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Open Innovation and Technology Scouting

Tools to Implement Problem Solving in
Government Entities

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Today's Moderator – Dr. Eugene Buff

- Founder and President, Primary Care Innovation Consulting
- Registered Technology Transfer Professional and Certified Licensing Professional
- Co-founder and Principal of UsTech Discovery LLC
- Education
 - M.S. in Biochemistry and M.D., Russian State Medical University
 - Ph.D. in Genetics

Panelist – Molly O’Donovan Dix

- Innovation Advisor, RTI International
- Co-created training in support of NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program.
- Worked on technology management projects for NASA.
- Received numerous honors during 20+ years in Open Innovation
- Education
 - Master’s Degree, Intellectual Property, Commerce and Technology, University of New Hampshire School of Law
 - Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, University of Rochester

Panelist – Laura Schoppe

- President, Fuentek, LLC
- Lead negotiator at top universities, government agencies, and Fortune 500 companies worldwide.
- Named one of the Top 25 businesswomen in the Research Triangle Park Region of North Carolina.
- Education
 - MBA, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
 - MSE, Princeton University
 - BSE, Carnegie-Mellon University

Panelist – Phil Stern

- Chief Executive Officer, yet2.com
- Partner, yet2Ventures
- Served clients for Bain & Company, McKinsey & Company.
- Previously served as Division Vice President, Polaroid Corporation.
- Education
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 - MBA, Harvard Business School (Baker Scholar)

Open Innovation and Technology Scouting:

