



NORDTECH Virtual Participant's Meeting

March 28th, 2024

Hub Progress Update, CFP Review, Work In Progress, CFT Prep, Q&A















Progress Update



Progress Since Last Meeting

- Contracting
 - All sub-contracts executed
- Staffing
 - New Program Director Cheryl Kennedy
- Operations
 - Site visit from NSTXL/USG on Feb 1
 - 7/10 hub stand-up deliverables completed
- Projects Submitted!







Call for Projects Timeline



CFP Release



Weeks 1-3 12/18 - 1/7

4-Pager



Week 4 1/8 -1/14

Preliminary Feedback



Week 5 1/15 -1/21

GACGO I NO-



1/22 - 2/14

Weeks 9 - 10 2/15 - 2/28



2/28

NORDTECH Actions

- Participant email sent out with 4-pager submission instructions
- TAC, WAC, FAC Assessment
- **Preliminary** Feedback to Leads
- **GAC** review and selection
- Point of contact assigned for each project proposal

Weeks 6 - 8

Peer review/feedback

- Final peer review, white glove treatment, compliance checks
- Submission to NSTXL

Project Lead Actions

- Develop and submit 4-pager via NORDTECH website
- Begin full proposal based on preliminary feedback (at-risk)
- Develop full submission packages including technical and financial volumes based on templates from NORDTECH

Call For Projects Summary

51

51 White Papers → 15 Projects

- 5 Quantum
- 5 Commercial Leap Ahead
- 3 Al Hardware
- 2 Secure Edge/IoT

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Two joint projects with NEMC

8

8 Unique Lead Entities

65

65 Unique Participants

Project Areas:

- Quantum Sensors, Photonics, Superconducting, and Networking
- Magnetic Tunnel Junction True
 Random Number Generators
- AlGaN, Ga₂O₃, Power Electronics, RF
- Al Hardware for Edge Compute,
 Edge Sensors, and with
 Heterogenous Integration
- Security Architectures, with HI

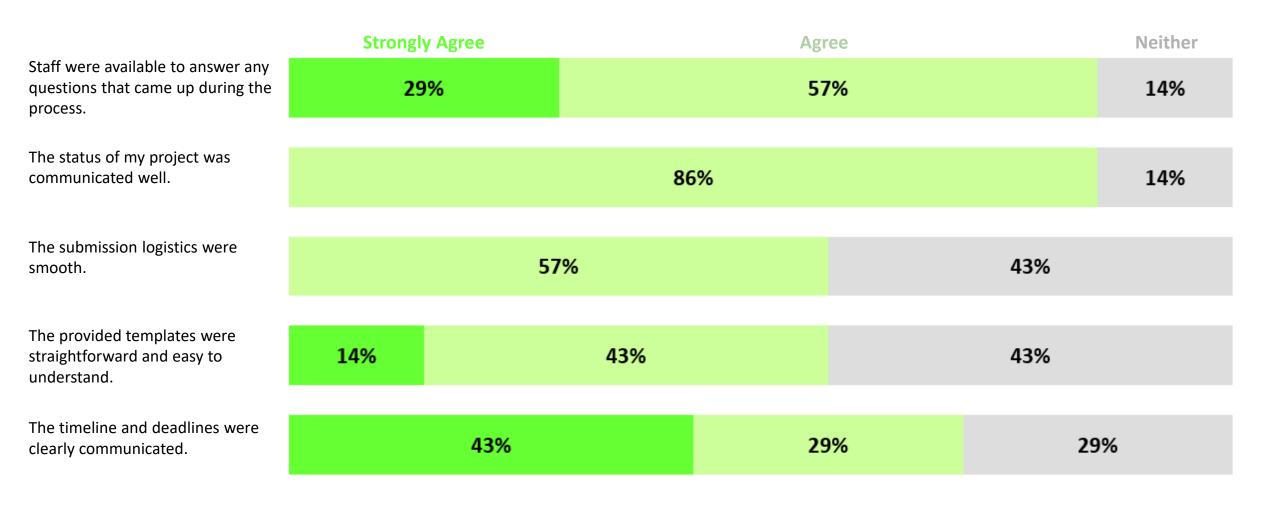


Survey Results – White Paper Participants (n=18)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagre	е	Strongly Disagree
Staff were available to answer any questions that came up during the process.	33%	28%	11%	17%		11%
The status of my project was communicated well.	33%	39%		11%	6%	11%
The submission logistics were smooth.	28%	44%		11%	6%	11%
The provided template was straightforward and easy to understand.	33%	39%		11%	6%	11%
The timeline and deadlines were clearly communicated.	39%	33%		11%		17%



Survey Results – Proposal Leads (n=7)





Survey Results – Proposal Subs (n=12)







Work in Progress



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 Bylaws and Membership Agreement being finalized



