



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS:

ALIGN-T1D – Global Demand Visibility & Market Intelligence Platform for Diabetes Commodities

RFA Reference Number:	ALIGNT1D-BoW2B-2026
Issuing Organization:	Breakthrough T1D
Program/Project:	ALIGN-T1D Global Demand Visibility & Market Intelligence Platform for Diabetes Commodities
Geographic Focus:	Across low- and middle-income countries
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Period of Performance:	3 years
Estimated Budget:	\$1.5 Million
Contract/Grant Type:	Grant Agreement
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This RFA in no way obligates BreakthroughT1D to award a contract. It does not commit BreakthroughT1D to pay any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of applications.

**SECTION
A****OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE***Organizational context, program background, and solicitation rationale*

A.1 About the Issuing Organization

Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF) was founded in 1970 by families of people diagnosed with type 1 diabetes (T1D). We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and the leading global T1D research and advocacy organization. Our mission is to accelerate life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat T1D and its complications.

Breakthrough T1D houses the Secretariat for [ALIGN-T1D](#). ALIGN-T1D is a first-of-its-kind global alliance that aspires to align up to \$100M in philanthropic investments in T1D care and enabling health systems across a portfolio of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) by 2040. ALIGN-T1D vision is to bring together representatives across industry, government, philanthropy, civil society, and people with lived experience to help close deadly gaps in access and guarantee that comprehensive care and quality supplies are within reach for all people living with T1D, regardless of where they live.

A.2 Program Background and Development Context

Despite growing investments in diabetes care, insulin, and blood glucose monitoring markets in LMICs remain underdeveloped and inefficient. A central driver of this dysfunction is the lack of credible, shared visibility into demand and supply dynamics. In many contexts, fragmented and low-quality data limit effective decision-making across the market. Governments face challenges in forecasting, quantification, and procurement planning, while suppliers lack reliable information on volumes, timing, and product specifications. At the same time, limited transparency on pricing, product availability, and emerging innovations further constrain informed purchasing and market participation.

These information gaps reinforce a cycle of weak market performance: uncertain demand signals lead to conservative supplier engagement, limiting competition and new market entry, which in turn contributes to high prices, supply insecurity, and frequent stockouts. These market challenges are most frequently underscored in insulin, but extend into delivery devices, glucometers, test strips, and HbA1c tests.

Experience from other global health markets, including HIV, malaria, and reproductive health, demonstrates that demand aggregation and market intelligence platforms can help break this cycle. By generating credible demand signals, improving coordination, and providing early visibility into supply and pricing dynamics, these platforms have strengthened procurement outcomes and market function. However, such mechanisms do not yet exist in a meaningful or coordinated way for diabetes commodities.

This initiative is intended to complement ALIGN-T1D and related investments in diabetes service delivery and market shaping by creating the demand visibility and market intelligence needed to translate growing program momentum into more predictable, sustainable commodity access. It seeks to address that gap by establishing the foundational infrastructure needed to improve market transparency, predictability, and long-term sustainability. Improved market demand visibility aims to inform both procurement and supply planning decisions, including for new market entrants.

This concept addresses a foundational constraint in global diabetes markets: the absence of credible, shared intelligence to guide decision-making. By improving visibility, coordination, and trust across stakeholders, the platform has the potential to reshape market dynamics, making them more predictable, competitive, and ultimately more responsive to the needs of people living with diabetes.

A.3 Purpose of this RFA

This concept proposes the development of a cross-country demand visibility and market intelligence platform to improve procurement planning, supplier engagement, and market functioning for insulin and diabetes commodities in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

A fundamental barrier to sustainable access to diabetes supplies is the lack of credible, transparent, and coordinated demand signals. Governments, suppliers, and donors operate with incomplete information, resulting in fragmented procurement, limited competition, and persistent supply insecurity. A lack of demand insights undermines access to insulin, self-care, and clinical monitoring (i.e., delivery devices, glucometers, test strips, HbA1C). Applicants should describe how the proposed platform will complement ALIGN-T1D and other relevant market-shaping, service delivery, and health systems efforts where applicable.