Tools to Implement Problem Solving in Government Entities

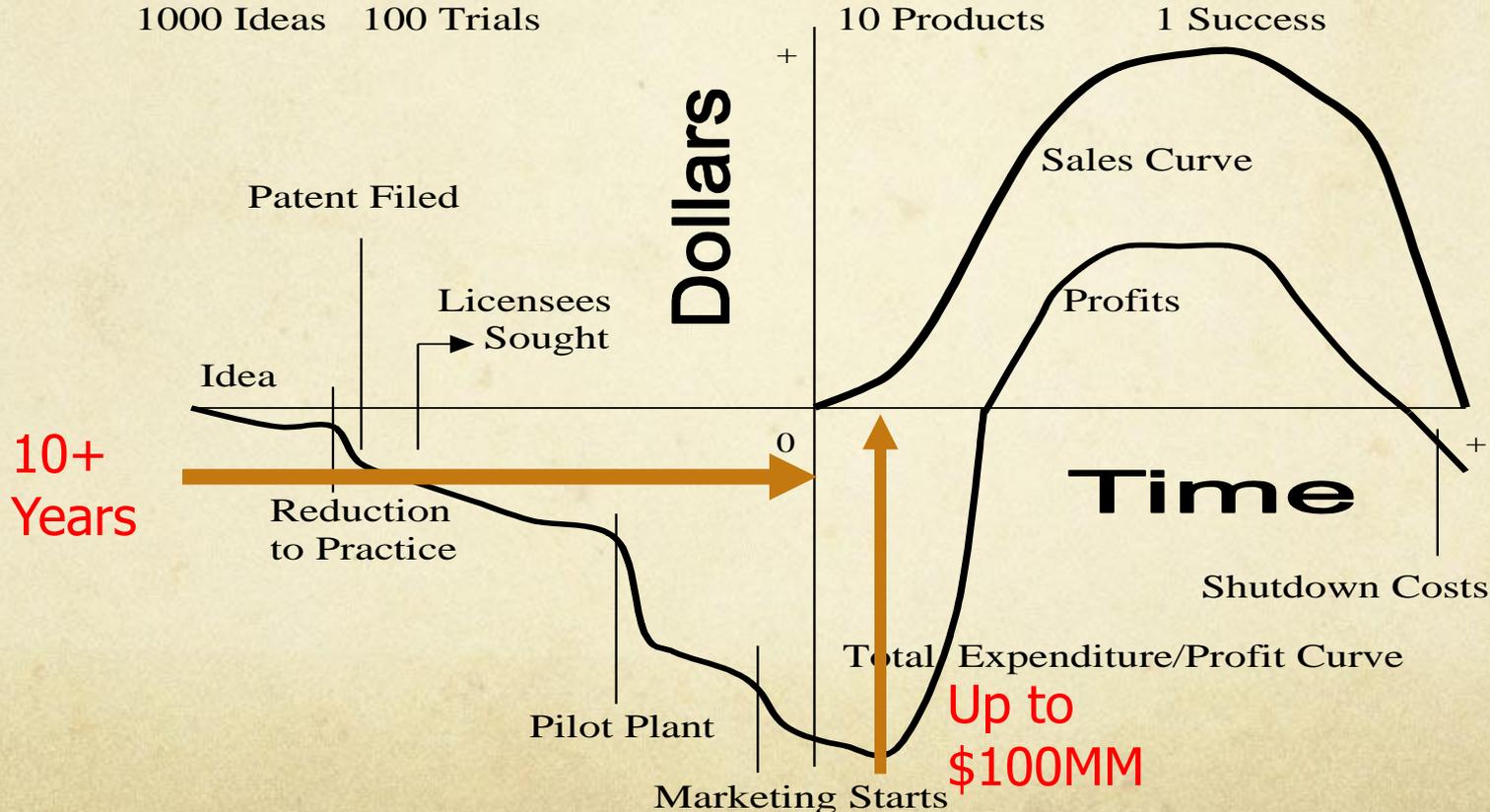


Personalized Innovation Management, Sustainable Growth & Value Creation

Fighting the Product Development Paradigm

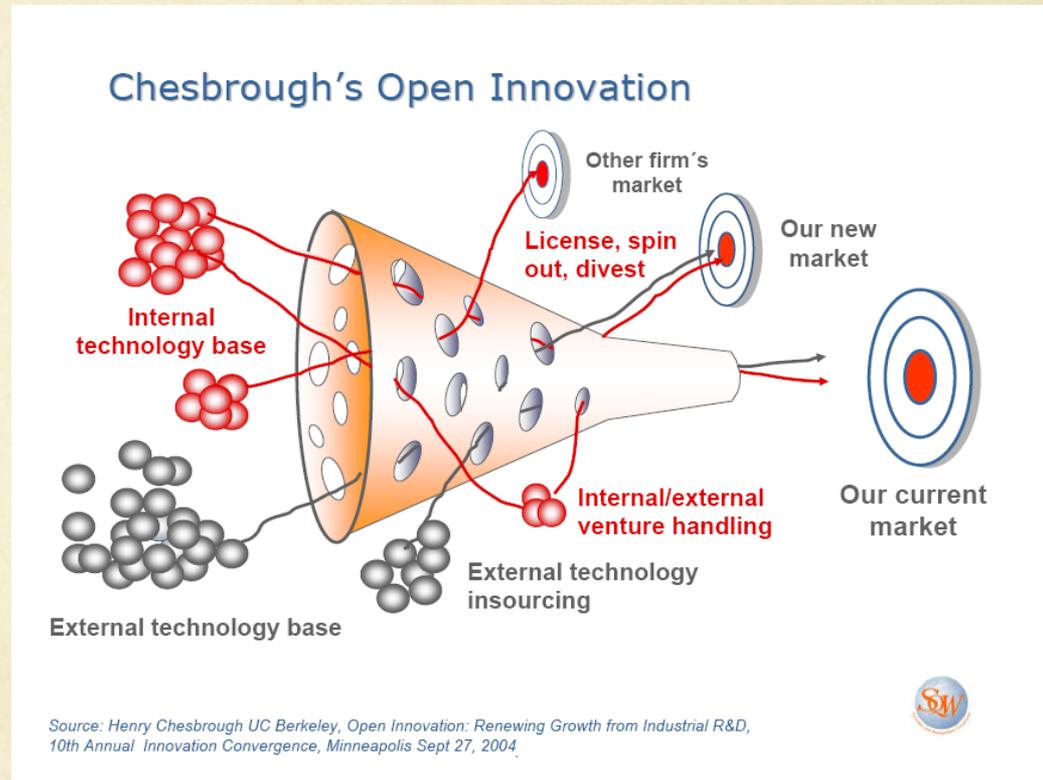


Total Product Life Cycle Birth to Death Expenditures



Open Innovation – a new reality

- ▶ **Good ideas** are widely distributed today. *No one has a monopoly on useful knowledge anymore.*
- ▶ Financial managers **must play poker**, as well as chess, to capture the value in false negatives.
- ▶ We must **manage IP** in order to manage research:
 - need to access external IP to fuel our business model
 - need to profit from our own IP in others' business model
- ▶ **Not all of the smart people** in the world work for us.



Stating The Problem

- “In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is.” Yogi Berra.
- "Organizations, like teenagers, are blind to their choices..." Chip & Dan Heath. *Decisive*.
- “The probability does not work in real world; it is pay off that matters.” Nassim Taleb. *Antifragility*.



Why Technology Scouting?

- When the solution may already exist - there's no sense in reinventing the wheel!
- When having the “best” performance is critical
- (When you don't want to be surprised by a competitive product introduction)



Technology Scouting vs. Solving and Crowdsourcing

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Technology Scouting

finding existing solutions to solve tough problems

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addressing global challenges.

using our expertise for good.

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open innovation takes partners working in varied directions

federal agencies have a history of open innovation

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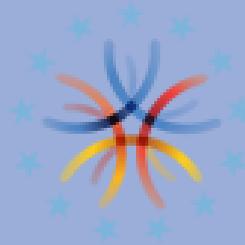
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technology scouting can help designs get “off the drawing board”

federal laboratories provide solutions

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technology scouting is another process for finding solutions

federal laboratories seek solutions

RTI Case Study: Fortune 100 Company

Battery Alternatives

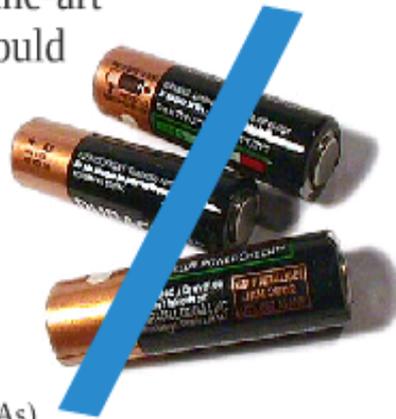
Driver

Understand state-of-the-art power sources that could replace AA batteries

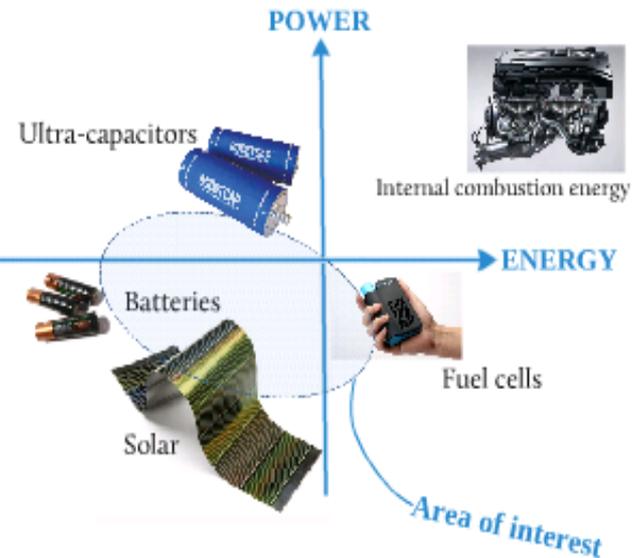
Goals

(general targets)