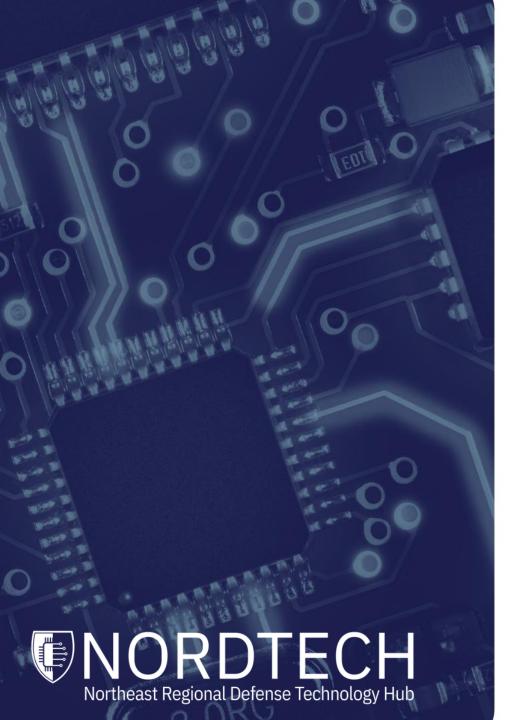
Staffing

- Staffing IT and Comms being hired
- Will be adding events and facilities support



Operations

- IT Infrastructure ID'ed and being procured
- Capital equipment procurement underway
- Prepping for CFP award/startup and CFT



Work In Progress

Build a regional network

- Online meetings and periodic in-person events
- Virtual members platform in procurement

NSTXL/ME Commons Funded Projects

- "Call for Projects" answered with 15 proposals
- Expect 5 (+/-) projects for NORDTECH

Sustainability by Year 5 TBD

- Membership fees
- Inter-facility prototyping
- Accelerate lab-to-fab
- Project IP licensing
- Hub funded EDA tools
- Design services
- Unique offerings

Education and Workforce Development

 Amplifying and expanding regional microelectronics educational efforts across the hub institutions

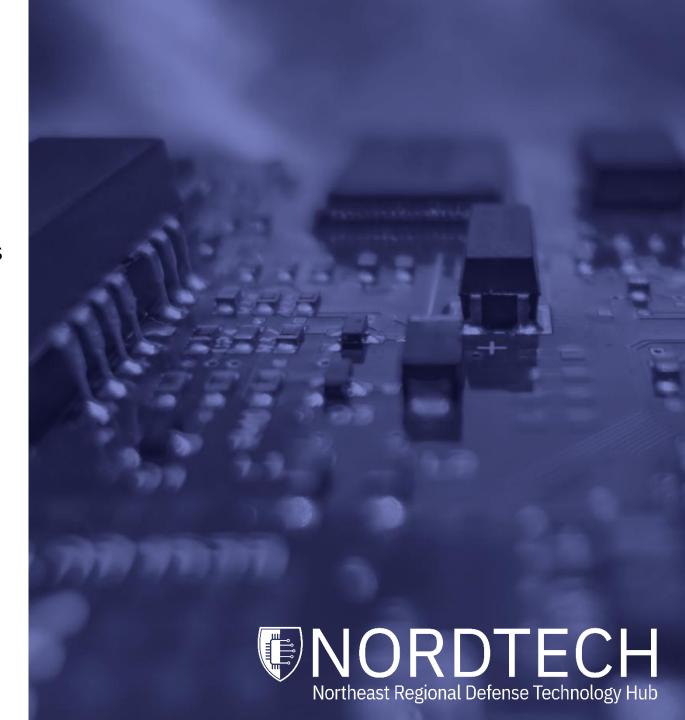




Call For Topics Plan

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- Goal: Identify technical gaps/opportunities
 - Government to select topics to close their gaps
 - Will inform future Call for Projects (CFPs)
- Anticipate late June/early July release
 - Responses due to NSTXL in ~30 days
- All ideas will be put forward
 - CFP 4-page White Paper template as base
 - Modified per CFT requirements
 - NORDTECH may be asked to prioritize topics
- Stay Tuned!







Upcoming Events

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- April 10th-11th in DC Commons Hub Board Summit/Annual Review
- May 7th-8th in Yorktown Heights, NY In-person Member's Event @ IBM
- Week of June 3rd in Ithaca, NY In-person Member's Event @ Cornell
- June Call for Topics Expected
- July 29th-30th in Indianapolis, IN Microelectronics Integrity Meeting
- **ME Commons Annual Meeting** October 28th-31st in Washington, DC
- November in New York City, NY In-person Member's Event @ NYU







Question and Answer Session

Recap

- If you haven't already, get added to our public members list by completing the membership application at https://nordtechub.org/contact
- In-person events planned; tentatively:
 - Week of May 7-8th @ IBM Research in Yorktown Heights, NY
 - Week of June 3rd @ Cornell University in Ithaca, NY
- Stay tuned for the Call for Topics and a Membership Agreement!





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