This initiative aims to address these challenges by establishing a platform that:

- Aggregates and analyzes demand across countries
- Provides actionable market intelligence to both buyers and suppliers
- Strengthens procurement planning and forecasting capacity
- Facilitates structured market dialogue over time between procurers and manufacturers

The goal is to create a trusted, neutral coordination mechanism that improves market predictability. This, in turn, aims to improve supplier competition while enhancing supply security.

Note: RFA 1 (“Co-Financing”) and RFA 2 (“Demand Visibility”) are being issued in parallel. Applicants may apply to one or both RFAs; however, each proposal must clearly respond to the specific objectives, scope, and requirements of the respective RFA. While complementary or coordinated approaches across the two concepts are encouraged where relevant, applications will be reviewed and evaluated independently.

A.4 Solicitation Type and Competition

This is an open solicitation to all eligible organizations.

**SECTION
B****Proposal Requirements**
Technical approach and cross-cutting requirements

B.1 Technical Approach

Proposals should present a clear technical approach aligned to the phases outlined below, including implementation approach, partnership model, key risks and mitigation strategies, monitoring and learning approach, and a high-level pathway to sustainability or scale.

Applications should detail how the organization will address three core phases of work.

1) Exploration & Discovery (3-month target)

The applicant will define a structured, phased approach to designing the platform and prioritizing country participation, grounded in consultation with governments, suppliers, and other key market stakeholders. This phase could also include learning from similar initiatives in other health sectors. Proposals should clearly define the core functional components of the platform, including the approach to data aggregation, analytics, governance, confidentiality protections, and production of market intelligence outputs for relevant stakeholders. This should include clear criteria to assess country readiness, such as procurement capacity, data availability & integrity, and alignment with broader diabetes or NCD initiatives, as well as a sequenced onboarding strategy across pilot, expansion, and scale phases. Emphasis should be placed on identifying a small set of anchor countries & coordinated procurement partners with sufficient procurement volume, system capacity, or regional influence to establish credible demand signals and demonstrate early platform value. The applicant should articulate the value proposition for participation by governments, procurement partners, and innovator & emerging suppliers, including how early engagement will build trust and support sustained participation over time. The applicant should outline how this phase will prioritize and build out a holistic diabetes supply platform, including insulin, delivery devices, glucometers, test strips, and HbA1c tests.

In parallel, the applicant will assess stakeholder readiness and incentives for data sharing, including government willingness to share procurement, pricing, and forecasting data, and the institutional constraints that may limit participation. The applicant should also define an approach to identifying and engaging key procurers and major innovator & emerging suppliers, with a phased strategy for participation that balances early trust-building with longer-term market dialogue. The applicant will also determine how to engage and build capacity for people with lived experience & community-based organizations to inform design, implementation, and partner accountability. For example, this may propose embedded mechanisms to support stock monitoring. Findings from this phase should directly inform platform design, including data architecture, governance, and confidentiality protocols, and a clear implementation roadmap for pilot countries and initial partners. Applicants should illustrate how the exploration and discovery phase will lay the foundation for long-term sustainability and public ownership of the platform. Proposals should describe how data ownership, access, confidentiality, and appropriate use will be managed across participating stakeholders.

2) Governance Design & Implementation

The applicant will propose a 3-year implementation plan to design, pilot, and assess the viability of a cross-country demand visibility and market intelligence platform. The platform will generate two complementary types of intelligence: demand-side intelligence—including historical procurement data, forward-looking forecasts, and product transition trends—and supply-side intelligence, including product availability, regulatory approvals, supplier landscape, and innovation pipelines.

The first two years will focus on establishing and piloting the platform across an initial set of countries (e.g., 3–5), building the core data architecture, governance, and confidentiality protocols, and producing initial market intelligence outputs. This phase should also include targeted technical assistance to strengthen country-level procurement planning and a phased approach to supplier engagement, beginning with passive sharing of aggregated demand insights.

At the end of Year 2, the applicant will define and assess clearly specified go/no-go criteria to determine whether the platform should proceed to expansion. These criteria should evaluate the feasibility of the platform (including the reliability of data systems and governance structures), evidence of early impact (such as improved demand visibility, procurement planning, or initial market response), and the level of sustained engagement and interest from governments, procurement partners, and suppliers.