- Longevity (better life than AAs)
- Power (>4 AAs or a C cell)
- Green (lower environmental impact)
- Cost (\$1-3 per source)



Landscape (best technologies)



landscaping as a pre-cursor to targeted scouting

RTI Case Study: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



identifying state-of-the-art technologies informs decisions

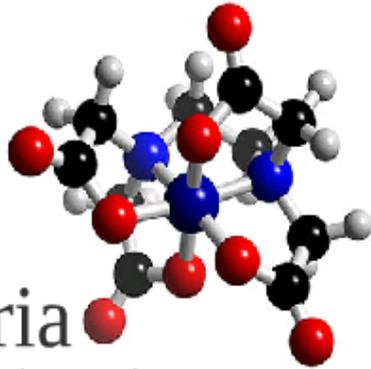
helping agencies understand emerging solutions

RTI Case Study: Fortune 500 Company

Replacement Molecules

Need

Replacement molecules for EDTA

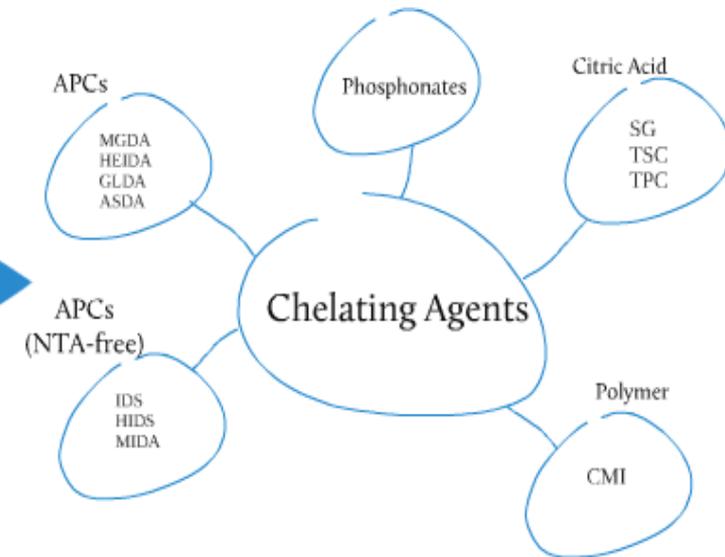


Criteria

(specific requirements)

- Chelation = to EDTA (286 mg CaCO₂/g)
- Cost < EDTA (\$0.70)
- Biodegradable (with data)
- TSCA and REACH compliant

Targeted Solutions



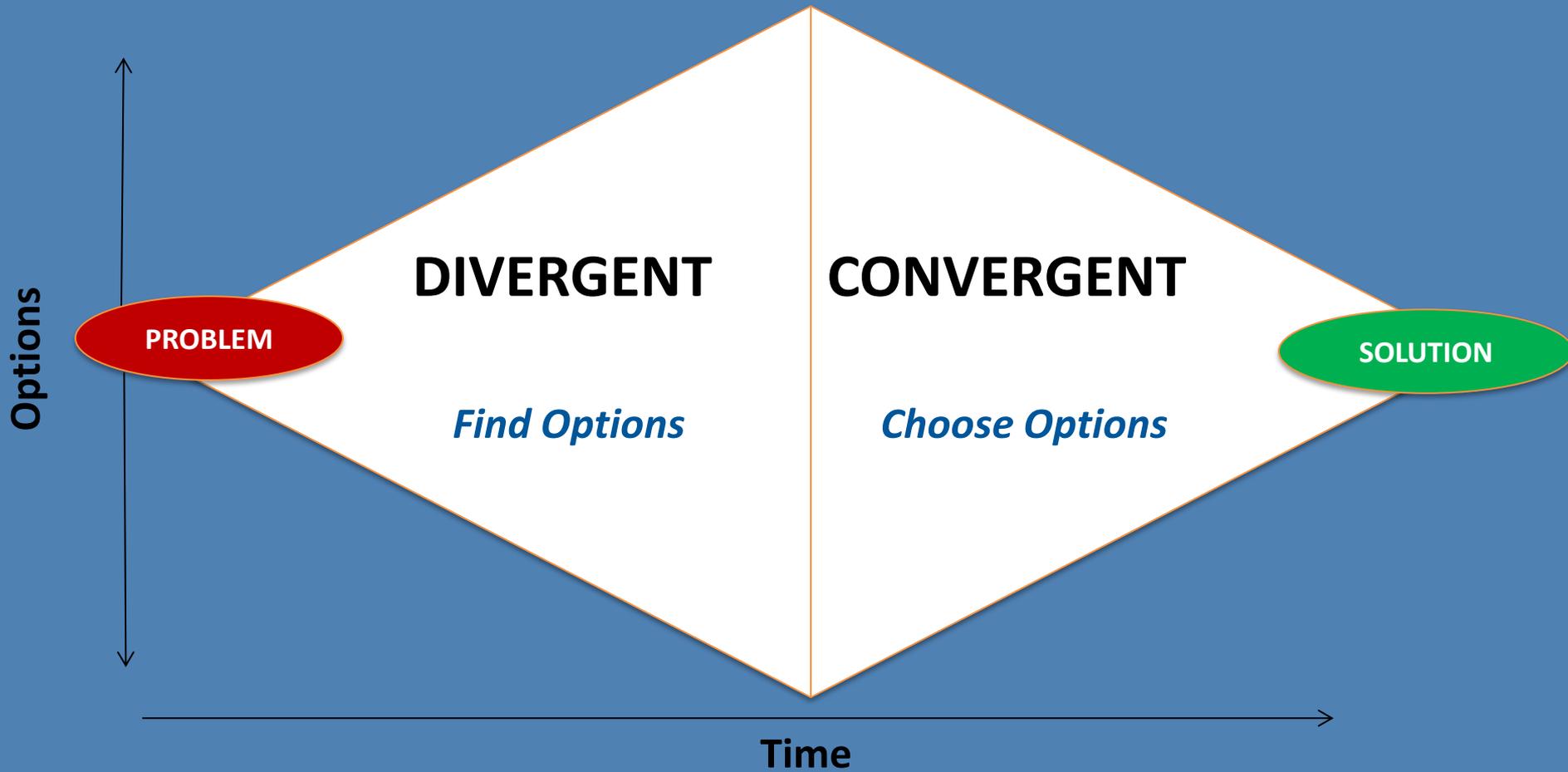
targeted scouting to find researchers and suppliers

