterans recovering from traumatic injury, and/or their family members, caregivers and clinicians, as well as the general public.
- **Attachment 2: Supporting Documentation:** Combine and upload as a single file named “Support.pdf.” Start each document on a new page. If documents are scanned to PDF, the lowest resolution (100 to 150 dpi) should be used. The Supporting Documentation attachment should not include additional information such as figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, or drawings. These items should be included in the Project Narrative. Any additional material viewed as an extension of the Project Narrative will be removed or may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.

***There are no page limits for any of these components unless otherwise noted. Include only those components described below; inclusion of items not requested will result in the removal of those items or may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.***

- References Cited(five-citation limit): List the references cited (including URLs, if available) in the Project Narrative using a standard reference format that includes the full citation (i.e., author[s], year published, title of reference, source of reference, volume, chapter, page numbers, and publisher, as appropriate).
- List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols: Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols.
- **Attachment 3: Technical Abstract (one-page limit):** Upload as “TechAbs.pdf.” The technical abstract is used by all reviewers. Abstracts of all funded research projects will be posted publicly. ***Do not include proprietary or confidential information.*** Use only characters available on a standard QWERTY keyboard. Spell out all Greek letters, other non-English letters, and symbols. Graphics are not allowed.

Not required at this time. Leave Attachment 3 space blank.

- **Attachment 4: Lay Abstract (one-page limit):** Upload as “LayAbs.pdf.” The lay abstract is used by all reviewers. Abstracts of all funded research projects will be posted publicly. ***Do not include proprietary or confidential information.*** Use only characters available on a standard QWERTY keyboard. Spell out all Greek letters, other non-English letters, and symbols. Graphics are not allowed.

Not required at this time. Leave Attachment 4 space blank.

- **Attachment 5: Statement of Work (SOW) (three-page limit):** Upload as “SOW.pdf.” The suggested SOW format and examples specific to different types of research projects are available on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>). For the FY17 RTRP Concept Award mechanism, use the SOW format example titled “SOW for Basic Research”; ***however, do not identify or reference the PI, collaborator(s), or their organization(s) in this document.*** The SOW must be in PDF format prior to attaching.

The SOW should include a list of major tasks that support the proposed specific aims, followed by a series of subtasks outlined related to the major tasks and milestones within the period of performance. The SOW should describe only the work for which funding is being requested by this application and, as applicable, should also:

***Identifying or making references to the PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s) in the SOW is prohibited and will result in administrative rejection of the application.***

Indicate the number (and type, if applicable) of research subjects (animal or human) and/or human anatomical samples projected or required for each task and at each site.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 1, for additional information regarding regulatory requirements.

Briefly state the methods to be used.

Identify cell line(s) and commercial source(s) to be used. If human anatomical substances (including cell lines) will be used, specify whether or not identifiable information is accessible to the research team by any means.

- **Attachment 6: DoD Military Budget Form(s), if applicable: Upload as “MFBudget.pdf.”** If a military facility (Military Health System facility, research laboratory, treatment facility, dental treatment facility, or a DoD activity embedded with a civilian medical center) will be a collaborator in performance of the project, complete the DoD Military Budget Form, available for download on the eBRAP “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>), including a budget justification, for each military facility as instructed. The costs per year should be included on the Grants.gov Research and Related Budget form under subaward costs. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.

- **Extramural and Intramural Applications –**

**Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded):** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.3, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.2, for detailed information.

- PI Biographical Sketch (five-page limit): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf.” The suggested biographical sketch format is available on the “Funding Opportunities & Forms” web page (<https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/Program.htm>) in eBRAP. The National Institutes of Health Biographical Sketch may also be used. All biographical sketches should be submitted in the portable document format (PDF) that is not editable.
- PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf.”
- Key Personnel Biographical Sketches (five-page limit each): Upload as “Biosketch\_LastName.pdf.”
- Key Personnel Previous/Current/Pending Support (no page limit): Upload as “Support\_LastName.pdf.”

**Research & Related Budget:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.3, for detailed information.

**Budget Justification (no page limit): Upload as “BudgetJustification.pdf.”** The budget justification for the entire period of performance must be uploaded to the Research & Related Budget after completion of the budget for Period 1.

**Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form:** For extramural submissions (via Grants.gov), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.5, and for intramural submissions (via eBRAP), refer to the General Application Instructions, Section IV.A.4, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Applications Only –**

**R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form (if applicable):** Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.6, for detailed information.

- **Extramural Subaward:** Complete the Research & Related Subaward Budget Form through Grants.gov. (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.6, for detailed information.)