Contingent on meeting these criteria, Year 3 will focus on consolidating and scaling the platform. This includes expanding country participation while maintaining data quality and credibility, strengthening analytical capabilities and market intelligence products, and introducing more structured buyer-supplier engagement. The applicant should also articulate how lessons from the pilot phase will inform the platform's long-term institutional model, governance structure, and pathway to broader scale beyond the initial three-year period. After demonstrating initial impact, the applicant will need to develop a plan to support long-term sustainability, such as linking with

This should include consideration of the platform's potential long-term institutional home, governance model, and resourcing needs beyond the initial grant period.

3) Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning

The applicant will define how the platform will generate and use evidence to assess its effectiveness in improving demand visibility, procurement planning, and overall market function. This should include tracking both operational and market-level outcomes, such as improvements in forecasting accuracy, increased supplier participation, reduced supply disruptions, and greater transparency in pricing and procurement practices. The approach should emphasize continuous learning, with feedback loops to refine platform design, data quality, and stakeholder engagement over time. Additionally, the approach should prioritize building partnerships and long-term sustainability and public ownership of the platform.

A core output of the initiative will be the development of an annual diabetes market report as a global public good, synthesizing insights on product trends, demand patterns, and the evolving supply landscape for diabetes commodities in LMICs. This will be complemented by ongoing market intelligence products, including a rolling demand tracker and analytical tools, that support both country-level decision-making and broader ecosystem coordination (e.g., product introduction partners and major service delivery networks). Together, these outputs should contribute to a stronger evidence base and more informed, strategic procurement across participating markets.

Proposals should demonstrate technical rigor, feasibility, strong partnership and implementation capability, a clear approach to learning, and a credible pathway to sustainability or broader market impact.

B.2 Cross-Cutting Requirements

All activities under this program must integrate the following cross-cutting priorities.

Access and Participation: All activities must be designed to ensure fair and effective access and participation for intended beneficiaries. Offerors must describe how their approach addresses potential barriers to participation and promotes broad engagement across target populations. Data should be collected and reported, as applicable, to support monitoring of participation and outcomes across relevant population groups.

Meaningful Engagement of People Living with T1D: When engaging at the country level, offerors must demonstrate a credible strategy for gathering the viewpoints and guidance of people living with T1D. ALIGN T1D has adopted Meaningful Engagement principles (annexed) that should be applied where possible.

Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA): The implementer must establish systems for ongoing learning and adaptive management, including regular pause-and-reflect events, documentation of lessons learned, and a process for adjusting activities based on evidence and context changes.

Do No Harm / Safeguarding: Implementers must have organizational safeguarding policies in place, including protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). A copy of the policy must be submitted with the application. All field staff must complete safeguarding training within 60 days of award.

Sustainability: Activities must demonstrate a pathway toward sustainability beyond the grant period. Offerors should describe how health systems, local partners, or government entities will be able to maintain gains after funding ends.

SECTION C	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA <i>Who may apply – organizational and programmatic requirements</i>
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C.1 Eligible Organization Types

This Request for Applications (RFA) is open to a broad range of organizational types. All prime applicants must meet the requirements set forth below. Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) — defined as organizations established by treaty or formal agreement among sovereign states or governments — are not eligible to serve as prime applicants but may participate as sub-awardees or consortium partners subject to Breakthrough T1D approval.

Thresholds marked [TBD] should be calibrated to the expected award size and program scope.

Requirement	Threshold / Evidence Required
Eligible Applicant Types	
Organizational type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including international NGOs (INGOs) ▪ Academic and research institutions ▪ Universities and institutions of higher education ▪ Private sector entities, including for-profit firms and social enterprises ▪ Public health institutes and think tanks ▪ Consortia comprised of any combination of the above
Ineligible prime applicants	Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)—organizations established by treaty or formal agreement among sovereign states—are not eligible as prime applicants. <i>IGOs may participate as sub-awardees or technical partners within an eligible consortium, subject to Breakthrough T1D approval.</i>

C.2 Minimum Organizational Requirements

To be considered eligible, the lead offeror and sub-recipients must meet ALL of the following requirements at the time of application submission.

