

Dear NCBIO Member,

As you are probably aware, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has recently established the **National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL)**. NIIMBL was fully launched on March 1 of this year.

NIIMBL will be funding **Quick Start Projects** that will be announced in a project call in the very near future for launch around July – August of this year. We anticipate 2-3 Quick Start Projects in technology and workforce development areas in amounts of \$500K to \$1M with a one-year duration. Later this year there will be a formal Project Call for projects of 1-3 year duration with funding of \$1M to \$3M. Once NIIMBL is fully operational, we anticipate funding approximately 20 projects simultaneously each year to follow.

You are invited to attend an informational meeting and presentation on **NIIMBL funding opportunities in technology development and workforce development areas. This meeting is specifically designed for North Carolina academic institutions and companies** in an effort to ensure that the state is well represented in NIIMBL and that it is able to take full advantage of the funding opportunities provided by NIIMBL.

The meeting will take place at the **North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC), on April 20, 2017 from 1 – 3 pm**. The meeting will also be transmitted in the form of a **webinar**, to enable participation in the meeting at a distance.

The presentation will cover the following **topics**:

- a. NIIMBL Governance Documents (Membership Agreement and By Laws)
- b. Planned Project Calls and proposal submission process
- c. Results of surveys conducted by NIIMBL on technology and workforce needs for the biopharmaceutical industry
- d. Processes for proposing ideas and becoming project team members
- e. Extensive Q & A session

If you would like to attend this meeting in person, or through webinar, please contact Ms. Dawn Silsbee, dawn_silsbee@ncbiotech.org. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Please indicate if you will attend in person or participate in the webinar.

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