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Notice of Funding Opportunity Solicitation for Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge

(NOFO No. 2026-JAII-05)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1   Overview

The **Massachusetts AI Hub**, a division of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative ("Mass Tech Collaborative" or "MassTech") is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity for **the Massachusetts Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge, (NOFO No. 2026-JAII-05) (the "NOFO")** to solicit responses from qualified firms ("Respondents") interested in receiving grant funding for translational funding and contribute to the Data Commons Collaborative (DCC). These awards will fund AI model development projects that address critical societal and industry challenges across key sectors of the Massachusetts innovation economy: healthcare, life sciences, financial services, robotics, advanced manufacturing, climate tech and education (the "Project"). Respondents will be competing against each other for grant funding and the submissions of all Respondents shall be compared and evaluated pursuant to the evaluation criteria set forth in this NOFO; a single Respondent may be selected.

Mass Tech Collaborative will be the contracting entity on behalf of the **Massachusetts AI Hub** for the purposes of this NOFO, and (except where the specific context warrants otherwise), the **Massachusetts AI Hub** and Mass Tech Collaborative are collectively referred to as Mass Tech Collaborative or MassTech. Mass Tech Collaborative will enter into a Capital Matching **Grant Agreement** with selected Respondents containing certain standard provisions (the "Agreement").

1.2   Mass Tech Collaborative and the Massachusetts AI Hub

Mass Tech Collaborative is an independent public instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts chartered by the Commonwealth to serve as a catalyst for growing its innovation economy. Mass Tech Collaborative brings together leaders from industry, academia, and government to advance technology-focused solutions that lead to economic growth, job creation, and public benefits in Massachusetts. For additional information about Mass Tech Collaborative and its programs and initiatives, please visit our website at www.masstech.org.

1.3 About the MA AI Hub and the Data Commons Collaborative (DCC)

The Massachusetts AI Hub is a state-wide initiative to accelerate AI development, commercial growth, and equitable access across the Commonwealth. The DCC aims to:
- Aggregate and host curated datasets
- Enable synthetic data generation
- Ensure ethical, fair, and secure AI development
- Provide an extensible platform for researchers, government, startups, and industry

2. THE GRANT

2.1   Background

The Massachusetts Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge aims to inspire the development of AI models that can have a transformative impact on pressing societal challenges and industries of regional importance within Massachusetts. The Challenge will provide funding to enable AI innovators to tackle industry or public sector problems that market forces alone are unlikely to solve. The goal of this program is to support applied AI models with the potential to catalyze scientific discovery, accelerate the commercial viability of AI applications, and generate substantial public benefit.

This Innovation Challenge comes as a key recommendation of the Healey-Driscoll Administration's Strategic AI Task Force. The Task Force, comprised of leaders from academia, industry, and government, was charged with charting a course for Massachusetts to lead in AI innovation while ensuring its responsible and ethical development. Task Force members provided insights into the state of AI and its application across various sectors of the Massachusetts innovation economy. They helped to pinpoint common barriers to AI development and deployment including fragmented and siloed data, the need for explainable AI, and computational constraints that hinder innovation.

The Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge seeks to address these barriers by supporting Massachusetts based researchers and developers in curating high quality datasets, training and adapting domain specific AI and ML models, and reducing the time and cost required to achieve strong and reliable model performance for real world use cases.

In the near term, the Challenge is intended to incentivize deeper collaboration between academia, private industry, and government in the development of new or enhanced datasets and applied AI models. It represents a strategic investment in both research and the broader AI ecosystem, with the potential to elevate the Commonwealth's visibility as a leader in applied AI innovation. Over the longer term, the program is expected to drive economic growth through the development of AI models that transform key industries and deliver tangible societal benefits across Massachusetts.

2.2   Scope of the Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge

The Challenge aims to provide an opportunity for AI researchers and developers to secure up to one million dollars for the development of Applied AI model innovations, including deployable tools, high quality datasets, model evaluation frameworks and domain specific AI and ML systems that advance Massachusetts priority sectors: healthcare, life sciences, financial services, robotics, advanced manufacturing, climate tech and education.