Legal Status and Registration	
Legal registration	Proof of legal registration as an entity in the country of domicile (e.g., certificate of incorporation, registration with relevant national authority)
Years in operation	Minimum of 5 years of continuous operation as a registered organization before the application deadline
Legal authority	Documentation demonstrating authority to enter into binding grant or contract agreements (e.g., organizational bylaws, board resolution)

Financial and Organizational Capacity	
Annual budget	Please provide audited financial statements demonstrating your annual organizational budget in each of the two most recently completed fiscal years
Financial management systems	Documented financial management system capable of tracking and reporting restricted grant funds in accordance with GAAP or an equivalent internationally recognized accounting standard
External audit	Independent external financial audit or equivalent review (e.g., agreed-upon procedures) completed within the past [two] fiscal years
Prior award management experience	Demonstrated experience managing donor-funded programs of comparable scope and complexity, including multi-country or international programming [if applicable]; references or past performance documentation may be required
Governance and Compliance	
Governing oversight body	Evidence of a governing board or equivalent oversight body independent of day-to-day management (e.g., organizational chart, board roster)
Policies and procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documented financial and procurement policies and procedures ▪ Safeguarding and child protection policy ▪ Anti-corruption and conflict of interest policy
Regulatory compliance	Ability to comply with all applicable grantee regulations, reporting requirements, and applicable local law in countries of operation
Consortium Applications	
Prime applicant responsibility	One eligible organization must be designated as the prime applicant and will bear full legal and programmatic responsibility for the award.
Identification of partners	All sub-awardees and consortium partners must be identified in the application, with their proposed roles and qualifications documented
IGO/multilateral participation	IGOs and multilateral agencies may serve in a sub-award, advisory, or technical assistance capacity within a consortium, but may not serve as the prime applicant.

Note: Breakthrough T1D reserves the right to request additional documentation to verify any of the above requirements and to determine organizational eligibility at its sole discretion.

C.3 Conflict of Interest

Any organization that was involved in the design of this program, assisted in drafting this RFP, or has an existing financial or governance relationship with Breakthrough T1D that could create a real or perceived conflict of interest must disclose this in writing at the time of submission. Breakthrough T1D reserves the right to disqualify any offeror where a conflict of interest cannot be adequately mitigated.

SECTION D	DELIVERABLES AND REPORTING SCHEDULE <i>Required outputs, reports, and submission standards</i>
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D.1 Key Organizational Roles

Role	Responsibilities	Point of Contact
Program Officer (Issuing Org)	Technical oversight; approves deliverables; day-to-day technical liaison; approves workplans	Karen Caldwell, kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org
Grants/Contracts Officer (Issuing Org)	Contractual authority: approves budget modifications, key personnel changes, no-cost extensions; formal amendments	Heather Stombaugh Hstombaugh@breakthrough1d.org
Chief of Party / Program Director (Implementer)	Overall programmatic accountability; primary relationship with Program Officer; signs deliverables	To be named at award
Finance Manager (Implementer)	Financial reporting and budget management	To be named at award

D.1 Standard Deliverables

Deliverable	Description	Frequency	Due Date
Inception Report	Start-up plan including final workplan, staffing chart, MEL and CLA plan, partnership agreements, and Year 1 budget	Once	30–60 days post-award
Annual Work Plan (AWP)	Activity plan with outputs, targets, Gantt chart (implementation schedule), and budget by quarter	Annual	30 days before each program year (July – June)
Quarterly Progress Report	Activities completed, results vs. targets, financial summary, challenges, adaptations made	Quarterly	30 days after quarter end
Annual Performance Report	Comprehensive results against indicators; expenditure report; lessons learned; case studies	Annual	45 days after program year-end
Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Plan (MELP)	Full indicator table, data sources, collection methods, frequency, responsible party, and targets	Once + annual update	90 days post-award; plan revised annually