RTI Case Study: NASA Kennedy Space Center



connecting researchers to external technologies speeds problem solving

helping identify existing products



be deliberate in thinking differently

A Methodology



Strategize

How and where to search



Research

Portals, networks, and experts



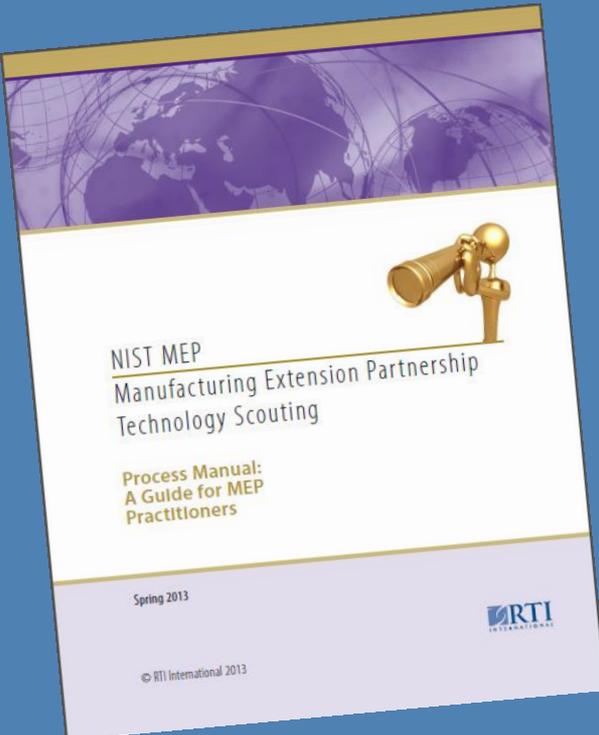
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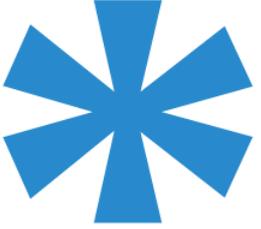
Capture and analyze



good scouting is deliberate, disciplined, organized

RTI Case Study: NIST Training and Scouting Support



- 
- Be clear about what kind of scouting you need.
 - Have a deliberate process.
 - Clearly define the problem and need.
 - To get "outside the box," consider fundamentals.
 - Be disciplined and organized in your search.
 - Leverage new perspectives: internal and external.

scouting is powerful when focused

THANKS!

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Symbiotic Innovation

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Fuentek's Innovation Services Framework

Fuentek matches the appropriate activities to meet the specific needs of each engagement

- IP portfolio vetting
- Market-based technology analysis
- Marketing strategy
- Identifying licensees/partners