This program is designed as translational funding, addressing the gap between early research and real world deployment. Applicants are invited to propose innovative methods for adapting, evaluating and operationalizing existing AI and ML models, including fine tuning open source models or creating new model components where technically feasible within the one million dollar funding cap. Projects may include training or fine tuning work when it directly supports an applied use case. Proposals for entirely new model architectures must include strong justification and demonstrate feasibility within program constraints. Use cases of interest include, but are not limited to:
- Healthcare: clinical decision support, patient care, public health management
- Life Sciences: drug discovery, genomics, diagnostics
- Financial Services: fraud detection, underwriting, wealth management
- Robotics: autonomous navigation, human-robot interaction, precision manipulation
- Advanced Manufacturing: Digital twins for prototypes, predictive maintenance, supply chain Optimization
- Climate Tech: carbon reduction, energy efficiency, sustainable materials
- Education & Society: personalized learning, workforce development, public-interest technology
- Defense and National Security: intelligence fusion, competitive AI swarms, automonous logistics, and AI-enabled simulation capabilities or cyberspace operations

In keeping with the Challenge's focus on Applied AI, proposals should emphasize concrete, deployable outputs such as prototype systems, datasets (synthetic or non-synthetic), evaluation methods, open source tools, or other components that support real world adoption in Massachusetts. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to release portions of their work as open source to strengthen statewide innovation.

Separately, all awardees are required to contribute at least one publicly shareable artifact to the MA AI Hub Data Commons. Examples include data, including synthetic data, trained models, or model

documentation. All contributions must comply with applicable privacy, security, and licensing requirements. These requirements ensure that state supported work strengthens the broader Massachusetts AI ecosystem and accelerates future innovation.

This funding opportunity supports projects across the applied AI lifecycle, from data acquisition through deployment. Depending on project scope and maturity, awardees may be expected to engage in some or all of the following activities:

1. **Data Collection and Preparation**: Collect, generate, or curate datasets required for model development, including real world or synthetic data. Ensure data quality through cleaning, preprocessing, and appropriate structuring. Where applicable, collaborate with data partners to address challenges related to data access, fragmentation, privacy, security, and governance.

2. **Training and Fine Tuning**: Adapt, fine tune, or extend existing AI and ML models, particularly open source models, to address domain specific applied use cases. Training of new model components may be undertaken where technically justified. Emphasis should be placed on cost effective and scalable approaches that achieve robust performance within the program funding constraints.

3. **Model Evaluation and Deployment**: Evaluate model performance using appropriate validation frameworks, with attention to accuracy, robustness, fairness, safety, and explainability. Where appropriate, deploy models in real world or simulated environments, following best practices for ethical AI, user centered design, and operational reliability.

4. **Collaboration and Partnerships**: Engage with relevant stakeholders, including academic institutions, industry partners, public sector organizations, and community groups, to ensure solutions are aligned with real world needs and to maximize translational impact within Massachusetts.

5. **Contribution to the MA AI Hub Data Commons**: All awardees are required to contribute at least one publicly shareable artifact to the MA AI Hub Data Commons. Examples include datasets, including synthetic data, trained or fine-tuned models, evaluation tools, or model documentation. All contributions must comply with applicable privacy, security, and licensing requirements. These contributions are intended to strengthen the Massachusetts AI ecosystem and accelerate future innovation.

6. **Ethical and Responsible AI Practices**: Adhere to principles of ethical and responsible AI, including fairness, accountability, transparency, and privacy protection. Projects should proactively identify, document, and mitigate risks related to bias, misuse, or unintended harms, particularly in high impact domains.

7. **Reporting and Milestones**: Submit periodic progress reports to MassTech detailing technical progress, milestones achieved, challenges encountered, and relevant performance metrics. Reports will include updates on collaboration activities and progress toward required Data Commons contributions.