Biannual Data Reporting	Full indicator table, data sources	Biannually	30 days after the collection period ends (each collection period runs for 6 months)
Mid-Term Review	Internal or independent review of progress; adaptive management recommendations	Year 2	Per approved timeline
Go / No Go Criteria	The applicant will define and assess clearly specified go/no-go criteria to determine whether the platform should proceed to expansion.	Year 2	Per approved timeline
Final Report	Comprehensive summary of all results, financial closeout narrative, sustainability plan, and lessons learned	Once	90 days before close-out
Quarterly Financial Reports	Expenditure reports against the approved budget; burn rate analysis	Quarterly	30 days after quarter end
Annual Financial Report	Expenditure report against approved budget; burn rate analysis	Annually	30 days after the end of the program year

D.2 Report Format Standards

- All narrative reports submitted in Microsoft Word (.docx) and PDF.
- Financial reports submitted in Excel (.xlsx) using the Breakthrough T1D approved budget template.
- All deliverables submitted in English.
- Reports must be submitted electronically by email to kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org and global@breakthrough1d.org.
- Branding: All public-facing materials must acknowledge ALIGN-T1D and Breakthrough T1D and, where applicable, the funding source. Logo usage guidelines will be provided at award, and information regarding use and restrictions will be included in the grant agreement.

D.3 Inspection and Acceptance

All deliverables are subject to review and approval by the designated Program Officer within 30 business days of submission. Deliverables not meeting agreed quality standards will be returned with written feedback. The implementer has 15 business days to revise and resubmit. Persistent quality issues may trigger a performance improvement process.

SECTION E	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION <i>Roles, financial management, and payment terms</i>
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E.2 Financial Management and Payment

- Contract type: Grant agreement
- Payment Schedule and Reporting Requirements: Annual workplans and budgets will be approved for each year of the three-year award. Disbursements will be made on a quarterly basis and are contingent upon submission and approval of the required quarterly reports. Payments will be issued in four equal installments: one-quarter (25%) upon agreement activation, and one-quarter (25%) following approval of each subsequent approved quarterly report. Submission of invoices is not required.
- Payment: Payment is 45 days net terms upon approval of quarterly reports (programmatic and financials).
- Accounting: The implementer must maintain a separate accounting code or cost center for this program.
- Budget Realignments: The Recipient must obtain prior written approval from Breakthrough T1D before any reallocation of the budget.
- Unspent Funds: Unspent funds at close-out must be returned to Breakthrough T1D within 60 days of the end of the performance period.

E.3 Sub-Awards

The implementer may issue sub-grants or subcontracts to other eligible organizations. The implementer is responsible for ensuring all sub-awardees comply with the terms of this agreement, including safeguarding, risk management, financial management, and all reporting requirements.

**SECTION
F****SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS***Program-specific obligations and organizational policies*

F.1 Key Personnel

The following positions are designated as Key Personnel. The named individuals must be approved by Breakthrough T1D before the grant award is finalized. Any substitution requires written notification and approval from the Program Officer at least [30] days in advance for any of the following positions: (1) Chief of Party/Program Director, (2) Deputy Director/Technical Lead [if applicable], (3) Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Director, or (4) Finance Director.

F.2 Data Ownership and Intellectual Property

All data, reports, tools, training materials, and other outputs produced under this program are the property of Breakthrough T1D, unless otherwise agreed in writing. The implementer may retain copies for organizational learning purposes. Publication of program findings requires prior written approval from ALIGN-T1D and Breakthrough T1D. The implementer retains ownership of pre-existing intellectual property brought into the program.

F.3 Data Protection and Privacy

The implementer must comply with applicable data protection laws in Uganda and the United States as relevant. Beneficiary data — including health records, personal identifiers, and survey data — must be stored securely, de-identified where possible, and never shared with third parties without informed consent. A data management plan must be submitted as part of the MEL Plan.

F.4 Organizational Safeguarding

The implementer must have and enforce a safeguarding policy that meets ALIGN-T1D's minimum standards, including: a clear prohibition on sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment; a confidential reporting mechanism; mandatory staff training; and a process for investigating and responding to complaints. Incidents must be reported to Breakthrough T1D within 72 hours of the implementer becoming aware of the incident.