- Staff and interns
- Innovators and researchers
- Entrepreneurs





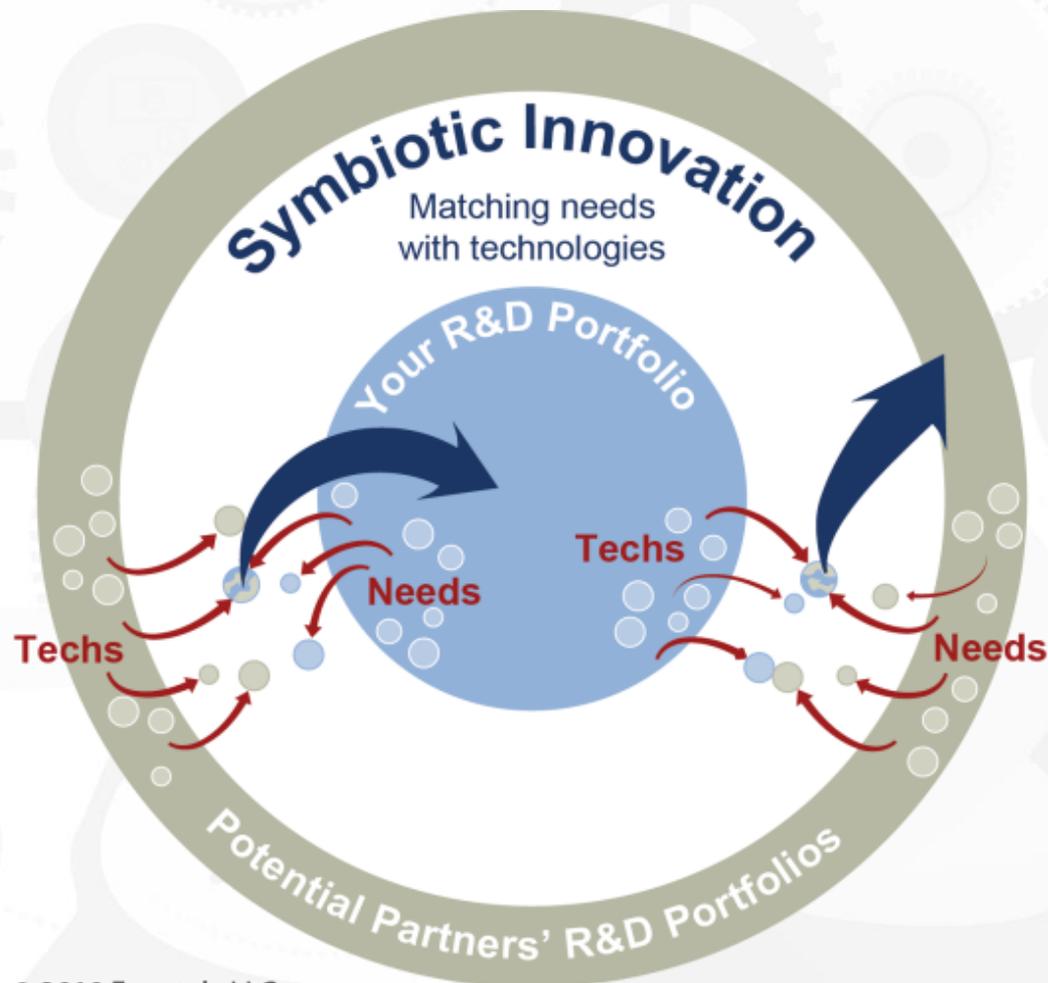
A word cloud of technology jargon terms. The words are arranged in various orientations and colors. The most prominent words are 'Grants' (large, dark red), 'Spin Out' (large, light blue), 'Tech Transfer' (large, purple), 'Open Innovation' (large, dark red), 'Partnering' (large, olive green), 'Infusion' (large, light blue), 'Tech Sourcing' (medium, dark teal), 'Tech Push' (medium, olive green), 'Sponsored Research' (medium, light blue), 'Spin In' (medium, dark teal), 'Collaborative Research' (medium, olive green), 'Crowd Sourcing' (medium, dark teal), 'Tech Scouting' (medium, purple), 'Tech Pull' (medium, light blue), 'Start Up' (medium, light blue), and 'Licensing' (medium, grey). Other smaller words include 'Crowd Funding' (vertical, purple), 'Tech Scouting' (vertical, purple), 'Tech Transfer' (vertical, purple), 'Tech Push' (horizontal, olive green), 'Sponsored Research' (horizontal, light blue), 'Spin In' (horizontal, dark teal), 'Collaborative Research' (horizontal, olive green), 'Crowd Sourcing' (horizontal, dark teal), 'Tech Pull' (horizontal, light blue), 'Start Up' (vertical, light blue), and 'Licensing' (vertical, grey).

Crowd Funding
Partnering
Tech Transfer
Open Innovation
Infusion
Tech Sourcing
Tech Pull
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Tech Scouting
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Start Up
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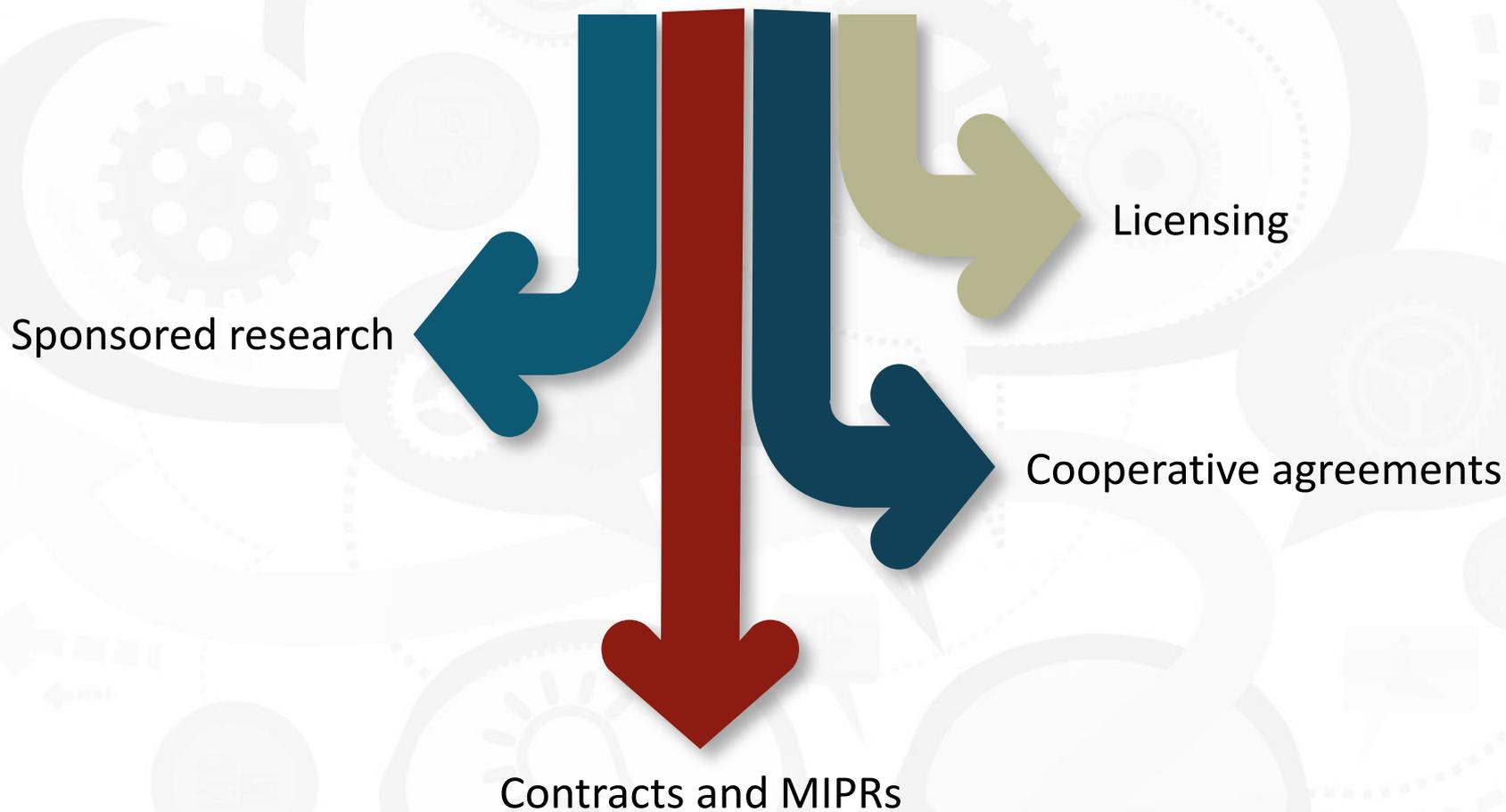
Open Innovation