**Intramural DoD Collaborator(s):** Complete the DoD Military Budget Form and upload to Grants.gov as Attachment 6. (Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.7, for detailed information.) Intramural DoD Collaborator(s) costs per year should be included on the Grants.gov Research and Related Budget form under subaward costs.

### **II.D.3. Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM)**

Applicant organizations and all subrecipient organizations must have a DUNS number to submit applications to Grants.gov. The applicant organization must also be registered in the Entity Management functional area of the SAM with an “Active” status to submit applications through the Grants.gov portal. Verify the status of the applicant’s organization’s Entity registration in SAM well in advance of the application submission deadline. Allow 3 to 4 weeks to complete the entire SAM registration process. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the Federal awarding agency is ready to make a Federal award, the Federal awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal award to another applicant. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III, for further information regarding Grants.gov requirements.

### **II.D.4. Submission Dates and Times**

All submission dates and times are indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#). Pre-application and application submissions are required. The pre-application and application submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. There are no grace periods. Failure to meet either of these deadlines will result in submission rejection.

### **Applicant Verification of Full Application Submission in eBRAP**

Prior to the end of the application verification period, PIs and organizational representatives can review and modify in eBRAP certain components of a submitted application. Following

retrieval and processing of the full application, eBRAP will notify the organizational representatives and PI by email to log into eBRAP to review, modify, and verify the full application submission. eBRAP will validate retrieved files against the specific Program Announcement requirements and discrepancies will be noted in both the email and in the Full Application Files tab in eBRAP. eBRAP does not confirm the accuracy of file content. It is the applicant's responsibility to review all application components and ensure proper ordering as specified in the Program Announcement. ***If either the Project Narrative or the budget fails eBRAP validation or needs to be modified, an updated full application package must be submitted prior to the application submission deadline.*** The Project Narrative and Budget Form cannot be changed after the application submission deadline.

#### **II.D.5. Funding Restrictions**

The maximum period of performance is **18 months**.

The anticipated total costs (direct and indirect) budgeted for the entire period of performance will not exceed **\$200,000**. If indirect cost rates have been negotiated, indirect costs are to be budgeted in accordance with the organization's negotiated rate. No budget will be approved by the Government exceeding **\$200,000** total costs or using an indirect cost rate exceeding the organization's negotiated rate.

All direct and indirect costs of any subaward or contract must be included in the total direct costs of the primary award.

The applicant may request the entire maximum funding amount for a project that may have a period of performance less than the maximum **18 months**.

For this award mechanism, direct costs must be requested for:

- Travel costs for the PI to disseminate project results at one DoD RTRP In-Progress Review meeting. For planning purposes, it should be assumed that the meeting will be held in the National Capital Area. These travel costs are in addition to those allowed for annual scientific/technical meetings.
- Travel costs for the PI to disseminate project results at the Military Health System Research Symposium.

May be requested for (not all-inclusive):

- Salary
- Research supplies
- Support for multidisciplinary collaborations, including travel
- Travel costs for one investigator to travel to one scientific/technical meeting in addition to the required meetings described above

Extramural (non-Federal) awards will consist solely of assistance agreements (Cooperative Agreements and Grants). For extramural awards with an intragovernmental component, direct transfer of funds from an extramural award recipient to a DoD or other Federal agency is not allowed except under very limited circumstances. Funding to intramural DoD and other Federal agencies will be managed through a direct fund transfer. Intragovernmental only funding to intramural DoD and other Federal agencies will be managed through a direct fund transfer. Intramural applicants are responsible for coordinating through their agency's procedures the use of contractual or assistance funding awards or other appropriate agreements to support extramural collaborators.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4, for budget regulations and instructions for the Research & Related Budget. *For Federal agencies or organizations collaborating with Federal agencies, budget restrictions apply as are noted in the General Application Instructions, Section III.A.4.*

*The CDMRP expects to allot approximately \$1M of the \$12M FY17 RTRP appropriation to fund approximately five Concept Award applications, depending on the quality and number of applications received. Funding of applications received in response to this Program Announcement is contingent upon the availability of Federal funds for this program.*

#### **II.D.6. Other Submission Requirements**

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 4, for detailed formatting guidelines.

### **II.E. Application Review Information**

#### **II.E.1. Criteria**

##### **II.E.1.a. Peer Review**

To determine technical merit, all applications will be evaluated according to the following scored criteria, which are listed in decreasing order of importance:

- **Innovation**
  - To what extent the proposed concept is innovative and has the potential to lead to new avenues of investigation in reconstructive transplant research.
  - Whether the concept is untested (preliminary data NOT allowed).
- **Relevance**
  - To what extent the proposed research project addresses an important scientific question relevant to at least one of the FY17 RTRP Focus Areas.
  - To what extent the proposed research project is responsive to the healthcare needs of individuals recovering from traumatic injury.