2.3 Funding

Respondents can request funding of up to $1,000,000. All expenditures to be funded by the Mass Tech Collaborative under this program must be accounted for by the recipient in its financial records as a capital expenditure under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP").Furthermore, disbursement of funds from Mass Tech Collaborative will be contingent upon the submission of a signed form with each invoice that certifies specific expenditures submitted for funding are considered capital expenditures

according to grantee's accounting policies and practices.

It is expected funds will be expensed over 12-24 months and used towards the curation of high-quality datasets; training of an AI model; demonstration of the model's performance against defined benchmarks; documentation of compliance with ethical guidelines, regulations, and privacy standards; and a deployment plan supported by collaborative partnerships.

All Respondents must provide a 25% match of the requested funding, which can be in cash or in-kind. See Section 5 for more details on match requirements and use of funds.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

3.1 Eligibility

The lead or primary applicant must be a college, university, non-profit research institution, or other nonprofit entity legally organized in Massachusetts. Collaboration with other academic or research institutions and private companies, including startups, SMEs, or large corporations is encouraged. All Applications must demonstrate a genuine collaboration with key industry participants. Private companies may participate as key partners or subcontractors under a nonprofit lead applicant. Lack of debarment status by either the state or federal government is also required

3.2 Application and Submission Instructions

Respondents are cautioned to read this NOFO carefully and to conform to its requirements. Failure to comply with the requirements of this NOFO may serve as grounds for rejection of an Application.

  a. All Applications must be submitted electronically to proposals@masstech.org. Please include the NOFO number in the subject line.
  b. Required Submissions- All Applications must include the items listed below:

  - Application Cover Sheet (Attachment A)

  - Application, which shall include:

    o A description of Respondent (including descriptions of proposed subcontractors, if any) and Respondent's qualifications to perform the Project.
    o The details of Respondent's proposed Project in 10 pages or less (See Section 3.3 for further details).
    o The total not-to-exceed costs for the Project based on projected hours, proposed hourly rates, as well as any other appropriate costs, in the Budget Template (Attachment C). List additional fees, overhead charges, or reimbursable expenses, if any. As a general policy, the Mass Tech Collaborative does not pay mark-ups on reimbursables or out-of-pocket expenses. Mass Tech Collaborative also does not pay for word processing, overtime or meals. For travel costs, the Mass Tech Collaborative pays the IRS rate per mile.

  - Authorized Application Signature and Acceptance Form (Attachment B), which contains specified certifications by Respondent. Please read the certifications carefully before signing.

c. Any and all responses, Applications, data, materials, information and documentation submitted to Mass Tech Collaborative in response to this NOFO shall become Mass Tech Collaborative's property and shall be subject to public disclosure. As a public entity, the Mass Tech Collaborative is subject to the Massachusetts Public Records Law (set forth at Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 66). There are very limited and narrow exceptions to disclosure under the Public Records Law. If a Respondent wishes to have the Mass Tech Collaborative treat certain information or documentation as confidential, the Respondent must submit a written request to the Mass Tech Collaborative's General Counsel's office no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) business days prior to the required date of Application submission. The request must precisely identify the information and/or documentation that is the subject of the request and provide a detailed explanation supporting the application of the statutory exemption(s) from the public records cited by the Respondent. The General Counsel will issue a written determination within five (5) business days of receipt of the written request. If the General Counsel approves the request, the Respondent shall clearly label the relevant information and/or documentation as "**CONFIDENTIAL**" in the Application. Any statements in an Application reserving any confidentiality or privacy rights that is inconsistent with these requirements and procedures may be disregarded.

3.3 **Project Narrative Requirements**

Respondents are asked to submit a project narrative of no more than 10 pages including the following information:

Section 1: Use-Case & Problem Statement (1 page)
- **Use-Case:** Clearly define the specific use-case for your AI model. Explain the practical application and relevance of the model within a specific industry or societal context.