Tech Transfer

The process of moving technologies, ideas, and capabilities from one organization to another...it's ubiquitous



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Behavior

Slow, cautious

Looking to grow and sell more products



Behavior

Fast, risk takers

Looking to survive and become target for merger



Behavior

Methodical, reactive

Looking for sponsored research and licenses



Behavior

Slow, erratic (political)

Looking to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars

A View of the Technology Transfer Landscape

Large companies

Looking to grow and sell more product



Small companies

Looking to survive and become target for merger



Research Organizations

Looking for sponsored research and licenses



Government
Looking to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars

When to Use Open Innovation... and When *Not* to

- External challenges correspond
- Others are at cutting edge
- Cross-disciplinary challenges
- Early in R&D
- New or rapidly-changing fields of business
- Complement to your areas of strength
- Resources are limited

- Requirements are unique
- Internally evolutionary
- Unusually short schedule
- Highly competitive market environment
- Organizational culture precludes

When to
use it

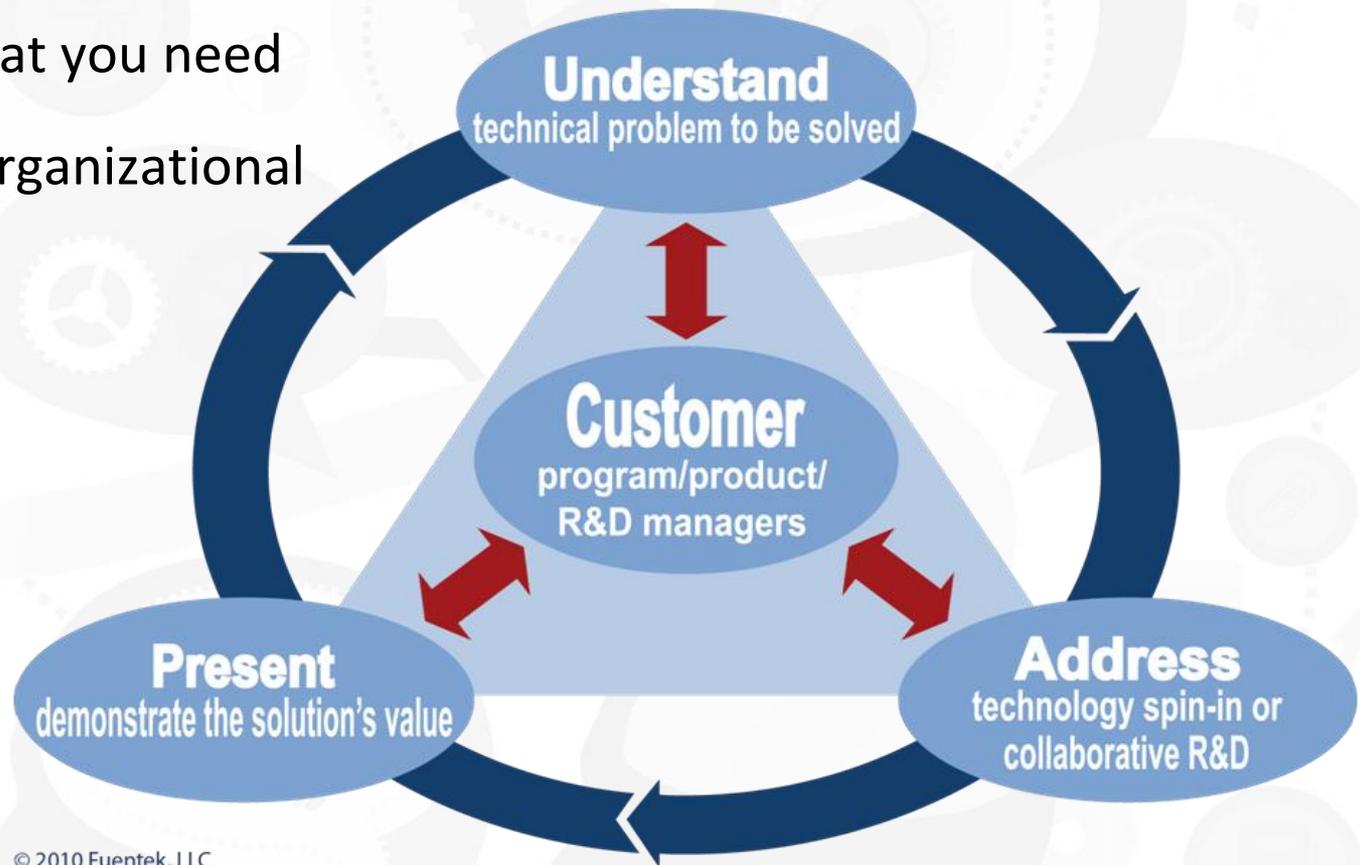


When *not* to
use it



It has advantages, but
it is not always
necessary or possible

- Know what you have
- Understand what you need
- Build internal organizational support



