Treatment of Confidential Information Provided by Potential Program Applicants to VITAL

VITAL is the BARDA accelerator network hub responsible for supporting development of novel therapeutics and vaccines aligned with BARDA's mission. The VITAL hub is managed and operated by Start2 Group, Inc.

Prior to application, potential program applicants may be invited to a Market Research Calls ("MRC") or Scoping Calls to discuss the potential applicant's technology and potential suitability for a particular VITAL program. These meetings will be attended by VITAL employees, VITAL contractors ("Mentors"), and/or employees or contractors of BARDA.

During or prior to MRCs and Scoping Calls, a potential applicant may be asked to disclose information confidential to VITAL. It is the policy of VITAL and the Start2 Group that all MRC and Scoping Call information be treated as confidential by its employees and Mentors, and may be only used in connection with the performance of the MRC or Scoping Call discussion.

Certain classes of information are not included this policy:

a. Information that was known to VITAL or Start2 Group prior to its receipt from the potential applicant without a pre-existing written confidentiality agreement between Start2 Group and the potential applicant,
b. Information generated by VITAL or Start2 Group by persons who have not had access to or knowledge of the MRC disclosure
c. Information that was or became generally available to the public through no action or fault of VITAL or Start2 Group
d. Information that is made available to VITAL or Start2 Group by a third party having a right to do so,
e. Information that is required by law, regulation, subpoena, or judicial or government order.

The Federal Government has similar policies which will be shared with you.