- **Problem Statement:** Articulate the core challenge or problem your AI model aims to address. This should include a clear description of the issue, its significance within the industry/society, and how your model will contribute to solving this problem. Ensure the problem statement is concise yet comprehensive, highlighting the need for innovation.

Section 2: Proposed Solution & Model Overview (1-2 pages)
- **Model Description:** Clearly identify whether your proposed approach involves fine-tuning an existing model or developing a new model. Provide a detailed overview of the model, including its architecture, function, and current stage of development. For projects focused on fine-tuning, describe the base model being utilized, its relevance to the use case, and the specific modifications or enhancements you plan to implement. For projects involving new model development, outline the rationale for building a new model, its anticipated design and architecture, and how it aligns with the project's objectives. Additionally, specify the development tools, frameworks, or platforms you plan to use and their relevance to your approach.

Section 3: Data Generation & Curation (1-2 pages)

- **Data Strategy:** Detail the data generation or acquisition plan, highlighting the quality and scale of the data required for this stage.

- **Data Curation:** Explain the approach to cleaning, structuring, and securing the data for model training and validation.

Section 4: Testing & Validation (1-2 pages)

- **Training & Validation Strategy:** Describe how you will train and test the model to ensure robustness, accuracy, and scalability. Specify the compute resources required to carry out the training and validation. This should include details on the processing power, storage, and any specialized hardware (e.g., GPUs, cloud resources) necessary. Explain whether the project has access to sufficient compute power or if external resources are necessary to meet the project's needs.

- **Testing Environment:** Specify the environment (real-world or simulated) in which the model will be validated.

- **Benchmarks:** Define the benchmarks or metrics that will be used to evaluate the model's performance (e.g., accuracy, robustness, scalability) during testing, and discuss how these results will inform deployment readiness.

Section 5: Partnerships & Team (1 page)
- **Team:** Provide an overview of key team members and their relevant expertise.

- **Partnerships:** Outline any collaborations with academic institutions, industry partners, service providers, or other stakeholders that will be essential to the project. If essential partnerships are not yet established, detail how you plan to develop necessary partnerships.

Section 6: Impact (1-2 pages)
- **Deployment Strategy:** Outline the envisioned approach to deploying the model in a real-world setting. While deployment is not a required activity for this grant funding, Respondents are required to discuss possible deployment strategies in order to provide a holistic understanding of the model's potential impact.

- **Anticipated Impact & Opportunities:** Describe the expected impact on the target industry or domain, including how the model will solve the identified problem and enable new research, discoveries, commercial applications, or societal benefit.

Section 7: Project Plan (1-2 pages)
- **Key Milestones:** Describe the scope of work for the proposed project. Include a timeline with major milestones (e.g. data generation, training, validation, deployment readiness)

- **Outcomes:** Specify the key project outcomes, which may include high-quality datasets, a fully developed and validated AI model, performance benchmarks, compliance documentation, and a deployment plan with collaborative partnerships.

Section 8: Budget Narrative (1 page)
- **Funding Justification:** Provide a budget outline that justifies the requested funding, specifying how planned expenses will support your model development.

Required Attachments:
Required attachments are not counted toward the application page limit.
- Application Cover Sheet (Attachment A)
- Authorized Application Signature and Acceptance Form (Attachment B)
- Budget Sheet (Attachment C)

Optional Attachments:
Optional attachments are not counted toward the application page limit.

- Letters of support from committed project partners
- Letters of commitment from cash or in-kind match providers

3.4   Application Timeframe

The application process will proceed according to the following schedule. The target dates are subject to change. Therefore, Respondents are encouraged to check MassTech Collaborative's website frequently for updates to the schedule.