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See the “Symbiotic Innovation” links at:
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- Perform market research
 - Trends
 - Market structure
 - Key players
- Develop relationships and present your capabilities and needs
- Listen to potential partners to learn about their needs and capabilities
- Identify potential solutions (near and long term)
- Analyze and prioritize
- Ensure mutual value
- Secure IP rights in the agreement



Photo by Chris Gunn, NASA





No superpowers necessary

Just great ideas

Thank You

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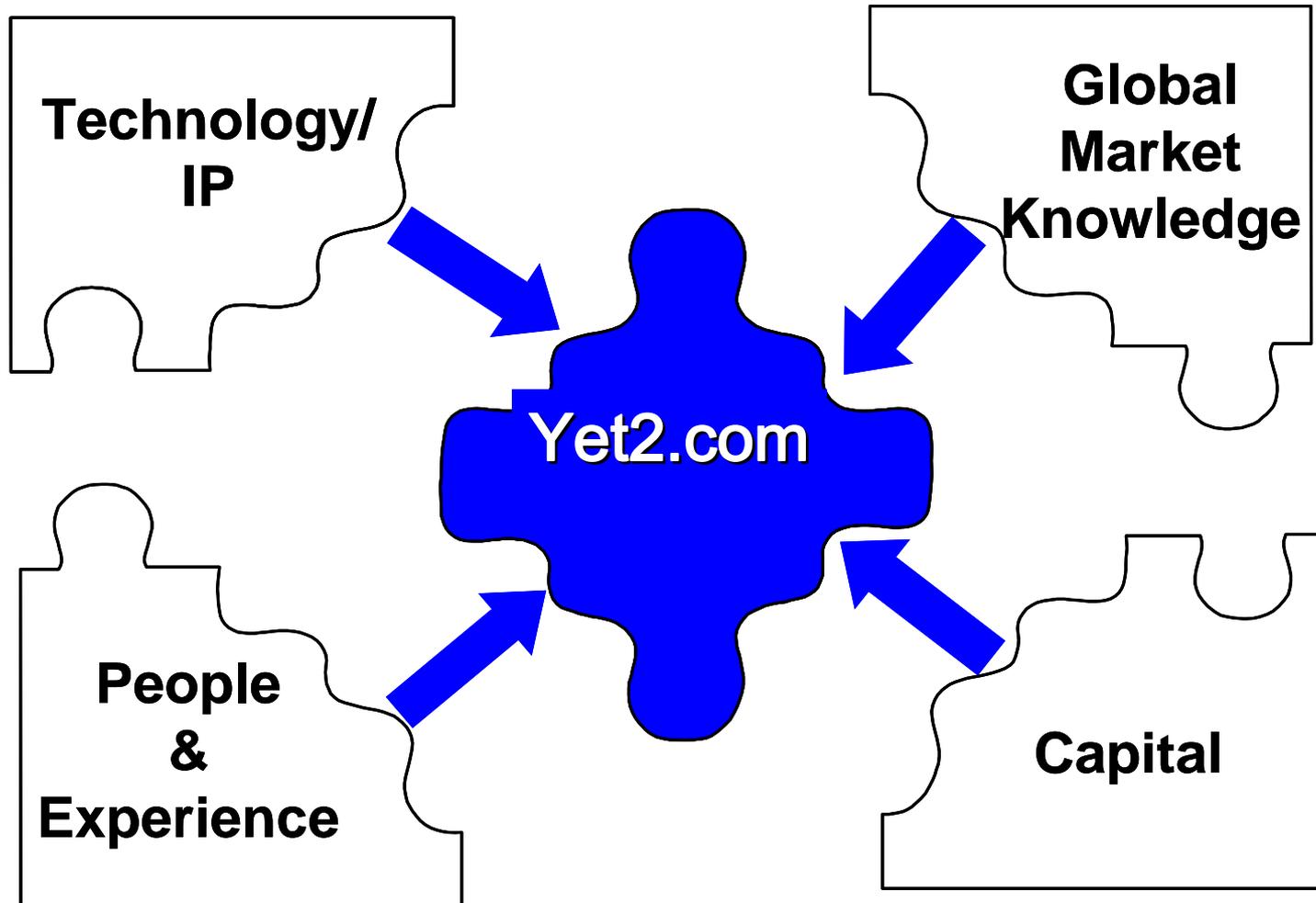


Open Innovation and Technology Scouting with yet2.com

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- Formed in '99. Advisory Board includes: AGFA, Avery Dennison, Bayer, DSM, DuPont, Philips, P&G, Takeda
- Full range of services to assist clients in out-licensing, technology acquisition, and patent transactions
- Offices in Boston, Wilmington, Liverpool, Tokyo
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yet2.com: Experts in Bringing the Pieces Together



yet2.com Government Experience

- Department of the Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command, AFRL: OPEN INNOVATION SUPPORT SERVICES (March 7, 2007)
 - ✓ Six technology scouting projects
- NASA/Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center Contract Award: Innovation Support Services (Sep 29, 2009)
 - ✓ Bone Density Measurement
 - ✓ Real-time Microbiological Monitoring of Water and Biocides
 - ✓ Radioprotectants
 - ✓ Exoterrestrial Life Differentiation
 - ✓ Portable Imaging
 - ✓ Food Protection
- Y12 National Security Complex (December 2010).
Open Innovation and Technology Marketing.

