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My name is Jennifer Stewart and I serve as the Technology Transfer Office of Research and Development (ORTA) at Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Corona Division.

I am providing general information that supports NNMI overall as well as questions 7, 14, 15 and 21.

Each federal lab has an ORTA that serves as a broker between industry, academia and federal government. ORTA's assist in licensing agreements, patent portfolios, and specialize in agreement tools such as Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA's) and Educational Partnership Agreements (EPA's). ORTA's work with public affairs officers, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Councils, and Partnership Intermediaries to assist in developing collaboration. ORTA'S work very closely with IP attorney's and general counsel to address various legal aspects of collaboration. Designation as a Federal Lab comes from the R&D efforts, strong engineering, scientist workforce, ability to share or give equipment to the community through being Working Capital funded institutions and their large role in STEM outreach.

If "the U.S. must build upon its strengths, leverage its unique research, innovation, and workforce capabilities, and create an infrastructure for manufacturing innovation" it seems evident to me that the Federal Labs and ORTA's are a great resource for experience in collaboration & R&D and therefore play an important role in the success on NNMI.

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