- **Research Strategy**
  - Whether the specific aims, research strategy, and methods are appropriate to address the stated objectives.
  - To what degree the proposed research is supported by sound scientific rationale.
- **Application Presentation**
  - To what extent the writing, clarity, and presentation of the application components influence the review.

### **II.E.1.b. Programmatic Review**

To make funding recommendations and select the application(s) that, individually or collectively, will best achieve the program objectives, the following criteria are used by programmatic reviewers:

- Ratings and evaluations of the peer reviewers
- Relevance to the mission of the DHP and FY17 RTRP, as evidenced by the following:
  - Adherence to the intent of the award mechanism
  - Program portfolio composition
  - Programmatic relevance to at least one of the FY17 RTRP Focus Areas
  - Relative innovation and military relevance

### **II.E.2. Application Review and Selection Process**

All applications are evaluated by scientists, clinicians, and consumers in a two-tier review process. The first tier is peer review of applications against established criteria for determining technical merit. Each application is evaluated for its own merit, independent of other applications. The second tier is a programmatic review that makes recommendations for funding to the Commanding General, USAMRMC, on behalf of the DHA and the OASD(HA), based on technical merit, the relevance to the mission of the DHP and RTRP, the specific intent of the award mechanism, and to other specified evaluation criteria in the Program Announcement. Programmatic review is a comparison-based process in which applications with scientific and technical merit compete in a common pool. ***The highest-scoring applications from the first tier of review are not automatically recommended for funding. Funding recommendations depend on various factors as described in [Section II.E.1.b, Programmatic Review](#).*** Additional information about the two-tier process used by the CDMRP can be found at <http://cdmrp.army.mil/about/fundingprocess>. For this Program Announcement, reviewers at both tiers of review will be blinded to the identity of the PI(s), collaborator(s), and their organization(s).

All CDMRP review processes are conducted confidentially to maintain the integrity of the merit-based selection process. Panel members sign a statement that application and evaluation information will not be disclosed outside the panel. Violations of confidentiality can result in the dissolving of a panel(s) and other corrective actions. In addition, personnel at the applicant or collaborating organizations are prohibited from contacting persons involved in the review process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process. Violations of these prohibitions will result in the administrative withdrawal of the organization's application. Violations by panel members or applicants that compromise the confidentiality of the review process may also result in suspension or debarment from Federal awards. Furthermore, the unauthorized disclosure of confidential information of one party to another third party is a crime in accordance with 18 USC 1905.

### **II.E.3. Integrity and Performance Information**

Prior to making an assistance agreement award where the Federal share is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$150,000) over the period of performance, the Federal awarding agency is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is available in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS).

An applicant, at its option, may review FAPIIS, accessible through SAM, and submit comments to FAPIIS on any information about itself that a Federal awarding agency previously entered and is currently available in FAPIIS.

The Federal awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to other information in the designated integrity and performance system, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics and record of performance under Federal awards when determining a recipient's qualification prior to award, according to the qualification standards of the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGAR), Section 22.415.

### **II.E.4. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates**

All application review dates and times are indicated in [Section I, Overview of the Funding Opportunity](#).

Each PI and organization will receive email notification of posting of the funding recommendation in eBRAP. Each PI will receive a peer review summary statement on the strengths and weaknesses of the application.

## **II.F. Federal Award Administration Information**

### **II.F.1. Federal Award Notices**

Awards will be made no later than September 30, 2018. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, for additional award administration information.

Awards are made to organizations, not to individual PIs. The types of awards made under the Program Announcement will be assistance agreements (grants or cooperative agreements). The

level of involvement on the part of DoD during project performance is the key factor in determining whether to award a grant or cooperative agreement.

***Extramural Organizations:*** An assistance agreement (grant or cooperative agreement) is appropriate when the Federal Government transfers a “thing of value” to a “state, local government,” or “other recipient,” to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States, instead of acquiring property or service for the direct benefit and use of the U.S. Government. An assistance agreement can take the form of a grant or cooperative agreement. If “no substantial involvement” on the part of the funding agency is anticipated, a grant award will be made (31 USC 6304). Conversely, if substantial involvement on the part of the funding agency is anticipated, a cooperative agreement will be made (31 USC 6305). Substantial involvement may include collaboration, participation, or intervention in the research to be performed under the award. The award type, along with the start date, will be determined during the negotiation process.

After email notification of application review results through the eBRAP, and if selected for funding, a representative from the USAMRAA will contact the business official authorized to negotiate on behalf of the PI’s organization.