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Keys to Success: Organizational Groundwork

- Choice of Project
 - Conduciveness to search
 - Likelihood that solution may emerge from beyond your core network
 - Business Impact / Urgency
 - Existing product line(s) vs. new business opportunity
 - Trigger for need (e.g., regulatory requirement, incremental improvement)
 - Readiness to acquire
 - Project funding & staffing
 - Technical competence to evaluate, and/or budget to employ external evaluators
 - *Willingness to complete development*
- Client Role
 - Ownership – direct involvement of business leader who can “green light”
 - Involvement – team bi-weekly calls (*with* preparation) to screen candidates
 - Engagement w/external cos. – legal hurdles minimized; sample evaluation
 - Momentum – maintaining drive throughout process; willing to “close”

Keys to Success: Choice of Need

Search scope:



Background knowledge about the problem/specs:



Project Trigger (IP situation, competitors, regulatory change...)/motivation:



Deadlines/product launch in:



Maturity level of preferred solution:



Internal project to solve the Need:



Willingness to complete development:

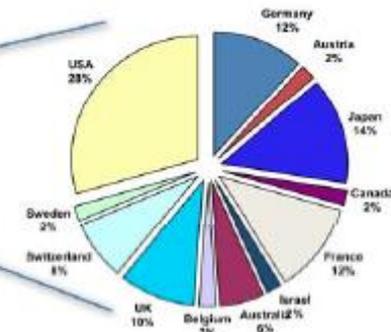


NASA JSC Open Innovation Pilot

- November 2010 – yet2.com conducted Open Innovation and Technology Needs (TechNeeds) Prioritization session at NASA JSC Center
- Technology Scouting projects are selected and internally approved by NASA
- yet2.com conducts online and offline search and presents results to the TechNeeds owners
- NASA selects technologies with the highest potential for further engagement
- September-December 2010 - yet2.com conducts evaluation interviews with project leads and produces a final report incorporating key learnings and suggestions for future development of open innovation initiatives at NASA JSC.



Technical Need	No. of total replies/leads	No. of hits (initial interest)	Active leads
Bone Density Measurement	51	793	5
Monitoring of Water and Biocides	61	2003	8
Radioprotectants	28	475	6
Exoterrestrial Life Differentiation	31	1596	1
Food Packaging/Protection	29	173	5
Portable Imaging	34	581	5



- Yet2.com acts as a technology scout bringing together buyers and sellers of technologies.
- Facilitates building consortia around common interest.
- Option to develop partnerships.

The screenshot shows the Yet2.com website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links. Below the search bar, a banner for the 'yet2.com's Step2Change Competition' is displayed, stating: 'We're seeking cutting-edge technologies for accelerated commercialization. Four categories. Learn more and apply here!'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Tech of the Week' featuring 'Crystalline, self-curing waterproofer material opens up the cement market', 'TechRoad Challenge' with 'Seeking Next-generation topical warming innovations that produce heat on the skin', and 'Seeking Algorithms for multi-criteria decision making/multi-objective decision making to optimize parameters for hybrid composite models'. There are also sections for 'Providers' (listing 'Kimbly-Club'), 'Disussions', and 'Links'. A sidebar on the left contains a search filter, a 'Member Log In' form, and an 'About Us' section.



What makes a well-stated need?

- Clearly states what would satisfy the need.
- Provides “constraints” – musts and must-nots
 - But not too many or too detailed (*yet2.com* can do filtering)
- Two approaches:
 - Specific: Methods to determine if there is life on Mars (answers the need, but applies only to life on Mars)
 - Generic: Seeking biological assay techniques (answers the need and may attract a wide variety of technologies)

Example: Life on Mars

- **Specific:**

How can astronauts conclusively differentiate between life found on other planets, and similar forms of life that may have colonized the planet via contamination from earlier probes from Earth or even via meteorites blasted from Earth to Mars? (At least one meteorite from Mars but found on Earth may display indications of life.) NASA acknowledges that such a protocol may be difficult because we know of only one planet that definitely harbors life: the Earth.

- **Generic:**

We need to formulate a new, single, robust assay that classifies a microorganism if known; and if unknown by the assay, flags it for further testing. The microorganisms presented to the test will be unidentified when encountered, and the test must be thorough enough to “take on all comers.” If the test recognizes a microorganism, it must also be able to detect any serious differences between the recognized microorganism and its known varieties.

Time and Resource Savings (NASA JSC project owners survey)

- “yet2.com eliminated the need for the technical owner to run patent and literature searches”
- “Companies and technologies found would probably have been missed in an internal search”
- “Evaluating proposal solutions still takes time, but more efficient with yet2.com prescreening”
- “yet2.com process is a huge time/budget saving compared to running a regular marketing survey”
- “Compared to SBIR - yet2.com process was less expensive and produced results in a shorter timeframe”

Real Value = Implementation of Solutions

1. Meeting and discussing the issue with the solution provider (hotel, travel and consulting costs) (*“life on Mars”*)
2. Engagement through SBIR mechanisms (*Bone Imaging, Radiation Protection*)
3. Distribution of information about the existing funding mechanisms within NASA/Awareness campaigns (*Radiation Protection*)
4. Joint publications (*“life on Mars”*)
5. Joint site visit (*Bone Imaging, “life on Mars”*)
6. Financing research (*Bone Imaging*)
7. Financing co-development of the product (*Drinking water monitoring*)
8. Creation of the consortium of the solution providers (*Medical Imaging*)

Individual Scouting Project Timeline

Activities/Time	Month 1 of a TechNeed™				Month 2					Month 3	Month 4	Month 5				Month 6					
Weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-13	14-18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
Timeline per TechNeed™																					
Administration /Posting																					
TechNeed™ Drafting		■																			
Posting and Management			■ timeline defined with NASA																		
Aggregation of Submissions												■									
Successful Solution																					
Due Diligence													■								
Management of Feedback													■	■	■						
Engagement and Award Management															■						
Bi-weekly Meetings			■		■		■		■	■	■		■		■		■		■		

We look forward to working with you!



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