**NCI Informatics Technology for Cancer Research Program**

**Review of Collaborative Proposals**

*This document is meant to guide review comments for collaborative proposals. These proposals are for the release of Set Aside funds, which correspond to 10% of the ITCR U01 and U24 awards. Set Aside funds are meant be used to enhance the utility and/or interoperability of ITCR-supported technologies.*

*For the purpose of this mechanism, a collaboration is defined as bringing together two or more distinct research groups towards a mutually-beneficial goal that will ultimately benefit the research community the informatics tool is intended to serve.*

Overall: Please describe the parties involved in the collaboration and the overall goals of the proposal. In your opinion, what are the overall merits and weaknesses of the collaborative proposal?

Please describe what you think the significance of the proposal is, including

* How the proposed work will enhance the goals of the parent grant
* How the proposed work fulfills the goals of ITCR to enhance utility and/or interoperability of informatics tools
* Potential impact of the proposed collaboration on each collaborating unit and more broadly to advancing cancer research

Please describe what you think the innovation of the proposal is, including

* The novelty or uniqueness of the collaboration and how the collaboration will address unmet needs

Please describe the merits and weaknesses of the approach of the proposal, including

* Whether the proposal has a well-reasoned and appropriate strategy to accomplish the aims of the collaborative project, including alternative strategies and plans for benchmarking and user testing, as appropriate.
* Whether the proposal has a sound and quantitative milestone plan
* If the proposal has a realistic scope of work given the time and budget requested
* The contributions of each collaborative unit

Please describe the merits and weaknesses of the collaborative team, including

* Whether the parties involved in the collaboration are appropriate for this project
* The willingness of the investigators to collaborate and share information
* Whether the project represents a mutually-beneficial collaboration.