Only an appointed USAMRAA Grants Officer may obligate the Government to the expenditure of funds. No commitment on the part of the Government should be inferred from discussions with any other individual. The award document signed by the Grants Officer is the official authorizing documents.

***Intramural Organizations:*** Awards to Federal Government organizations (to include intramural DoD organizations) will be executed through the Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR) or Funding Authorization Document (FAD) process. Transfer of funds is contingent upon appropriate safety and administrative approvals. Intramural applicants and collaborators are reminded to coordinate receipt and commitment of funds through their respective resource managers (RM).

After email notification of application review results through the eBRAP, and if selected for funding, a representative from the CDMRP will contact the business official authorized to negotiate on behalf of the PI’s organization.

#### **II.F.1.a. Award Transfers**

Changes in PI are not allowed, except under extenuating circumstances that will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the Grants Officer. An organizational transfer of an award will not be allowed in the last year of the (original) period of performance or any extension thereof.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section B, for general information on organization or PI changes.

## **II.F.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements**

Applicable requirements in the DoDGAR found in 32 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter C, and 2 CFR, Chapter XI, apply to grants and cooperative agreements resulting from this Program Announcement.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, for general information regarding administrative requirements.

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 5, for general information regarding national policy requirements.

Refer to full text of the [USAMRAA General Research Terms and Conditions for Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Non-Profit Organizations](#) and the [USAMRAA General Research Terms and Conditions with For-Profit Organizations](#) for further information.

## **II.F.3. Reporting**

Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 2, Section A, for general information on reporting requirements.

Annual progress reports as well as a final progress report will be required. In-person presentations, as well as quarterly technical progress reports and quad charts will be required.

Awards resulting from this Program Announcement will incorporate additional reporting requirements related to recipient integrity and performance matters. Recipient organizations that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 are required to provide information to FAPIIS about certain civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings that reached final disposition within the most recent 5-year period and that were connected with performance of a Federal award. Recipients are required to disclose semiannually information about criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings as specified in the applicable Terms and Conditions. The applicable Terms and Conditions for institutions of higher education, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations are available in OAR Article I, Section B, in the [July 2016 R&D General Terms and Conditions](#). The applicable Terms and Conditions for for-profit organizations are available in Section 34 of the [February 2017 USAMRAA General Research Terms and Conditions with For-Profit Organizations](#).

## **II.G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts**

### **II.G.1. CDMRP Help Desk**

Questions related to Program Announcement content or submission requirements as well as questions related to the pre-application or intramural application submission through eBRAP should be directed to the CDMRP Help Desk, which is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Response times may vary depending upon the volume of inquiries.

Phone: 301-682-5507

Email: [help@eBRAP.org](mailto:help@eBRAP.org)

### **II.G.2. Grants.gov Contact Center**

Questions related to extramural application submission through Grants.gov portal should be directed to the Grants.gov Contact Center, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed on U.S. Federal holidays). Note that the CDMRP Help Desk is unable to provide technical assistance with Grants.gov submission.

Phone: 800-518-4726; International 1-606-545-5035

Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

Sign up on Grants.gov for “send me change notification emails” by following the link on the Synopsis page for the Program Announcement or by responding to the prompt provided by Grants.gov when first downloading the Grants.gov application package. If the Grants.gov application package is updated or changed, the original version of the application package may not be accepted by Grants.gov.

## **II.H. Other Information**

### **II.H.1. Program Announcement and General Application Instructions Versions**

Questions related to this Program Announcement should refer to the Program name, the Program Announcement name, and the Program Announcement version code 20170516c. The Program Announcement numeric version code will match the General Applications Instructions version code 20170516.

### **II.H.2. Administrative Actions**

After receipt of applications, the following administrative actions may occur:

#### **II.H.2.a. Rejection**

The following will result in administrative rejection of the application:

- Pre-application (LOI) was not submitted.

- Project Narrative exceeds page limit.
- Project Narrative is missing.
- Budget is missing.
- Submission of the same research project to different Funding Opportunities within the same program and fiscal year.
- The PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s) are identified or referenced in the *Project Narrative, List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols, or SOW*.
- Use of “I,” “we,” “our,” “this organization,” or similar phrases that refer to the PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s) through the references listed, or the use of formatting (e.g., bolding, underlining, names in headers/footers), inclusion of citations to unpublished manuscripts, or in any other way highlighting (and therefore revealing) the names of the PI(s), collaborator(s), or their organization(s).

#### **II.H.2.b. Modification**

- Pages exceeding the specific limits will be removed prior to review for all documents other than the Project Narrative.
- Documents not requested will be removed.

