

The TATRC AAMTI Team Unveils New Upgrades to Proposal Submission System

TATRC manages the AMEDD Advanced Medical Technology Initiative (AAMTI) Program that facilitates bottom-up technology innovation while simultaneously informing top-down acquisition throughout Army Medicine. To submit a proposal to the system for consideration, Army Innovators must utilize the AAMTI Proposal Submission System.

The previous AAMTI Proposal System was designed to process, track and evaluate proposal submissions. It originally required a user name and password to access until 2016, when the system began requiring a milnet computer and Common Access Card (CAC) to access. The original system was created and utilized as a way to simply process proposals. Documentation for reporting, financial management and correspondence were all kept in separate databases, or in paper files. Correspondence was conducted primarily through email and reports were submitted through individually generated email requests and returned in the same manner.

The new and much improved AAMTI Proposal Submission System that debuted in October 2017, is a major overhaul of the functionality and versatility of the original system. Over an 18 month process, Mr. Jason Laird, TATRC's Senior Application Developer and Mr. Keith Boone, TATRC's Senior Database Administrator and Oracle Database Developer, collaborated with AAMTI's Program Manager, Ms. Holly Pavlicsak and AAMTI Project Officer, Ms. Sharon Garlena to define the functional requirements and processes that needed improvement. Ms. Katherine Weaver, TATRC's Budget Analyst was also key in providing feedback on the design of the financial aspects needed for the system. The goal of this overhaul effort was to improve the functionality of the AAMTI Proposal Submission System, by providing an intuitive and efficient system. By expanding upon the original system, and building out existing but dormant functionality, they were able to migrate from a proposal entry and processing system, into a true proposal management system that fully supports the entire process from proposal submission through the evaluation, award and management.

Highlights of the new AAMTI Proposal Submission System:

New AAMTI Proposal Submission Home Page: The AAMTI Proposal Submission System has a new home page where first time users will be prompted to start the approval process in order to establish an account for submissions. Once

permission is granted, users can access the AAMTI Extended Innovation Fund (EIF) site, AAMTI Rapid Innovation Fund (RIF) site, AAMTI SharePoint page, templates, and POCs for administrative and technical issues. The site can be reached at the following address: <https://tatrc.amedd.army.mil/AAMTI/>

Under the AAMTI Proposal Submission System's Home Page, the AAMTI EIF and RIF sites serve as the platform for proposal entry and administrative project management which includes reports, financial reporting, requests for extensions, and publication and presentation submission. The complementary AAMTI SharePoint site can also be reached from the home page and serves as a repository for the AAMTI Program Documentation, templates, example documents, consultant list, reference material, success stories and more to assist AAMTI Innovators in their submissions.

Separate Extended Innovation Funding (EIF) and Rapid Innovation Funding (RIF) sites: In 2017, the AAMTI program created two distinct funding mechanisms: RIF and EIF, for which the period of performance for each category is limited to 6 and 18 months respectively. The EIF program has a structured submission and review process, while the RIF program accepts proposals continuously. To support both the EIF and RIF, the AAMTI Proposal Submission System now has two separate sites, one for each funding mechanism and both sites can be accessed through the AAMTI Home Page. Users can also toggle between the sites to manage their AAMTI submissions.

Introduction of Submitter and Innovator Roles: Previously, individuals who submitted proposals to the AAMTI