Task	Date:
NOFO Released	1/28/2026
Questions Due	2/6/2026 @ 5 PM EST
Question and Answer File Posted	2/18/2026 @ 5 PM EST
Applications Due	3/6/2026 @ 5 PM EST

3.5   Questions

Questions regarding this NOFO must be submitted by electronic mail to proposals@masstech.org with the following Subject Line: "Questions – No.2026-JAII-05 ". All questions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST as specified above. Responses to all questions received will be posted on or before the above date to Mass Tech Collaborative and Commbuys website(s). Pertinent information about this NOFO may be included in the Question and Answer file – Respondents are responsible for reviewing that file for any relevant additional information about this NOFO.

4. EVALUATION PROCESS & CRITERIA

4.1 Evaluation Process

Applications will be subject to an administrative review to determine compliance with the NOFO requirements. Mass Tech Collaborative staff may contact the Respondent to request supplemental or clarifying information as part of the formal review process. The staff may also request an interview with or presentation by the Respondent. All awards under this NOFO are subject to review and recommendation by panel of experts across multiple domains including AI, industry-specific knowledge, and economic development and subject to final review and approval by the Mass Tech Collaborative Board of Directors or by MassTech's Executive Director through the delegated authorities granted by the Board.

In its sole discretion, Mass Tech Collaborative may also choose to enter into a negotiation period with one or more finalist Respondent(s) and then ask the Respondent(s) to submit additional information.

4.2 Evaluation Criteria

Selection of a Respondent to receive funding as set forth within this NOFO may be based on criteria that include, but are not limited to:

- **Impact Potential and Strategic Alignment**
  Proposals must clearly articulate how the AI model will address critical challenges within Massachusetts' priority sectors (e.g., healthcare, life sciences, financial services, robotics, advanced manufacturing, climate tech, education) or society. The potential for creating significant public or commercial benefit will be a key consideration. The proposal should outline tangible outcomes such as scientific breakthroughs, commercial viability, or long-term societal impacts.

- **Data Strategy, Model Validation, and Technical Feasibility**
  Proposals must outline a robust data strategy that includes data acquisition, preparation, and storage. Reviewers will evaluate the quality of the data plan, the technical feasibility of applying the chosen AI models, and the proposed methods for ensuring model accuracy, fairness, and scalability. The evaluation will also consider the novelty and innovative use of AI techniques in the specific domain, as well as how well the model will perform under the proposed validation methods. Key metrics and benchmarks for assessing model success must be clearly defined.

- **Implementation Plan and Project Milestones**
  The clarity and feasibility of the project plan, including key milestones and deliverables, will be evaluated. Proposals should present a realistic timeline and budget, with clear strategies for risk mitigation. Reviewers will assess whether the project scope is manageable within the proposed timeframe and resources, as well as the potential for future scalability.

- **Team Expertise and Collaboration**
  The composition of the project team and their expertise will be a critical factor. Reviewers will assess the team's technical knowledge, industry experience, and track record in successful project execution. Proposals should demonstrate strong collaboration efforts with academic, industry, or community stakeholders to amplify the project's impact.

- **Ethical and Responsible AI Practices**
  Proposals should provide a clear plan for adhering to ethical AI practices, including considerations for fairness, accountability, transparency, and privacy. Compliance with ethical guidelines, relevant regulations, and privacy standards will be scrutinized, with additional credit for contributions to open-source resources and adherence to FAIR data principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable).

The order of these factors does not generally denote relative importance. The goal of this NOFO is to select and enter into an Agreement with the Respondent that will most closely align with MassTech Collaborative's goals in the publication of this NOFO. Mass Tech Collaborative reserves the right to consider such other relevant factors as it deems appropriate.

5. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The Mass Tech Collaborative will disburse funds on a reimbursement basis in accordance with the budget, payment terms, schedules, and other terms and conditions established in the Capital Matching Grant Agreement. Among other conditions, payment will be subject to: (i) execution of an agreement between the grantee and each entity providing matching funds; (ii) receipt by the grantee of the applicable portion of the matching funding; (iii) submission of agreed upon deliverables, valid invoices, and supporting detail from the grantee evidencing the expenditures to be reimbursed, match funds recognized, and certifying to the capital nature of the expenditure; and (iv) Mass Tech Collaborative's access to sufficient bond funding from the Commonwealth.