#### **II.H.2.c. Withdrawal**

The following may result in administrative withdrawal of the application:

- An FY17 RTRP Programmatic Panel member is named as being involved in the research proposed or is found to have assisted in the pre-application or application processes including, but not limited to, concept design, application development, budget preparation, and the development of any supporting documentation. *A list of the FY17 RTRP Programmatic Panel members can be found at <http://cdmrp.army.mil/rtrp/panels/panels17>.*
- The application fails to conform to this Program Announcement description to the extent that appropriate review cannot be conducted.
- Inclusion of URLs, with the exception of links in References Cited and Publication and/or Patent Abstract sections.
- Page size is larger than 8.5 inches x 11.0 inches (approximately 21.59 cm x 27.94 cm).
- To preserve the integrity of its peer and programmatic review processes, the CDMRP discourages inclusion of any employee of its review contractors having any role in the preparation, research or other duties for submitted applications. For FY17, the identities of the peer review contractor and the programmatic review contractor may be found at the CDMRP website (<http://cdmrp.army.mil/about/2tierRevProcess>). Applications that include

names of personnel from either of these companies will be administratively withdrawn unless plans to manage COIs are provided and deemed appropriate by the Grants Officer. Refer to the General Application Instructions, Appendix 3, for detailed information.

- Personnel from applicant or collaborating organizations are found to have contacted persons involved in the review process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process.
- Applications from extramural organizations, including non-DoD Federal agencies, received through eBRAP may be withdrawn.
- Applications submitted by an intramural DoD organization may be withdrawn if the intramural organization cannot coordinate the use of contractual, assistance, or other appropriate agreements to provide funds to extramural collaborators.
- Inclusion of projects involving human subjects or specimens that do not qualify for exempt status under 32 CFR 219.101(b) or eligible for expedited review (32 CFR 219.110 or 21 CFR 56.110).

#### **II.H.2.d. Withhold**

Applications that appear to involve research misconduct will be administratively withheld from further consideration pending organizational investigation. The organization will be required to provide the findings of the investigation to the USAMRAA Grants Officer for a determination of the final disposition of the application.

### II.H.3. Application Submission Checklist

Application Components	Action	Completed
SF424 (R&R) Application for Federal Assistance ( <b>Extramural submissions only</b> )	Complete form as instructed.	
Summary (Tab 1) and Application Contacts (Tab 2) ( <b>Intramural submissions only</b> )	Complete these tabs as instructed.	
Attachments	Project Narrative: Upload as Attachment 1 with file name "ProjectNarrative.pdf."	
	Supporting Documentation: Upload as Attachment 2 with file name "Support.pdf."	
	Technical Abstract: Not required; leave Attachment 3 blank.	
	Lay Abstract: Not required; leave Attachment 4 blank.	
	Statement of Work: Upload as Attachment 5 with file name "SOW.pdf."	
	DoD Military Budget Form(s): Upload as Attachment 6 with file name "MFBudget.pdf," if applicable.	
Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)	Attach PI Biographical Sketch (Biosketch_LastName.pdf) to the appropriate field.	
	Attach PI Previous/Current/Pending Support (Support_LastName.pdf) to the appropriate field.	
	Attach Biographical Sketch (Biosketch_LastName.pdf) for each senior/key person to the appropriate field.	
	Attach Previous/Current/Pending (Support_LastName.pdf) for each senior/key person to the appropriate field.	
Research & Related Budget ( <b>Extramural submissions only</b> )	Complete as instructed. Attach Budget Justification (BudgetJustification.pdf) to the appropriate field.	
Budget ( <b>Intramural submissions only</b> )	Complete the DoD Military Budget Form and justification.	
Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form	Complete form as instructed.	
R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form, if applicable	Complete form as instructed.	

## **APPENDIX 1: ACRONYM LIST**

ACURO	Animal Care and Use Review Office
CDMRP	Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CRM RP	Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine Research Program
DHA	Defense Health Agency
DHP	Defense Health Program
DoD	Department of Defense
DoDGAR	Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations
DUNS	Data Universal Numbering System
eBRAP	Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal
EC	Ethics Committee
ET	Eastern Time
FAD	Funding Authorization Document
FY	Fiscal Year
HRPO	Human Research Protection Office
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
IRB	Institutional Review Board
LOI	Letter of Intent
M	Million
MIPR	Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request
OASD(HA)	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ORP	Office of Research Protections
PI	Principal Investigator
RDT&E	Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation
RM	Resource Manager
RTRP	Reconstructive Transplant Research Program
SAM	System for Award Management
SOW	Statement of Work
USAMRAA	U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
USAMRMC	U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
USC	United States Code
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VCA	Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation