

Superfund Research Program

Strategic Planning Your Input for Future Directions



Outline of Session

- Welcome
- Agenda
 - Program Mandates
 - Historical Perspective
 - Strategic Planning Process
 - Responses to Questions

Overarching Program Goals

- Elucidate relationship between exposure and disease
- Develop efficient and cost-effective cleanup strategies and detection technologies
- Conduct science that contributes to human health risk assessment and decision-making for remediation
- Reduce the risk of exposure
- Improve public health

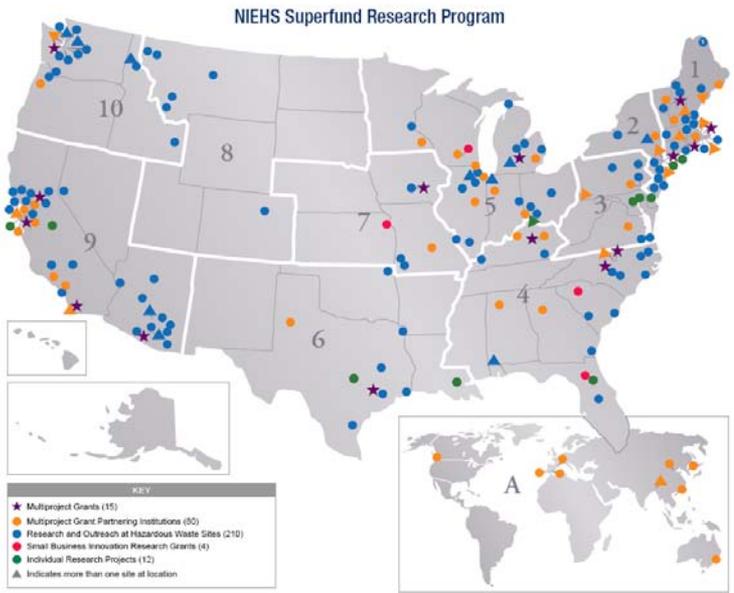
Program Overview

\$50 M budget FY10 budget

>500 investigators
>100 graduate students

Strong focus on “basic” research

Expectation: interdisciplinary



Mechanisms of Funding

Multi-project Grants (P42)

- Multi-project structure allows for integration across disciplines
- Incorporates basic and application oriented research

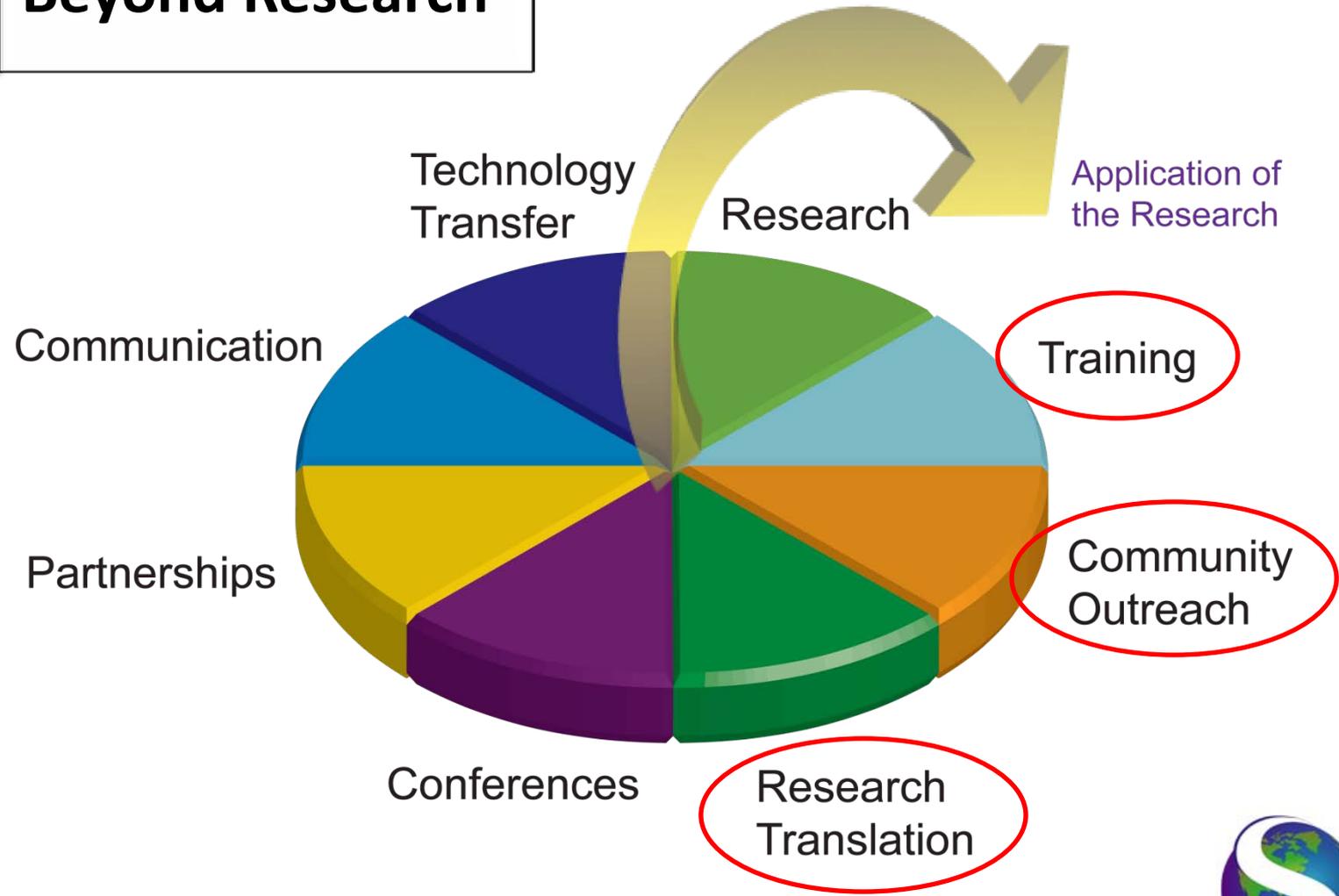
Individual Researcher (R01)

- Designed to address specific issues to complement the multi-project research programs
- Tackle issues of emerging concern for Superfund

SBIR/STTR (R43/R44)

- Designed to foster the commercialization of technologies
- Products and devices relevant to clean-up and monitoring

Beyond Research



Why Strategic Planning?

- Provide the program with a framework to guide the SRP over the next five years:
 - Prioritize the scope of the science
 - Establish an approach for attaining scientific balance and growth, enhancing translation, community outreach, and training along with
 - Develop guidelines for managing the program/decision-making.

Ultimately, the strategic plan will enable us to better promote the use of the SRP's resources to protect human health.

Strategic Planning – Reaching Out to Stakeholders

- Lay public
- Environmental Health Researchers
- Sister Superfund Agencies (EPA & ATSDR)
- Other Government Officials – federal, state and local
- Tribes
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Private Sector
- Policy Makers
- Who Else?

Strategic Planning – Process

- Web-based seminars
- Series of public meetings
- Request for Information in NIH Guide
- Questionnaire

Strategic Planning – the Questions

- We have developed a series of questions
- Look forward to discussion today
- Please fill out the [on-line questionnaire](#)
- Compile input, identify themes, develop strategic plan
- Post draft for comments: SRP web site and in Federal Register

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/srp/strategicplan>

Questions

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Questions, cont.

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