Use of Proceeds

Expenditures to be funded by the Mass Tech Collaborative under this program must be ones that will be accounted for by the recipient in its financial records as a capital expenditure under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). Examples of such capital expenditures could include expenditures for the purchase of equipment and the development of new technology platforms or systems. Such capital expenditures may in certain projects also include salaries of staff directly engaged in managing capital projects to the extent such expenditures are capitalizable under GAAP. Salaries of individuals engaged in operations, as well as other non-personnel operating costs, are not capital expenditures.

Mandatory Cost Sharing/Match Requirements

A requirement for all awards will be additional, companion expenditures of awards by the Federal Government, universities, nonprofits, foundations, or corporations and/or cash and in-kind contributions that equal no less than twenty-five (25%) percent of the state investment through the AI Models Innovation Challenge. All contributions, including cash and in-kind contributions, will be accepted as part of the grant recipient's cost sharing requirement provided that such contributions meet all of the following criteria: (i) are necessary to accomplish the objectives of the collaborative project; (ii) are included in the approved budget for the collaborative project; (iii) are allocated separately for the AI Models Innovation Challenge award; (v) are verifiable from recipient's records; and (v) are not included as matching contributions for any other federal or state-supported project. To the extent the Respondent's application deviates from these expectations, the Respondent must clearly describe and justify the proposed alternative approach. The Mass Tech Collaborative will evaluate the composition of the project team's cost share within the context of the project team's demonstrated commitment to the project and financial capacity.

6. GRANT MANAGEMENT AND MINIMUM DELIVERABLES

Within 30 days after the execution of a Capital Match Grant Agreement, the awardee and Mass Tech Collaborative will mutually schedule a launch meeting to review the activities proposed to be conducted under the Agreement, schedule, and reporting requirements. All awardees will be required to provide the following minimum deliverables to the Mass Tech Collaborative, to be more fully detailed in the Grant Agreement:
> • Quarterly reports
> • Quarterly invoices and supporting financial reports for costs incurred and match recognized
> • Final report detailing project outcomes, including the resulting economic activities that are
creating impacts

The Innovation Institute will work with awardees to establish appropriate metrics in order to evaluate the success of the project. Awardees may occasionally be required to host project site visits by MassTech staff and contractors and participate in interviews by MassTech or its designees for purposes of monitoring and evaluation

7.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

7.1   General Information

a) If an Application fails to meet any material terms, conditions, requirements or procedures, it may be deemed unresponsive and disqualified. The Mass Tech Collaborative reserves the right to waive omissions or irregularities that it determines to be not material.

b) This NOFO, as may be amended from time to time by Mass Tech Collaborative, does not commit Mass Tech Collaborative to select any organization(s), award any grant funds pursuant to this NOFO, or pay any costs incurred in responding to this NOFO. Mass Tech Collaborative reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withdraw the NOFO, to engage in preliminary discussions with prospective Respondents, to accept or reject any or all Applications received, to request supplemental or clarifying information, to negotiate with any or all qualified Respondents, and to request modifications to Applications in accordance with negotiations.

c) On matters related solely to this NOFO that arise prior to an award decision by the Mass Tech Collaborative, Respondents shall limit communications with the Mass Tech Collaborative to the Procurement Team Leader and such other individuals as the Mass Tech Collaborative may designate from time to time. No other Mass Tech Collaborative employee or representative is authorized to provide any information or respond to any questions or inquiries

concerning this NOFO. Respondents may contact the Procurement Team Leader for this NOFO in the event this NOFO is incomplete.

d) The Mass Tech Collaborative may provide reasonable accommodations, including the provision of materials in an alternative format, for Respondents with disabilities or other hardships. Respondents requiring accommodations shall submit requests in writing, with supporting documentation justifying the accommodations, to the Procurement Team Leader. The Mass Tech Collaborative reserves the right to grant or reject any request for accommodations.

