



Frequently Asked Questions

Funding Renewal

Q. When does the current contract end?

A. In May, 2014.

Q. What will change?

A. *Operationally*, we are continuing to initiate new trials and studies; we expect a brief (approximately 8 month) pause in new subcontracts (site initiations) starting in fall 2013, but otherwise little will change. *Administratively*, the ITN will be changing from a NIAID contract mechanism to a “Cooperative Agreement” mechanism. This will involve substantial work from the ITN Finance and BRU groups, which will begin in 2013.

Q. When does the next cycle of funding begin?

A. In May, 2014. We are planning for a smooth and continuous transition. We expect the next cycle of funding to be a 7 year award (2014-2021), similar to the current cycle.

Q. What is the RFP we’ve heard about?

A. The next cycle of the ITN as a Cooperative Agreement will be structured as a competitive NIH funding award; the announcement inviting applications for this award (the RFP) will be issued in October/November 2012. ITN leadership is already working on our response to this RFP.

Q. When will the ITN submit its application?

A. Spring 2013

Q. When will the ITN receive notification of the award?

A. Fall 2013

Q. How can I help?

A. Thanks for asking ☺. ITN leadership will do the bulk of the writing needed to respond to the RFP, but will be requesting various documents, information and ideas from ITN staff and steering committee members during this process. Input from a broad representation of the staff and scientific community will be helpful, and welcome.

Q. How can I keep informed?

A. This document will be updated monthly, as more information becomes available, and can be found on the Member Portal home page under Shortcuts.