F.5 Audit Rights

Breakthrough T1D reserves the right to conduct financial and programmatic audits of the implementer's and any sub-awardees' records related to this program at any time during the award period and for 5 years following close-out. The implementer must maintain all financial records and supporting documentation for this period.

F.6 Visibility and Communications

The implementer must obtain prior written approval from the Program Officer before making any public statements, media releases, or media engagements that reference ALIGN-T1D or Breakthrough T1D. Social media posts referencing program activities must use agreed hashtags and tag Breakthrough T1D's and ALIGN-T1D's official accounts. Crisis communications should be communicated immediately to the Program Officer. All public-facing materials must acknowledge ALIGN-T1D and Breakthrough T1D and, where applicable, the funding source. Logo usage guidelines will be provided at grant award, and information regarding use and restrictions will be included in the grant agreement.

SECTION G	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS <i>How to prepare and submit your application</i>
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G.1 Technical Application Requirements

The Technical Application must not exceed 25 pages (excluding CVs and annexes). Use 12-point font, 1-inch margins, and single spacing. Pages must be numbered. Offerors may directly copy sections from the concept note, as appropriate, however, responses must be tailored to the Objective you are applying and include additional context as necessary.

#	Section	Content Required	Page Limit
1	Executive Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program Overview and summary of key objectives ▪ Your organization’s value proposition ▪ Summary of approach and expected results 	1
2	Background / Problem Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development context and situational analysis ▪ Evidence base and data supporting the proposed intervention, including citations ▪ Gaps in current programming or service delivery ▪ Alignment with host country strategies and priorities ▪ Link between problem diagnosis and proposed solution 	2
3	Technical Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed activities by phase ▪ Evidence-based and Innovation practices ▪ Responsiveness to SOW; must explicitly address each cross-cutting requirement in Section B 	8
4	Sustainability Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Describe the strategy for ensuring that activities are sustained beyond the timeline of the grant period (financial and programmatic) ▪ Opportunities, threats, mitigating actions ▪ Stakeholders who will ensure the continuation of investments and achievements 	1

6	Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational structure Key Staff qualifications Staffing plan showing LOE Roles/responsibilities of all sub-partners Risk management approach 	5
7	MEL Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data sources and collection methods CLA approach MEL staffing Proposed targets (preliminary) 	3
8	Past Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 examples of similar programs (similar scope, budget, geography, or technical area) Include program name, funder, dates, budget, key results, and a reference contact 	3

ANNEXES

Annex	Contents
A	Key personnel CVs (2 pages per CV)

G.2 Financial Application Requirements

- Submit using your organization’s budget template.
- Provide a Budget Narrative explaining the rationale for each major line item.
- Breakthrough T1D has a standard 10% indirect cost rate. Please apply this rate when budgeting.
- Proposed budget should reflect realistic costs, neither inflated nor undercosted. Breakthrough T1D will conduct a cost reasonableness review.

G.3 Submission Instructions

- Submit your completed application and all attachments via email to: kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org, global@breakthrough1d.org.
- All narrative reports submitted in Microsoft Word (.docx) and PDF.
- Financial reports submitted in Excel (.xlsx) using the Breakthrough T1D approved budget template.
- File naming convention: [OrganizationName]_[RFANumber]_Application.
- All deliverables submitted in English.
- Questions must be submitted in writing to kcaldwell@breakthrough1d.org by May 11, 2026.
- Deadline for submission is June 1, 2026, at 5 pm EDT.**
- Applications must remain valid for 120 days from the submission deadline.

SECTION H	EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR AWARD <i>How applications will be scored and selected</i>
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H.1 Evaluation Process

All applications will be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee composed of at least 3 members with relevant technical and programmatic expertise. Technical and financial reviews will be conducted independently.