e) Respondent's Application shall be treated by the Mass Tech Collaborative as an accurate statement of Respondent's capabilities and experience. Should any statement asserted by Respondent prove to be inaccurate or inconsistent with the foregoing, such inaccuracy or inconsistency shall constitute sufficient cause for Mass Tech Collaborative in its sole discretion to reject the Application and/or terminate of any resulting Agreement.

f) Costs that are not specifically identified in the Respondent's response and/or not specifically accepted by Mass Tech Collaborative as part of the Agreement will not be compensated under any contract awarded pursuant to this NOFO.

g) Mass Tech Collaborative's prior approval is required for any subcontracted services under any Agreement entered into as a result of this NOFO. The selected Respondent will take all appropriate steps to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. The selected Respondent is responsible for the satisfactory performance and adequate oversight of its subcontractors. Subcontractors are required to meet the same requirements and are held to the same reimbursable cost standards as the selected Respondent.

h) Submitted responses must be valid in all respects for a minimum period of sixty (60) days after the deadline for submission.

i) Mass Tech Collaborative reserves the right to amend the Agreement at any time prior to execution. Respondents should review the Agreement as they are required to specify any exceptions to the Agreement and to make any suggested counterproposal in their Application. A failure to specify exceptions and/or counterproposals will be deemed an acceptance of the Agreement's general terms and conditions, and no subsequent negotiation of such provisions shall be permitted.

7.2 Posting of Modifications/Addenda to NOFO

This NOFO has been distributed electronically using the Mass Tech Collaborative and Commbuys websites. If Mass Tech Collaborative determines that it is necessary to revise any part of this NOFO, or if additional data is necessary to clarify any of its provisions, an addendum will be posted to the websites. It is the responsibility of each potential Respondent to check the Mass Tech Collaborative, the Innovation Institute and Commbuys websites for any addenda or modifications to the NOFO, including information contained in the Question and Answer file. The Mass Tech Collaborative accepts no liability and will provide no accommodation to Respondents who submit a response based on an out-of-date NOFO or inconsistent with information contained in the Question and Answer file.

Attachment A
<u>Application Cover Sheet</u>

Name of Respondent			
Mailing Address	City/Town	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Fax	Web Address	
Primary Contact for Clarification		Primary Contact E-mail Address	
Authorized Signatory		Authorized Signatory E-mail Address	
Legal Status/Jurisdiction (e.g., a Massachusetts Corporation, LLC, LLP, etc.)		Respondent's UEI No.	

Note: A completed IRS Form W-9 must be attached to the Application Cover Sheet prior to any disbursement of funds.

Attachment B
Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
Authorized Respondent's Signature and Acceptance Form

The undersigned is a duly authorized representative of the Respondent listed below. The Respondent has read and understands the NOFO requirements. The Respondent acknowledges that all of the terms and conditions of the NOFO are mandatory. By executing this Authorized Respondent's Signature and Acceptance Form, Respondent certifies that they (1) are in compliance with the terms, conditions and specifications contained in this NOFO, (2) acknowledges and understands the procedures for handling materials submitted to the Mass Tech Collaborative as set forth above, (3) agrees to be bound by those procedures, and (4) agrees that the Mass Tech Collaborative shall not be liable under any circumstances for the disclosure of any materials submitted to the Mass Tech Collaborative pursuant to this NOFO or upon the Respondent's selection.

Respondent agrees that the entire response will remain valid for sixty (60) days from receipt by the Mass Tech Collaborative.

I certify that Respondent is in compliance with all corporate filing requirements and State tax laws.

I further certify that the statements made in this response to the NOFO, including all attachments and exhibits, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respondent: _____
(Printed Name of Respondent)

By: _____
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Attachment C
Budget Template

SEE EXCEL SPREADSHEET [or insert appropriate budget]