U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)
2023 Build to Scale Program  (https://www.eda.gov/funding/programs/build-to-scale)

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NUMBER: EDA-HDQ-OIE-2023-B2S

PURPOSE:
- EDA’s Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship is committed to furthering tech-based economic development initiatives that accelerate high-skill and high-wage job growth, create economic opportunity, and support the future of the next generation of industry leading companies. Funding is available for organizations that aid companies in developing the next generation of technologies. Under the Build to Scale Program, EDA is soliciting applications for:
  - The 2023 Venture Challenge funds organizations that enable startups to become the next generation of globally competitive, industry-leading companies and supports regions in overcoming barriers that prevent would-be innovators from accessing these opportunities.
  - The 2023 Capital Challenge awards provide programmatic and operational support for the formation, launch, or scale of investment funds that seek to provide access to the kinds of capital that enable technology companies to start and scale. These grant funds cannot be used as investment capital.

ELIGIBILITY:
- This program is NOT research based. See PURPOSE and link for details.
- Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed PURPOSE as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with their organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply.

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:
Cost Sharing:
- A minimum one-to-one (1:1) match is required for all Build to Scale awards. Applicants must demonstrate at the time of the application a matching share of at least 50 percent of the total project cost

Venture Challenge levels:
- Venture Challenge Build - up to $750,000.
- Venture Challenge Scale - between $750,000 and $2,000,000.
NOTE: EDA expects the period of performance for these two levels to be approximately three years.
- Venture Challenge Ignite - up to $300,000 over the period of performance, which EDA expects will be approximately 18 to 24 months
**Capital Challenge** levels:
- Capital Challenge **Form** - up to $400,000
- Capital Challenge **Deploy** – between $400,000 and $750,000.

**NOTE:** EDA expects the period of performance to about three years

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT:** 1 per Challenge

**APPLICATION TYPES ALLOWED:** New

**DUE DATES:**
- **Internal:** **11:59 PM,** Monday, July 10, 2023.
- PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.
- **Sponsor:** Friday, July 28, 2023

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by 11:59 PM, Monday, July 10, 2023, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signature (form attached to email)
2. Project Summary - match sponsor style – see link for 1) **Project Description and Overview**
3. NIH Biosketch (5-pg. max., including publications)
   ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm))

To qualify for UCSF Limited Submissions Program opportunities, applicants must have a paid UCSF appointment either at the time of application or anticipated by the time of award.

The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.

For information on all current LSOs, please visit: [http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp](http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp)

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