

**ATTACHMENT B.1.1: PROTOCOLS FOR CUSTOMER SATISFACTION ONLINE SURVEY FOR APPLICANTS: PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS**

**INVITATION EMAIL FOR CUSTOMER SATISFACTION ONLINE SURVEY FOR APPLICANTS**

**SUBJECT:** NIH EIA Program: Invitation to Participate in Customer Satisfaction Survey for Applicants

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

The Common Fund of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking input on its Early Independence Award (EIA) program from junior scientists who have applied to RFA-RM-XX-XXX **[Insert link]**. The information gathered may be used to make adjustments to the EIA program in any subsequent RFA.

Given that the EIA is a new program, we would like to invite you to participate in the customer satisfaction survey to gather opinions about the EIA program. This will be an opportunity for you to share your experiences and provide feedback anonymously.

You can access the customer satisfaction survey at **[Insert website]**. The online survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. For security purposes, the user code for you to access the survey online will be sent in a separate email. You should receive this email within a few minutes.

**The website for the survey will be open from [Insert date] to [Insert date] (11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time).**

Your participation is voluntary and non-participation will have no impact on you or your institution. Your responses will be kept private. If you choose to participate, your privacy will be protected to the extent permitted by law, and will not be disclosed to anyone but the researchers conducting this study, except as otherwise required by law. You will not be identified by name and information from the study will only be reported in the aggregate. Your responses will be combined with those of other respondents in the final report. Responses will be used solely for the purpose of program improvement. Any identifiers (e.g., names, institutions, e-mail addresses, etc.) will be removed when responses are compiled. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your responses.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The NIH Common Fund, Office of Strategic Coordination, an Office of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI), located in the NIH Office of the Director (OD) has contracted the XXXX to coordinate and implement the survey effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [EMAIL ADDRESS](#) or call PHONE NUMBER

Sincerely,

**EMAIL TO PROVIDE USER CODE TO APPLICANTS**

**SUBJECT FOR EMAIL:** NIH EIA Program Survey: User Code for Applicants.

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

Thank you in advance for your participation in the online survey.

Below is your user code to access the survey.

**USER CODE: [Insert code]**

This is an anonymous survey and the information you provide will only be presented in aggregate. The success of this survey depends on you, and we appreciate your participation.

Feel free to contact me with any technical questions you may have.

Thank you,

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**[Insert email address]**

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**

## **INTRODUCTION THAT WILL BE INSERTED IN THE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION ONLINE SURVEY FOR APPLICANTS**

### **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY FOR APPLICANTS**

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If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this survey, please email XXXX.

#### **Introduction**

Thank you for accessing the customer satisfaction survey for junior scientists who have applied to the Early Independence Award Program (EIA) as announced in RFA-RM-XX-XXX **[Insert link]**. The purpose of this survey is to gather opinions about the EIA program. This is an opportunity for you to share your experiences and provide feedback. The information collected may be used to make adjustments to the EIA program in subsequent announcements.

The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers, and you may skip any questions that you do not wish to address.

**The website for the survey will be open from [Insert date] to [Insert date] (11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time).**

#### **Privacy and Participation**

Your participation is voluntary and non-participation will have no impact on you or your institution. Your responses will be kept private. If you choose to participate, your privacy will be protected to the extent permitted by law, and will not be disclosed to anyone but the researchers conducting this study, except as otherwise required by law. You will not be identified by name and information from the study will only be reported in the aggregate. Your responses will be combined with those of other respondents in the final report. Responses will be used solely for the purpose of program improvement. Any identifiers (e.g., names, institutions, e-mail addresses, etc.) will be removed when responses are compiled. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your responses.

#### **Agree to Participate**

Press “START SURVEY” if you agree to participate. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

#### **START SURVEY**

## **FIRST REMINDER EMAIL FOR CUSTOMER SATISFACTORY ONLINE SURVEY FOR APPLICANTS**

**SUBJECT FOR EMAIL:** NIH EIA Program: Reminder to Participate in Customer Satisfaction Survey for Applicants

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

We recently sent you an email invitation to participate in a customer satisfaction survey to gather opinions about the EIA program. If you have completed the survey, we thank you for your participation. If you have not had the chance to complete the survey, this will be an opportunity for you to share your experiences and provide feedback anonymously. Information about the survey is below.

You can complete the customer satisfaction survey at **[Insert website]**. The online survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. For security purposes, the user code for you to access the survey online will be sent in a separate email. You should receive this email within a few minutes.

**The website for the survey will be open until [Insert date] (11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time).**

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

XXXX

**[Insert email address]**

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**

### **SURVEY INFORMATION**

The Common Fund of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking input on its Early Independence Award (EIA) program from junior scientists who have applied to RFA-RM-XX-XXX **[Insert link]**. The information gathered may be used to make adjustments to the EIA program in any subsequent RFA.

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**The website for the survey will be open from [Insert date] to [Insert date] (11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time).**

Your participation is voluntary and non-participation will have no impact on you or your institution. Your responses will be kept private. If you choose to participate, your privacy will be protected to the extent permitted by law, and will not be disclosed to anyone but the researchers conducting this study, except as otherwise required by law. You will not be identified by name and information from the study will only be reported in the aggregate. Your responses will be combined with those of other respondents in the final report. Responses will be used solely for the purpose of program improvement. Any identifiers (e.g., names, institutions, e-mail addresses, etc.) will be removed when responses are compiled. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your responses.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The NIH Common Fund, Office of Strategic Coordination, an Office of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI), located in the NIH Office of the Director (OD) has contracted XXXX to coordinate and implement the survey effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact XXXX or call XXXX.

**USER CODE FOR THE FIRST REMINDER EMAIL**

**SUBJECT FOR EMAIL:** NIH EIA Program Survey: User Code for Applicants

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

Thank you in advance for your participation in the online survey.  
Below is your user code to access the survey.

**USER CODE: [Insert code]**

This is an anonymous survey and the information you provide will only be presented in aggregate.  
The success of this survey depends on you, and we appreciate your participation.

Feel free to contact me with any technical questions you may have.

Thank you,

XXXX

**[Insert email address]**

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**

**FINAL REMINDER EMAIL FOR CUSTOMER SATISFACTION ONLINE SURVEY FOR APPLICANTS**

**SUBJECT FOR EMAIL:** NIH EIA Program: Final Reminder to Participate in Customer Satisfaction Survey for Applicants

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

This is the final reminder to participate in the customer satisfaction survey to gather opinions about the EIA program. **The website for the survey will close [Insert date] at 11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time.**

- You can complete the customer satisfaction survey at **[Insert website]**. The online survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. For security purposes, the user code for you to access the survey online will be sent in a separate email. You should receive this email within a few minutes.
- If you have completed the survey, we thank you for your participation.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

XXXX

**[Insert email address]**

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**

**USER CODE FOR THE FINAL REMINDER EMAIL**

**SUBJECT FOR EMAIL:** NIH EIA Program Survey: User Code for Applicants

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

Thank you in advance for your participation in the online survey.  
Below is your user code to access the survey.

**USER CODE: [Insert code]**

This is an anonymous survey and the information you provide will only be presented in aggregate.  
The success of this survey depends on you, and we appreciate your participation.

Feel free to contact me with any technical questions you may have.

Thank you,

XXXX

**[Insert email address]**

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**