

BARDA TechWatch Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Portal/ Access Questions:

I have previously submitted a meeting request via medicalcountermeasures.gov (MCM.gov), do I use the same username and password for the BDR Portal?

- No, the MCM.gov submission portal has been decommissioned and the BDR Portal is built on a different platform requiring a different set of login credentials.
- To submit a new meeting request, you will need to register for a new account in the BDR Portal.

I have previously submitted a meeting request via [MCM.gov](https://medicalcountermeasures.gov), can I view that request in the BDR Portal?

- No, submissions made via MCM.gov submission portal are not accessible via the BDR Portal.
- Submissions made via MCM.gov are being evaluated, and you will receive an update on the status of your submission once reviewed.

How often do I need to reset my BDR Portal password?

- Passwords must be reset every 60 days; you will be prompted to reset your password when logging into the BDR portal after 60 days.

I forgot my password, how do I reset it?

- After attempting to sign into the BDR Portal, select “*Forgot your password?*”. Next, enter the email associated with your BDR Portal account. The system will automatically send a password reset email with instructions to your associated email.

How can I check the status of my submission?

- After logging in to the BDR Portal, click on “*TechWatch Home*” and you will see a dashboard with information on your submission(s), including the current status.

Is there training available?

- For additional training material, please visit our Additional Resources page: <https://bdr.hhs.gov/resources/>
- If you require additional assistance with using the BDR Portal, please email the BDR support inbox: BDR_Admin_Inbox@hhs.gov

TechWatch Program Questions:

Where can I find more details on the TechWatch program?

- Information on the TechWatch program, the meeting process, active threat areas, and requirements can be found on the TechWatch program webpage: <https://www.medicalcountermeasures.gov/Request-BARDA-TechWatch-Meeting/>

What are the threat areas that BARDA is most interested in?

- An updated list of the threat areas that BARDA is actively assessing can be found on the TechWatch program webpage: <https://www.medicalcountermeasures.gov/Request-BARDA-TechWatch-Meeting#twevaluation>

What are the benefits of a TechWatch meeting?

- There are many benefits of TechWatch meetings, including: Gaining visibility for your solution; Receiving feedback from USG experts; Hearing techniques and strategies for addressing technical and regulatory challenges; Getting insight on how your solution could fit within the Government; Better preparing you for a formal proposal submission.

By submitting a TechWatch meeting request, will my product be considered for funding?

- No, TechWatch meeting requests are for market research purposes only and are not considered submissions for funding.

My organization has a formal submission for funding currently under review at BARDA, can I submit a TechWatch meeting request relating to the same product?

- No, organizations with an abstract, white paper or proposal currently under review by BARDA are not eligible to request or attend a TechWatch meeting related to that submission.
- We recommend organizations request and attend a TechWatch meeting BEFORE submitting a proposal to BARDA.

What is the format for TechWatch meetings? Can my meeting take place onsite?

- All TechWatch meetings are currently being conducted virtually, via Microsoft Teams.
- Onsite meetings have been paused during the pandemic and are not currently taking place.

How long do TechWatch meetings usually last?

- TechWatch meetings are typically scheduled for 30 minutes - 1 hour. If you are scheduled for a meeting, the team will advise what to expect.

I submitted a meeting request and haven't heard back yet, should I submit a new request?

- No, please do not submit multiple requests for the same product, technology, or capability; you will be notified once your submission has been reviewed.
- See above "*How can I check the status of my submission?*"

Can I invite additional attendees from my organization to attend the meeting?

- Yes, during your initial submission you will be prompted to add the presenters and other attendees that you would like to attend the meeting. If you would like to include additional attendees after your meeting has been scheduled, you can forward them the meeting invitation.
- We advise to designate only a few speakers for your presentation to help best utilize the meeting time allotted.

I still have questions, who can I contact?

- TechWatchInbox@hhs.gov for questions about your TechWatch meeting request or the TechWatch program overall
- BDR_Admin_Inbox@hhs.gov for technical issues relating to the submission system