H.2 Evaluation Factors and Scoring

#	Evaluation Factor	Detailed Description	Relative Score Weight
1	Problem Understanding & Strategic Clarity	Assesses whether the applicant clearly understands the demand visibility gap and its implications for market performance. Strong proposals connect data fragmentation to real-world outcomes such as pricing, supply reliability, and supplier participation.	10
2	Stakeholder Credibility & Participation Model	Evaluates the feasibility of sustained participation from governments, procurement actors, and suppliers. Strong responses demonstrate a compelling value proposition for stakeholders and realistic assumptions about incentives and constraints.	25
3	Platform Design & Technical Approach	Assesses the quality and feasibility of the proposed platform architecture and intelligence outputs. Strong proposals go beyond data collection to outline how demand- and supply-side intelligence will generate actionable insights.	20
4	Implementation Feasibility & Go/No-Go Rigor	Evaluates whether the platform can be realistically implemented and iteratively refined within the proposed timeline. Strong responses define clear milestones, including robust Year 2 go/no-go criteria grounded in feasibility, impact, and stakeholder engagement.	15
5	Market Impact, Learning & Global Public Goods	Assesses the platform’s potential to generate valuable market intelligence and influence procurement and supply dynamics. Strong proposals clearly define outputs—such as a “State of the Market” report—and how they will function as global public goods.	10

6	Organizational Fit & Convening Power	Evaluates whether the applicant can credibly serve as a neutral convener across governments, suppliers, and partners. Strong responses demonstrate both technical expertise and the trust, relationships, and positioning needed to coordinate diverse stakeholders.	20
6	Cost / Financial Application	Evaluates whether the applicant has the experience, partnerships, and capacity to deliver the proposed work. Strong responses demonstrate a proven track record in relevant areas and the ability to operate effectively within complex, multi-stakeholder environments.	Pass/Fail + Reasonableness Review

H.3 Rating Definitions

Rating	Score	Definition
Very Strong	5	Best-in-class, implementable - Compelling and convincing response within application constraints; clear alignment and strong internal logic, credible and well-articulated trajectory.
Strong	4	High quality - Response is clear, coherent, and well supported for the application stage; risks are acknowledged, and a plausible pathway forward is articulated.
Adequate	3	Meets expectations - Core elements addressed at a high level; logic is sound, but gaps remain.
Weak	2	Major Gaps - Some relevant elements are mentioned, but the response lacks coherence, credible support, or completeness; important gaps remain, and risks are only partially recognized. Major gaps.
Very Weak	1	Not Credible - Key elements missing, unclear, or poorly supported; major risks unacknowledged.

H.4 Award Decision

The Technical Review Committee will prepare a written evaluation report. Breakthrough T1D reserves the right to: (a) award without conducting negotiations based on initial applications; (b) request clarifications from offerors; (c) not make an award if no application meets the minimum requirements outlined in this RFA. All offerors will be notified of the outcome in writing and may request a debrief.

SECTION I	REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS <i>Offeror confirmations required at the time of submission</i>
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By submitting an application, the authorized representative of the offeror certifies that:

I.1 Organizational Standing

The organization is legally registered and in good standing in its country of registration, and has the legal authority to enter into a binding agreement.

I.2 Financial Integrity

The organization has not been debarred, suspended, or otherwise declared ineligible for funding by any major bilateral or multilateral funder within the past 5 years. The organization will disclose any ongoing or pending investigations relevant to financial integrity upon request.

I.3 Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest exists as defined in Section C.3, or any potential conflict has been fully disclosed in writing as part of this submission.

I.4 Accuracy of Information

All information submitted in this application— including organizational data, past performance, personnel qualifications, and financial figures — is accurate and complete to the best of the offeror's knowledge. Misrepresentation is grounds for immediate disqualification or award termination.

I.5 Safeguarding Compliance

The organization has a safeguarding / PSEA policy that meets the minimum standards outlined in Section F.5. A copy is attached to this application.

I.6 Anti-Corruption

The organization certifies that no payment, gift, or other consideration has been offered or given to any employee, officer, or representative of Breakthrough T1D in connection with this solicitation.

I.7 Key Personnel Availability

The Key Personnel proposed are available and committed to this program for the period and level of effort stated in the application.

Authorized Signature:

Name:	Title:
Organization:	Date:
Signature:	

SECTION J	LIST OF ATTACHMENTS <i>Supporting documents issued with this RFP</i>
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Ref	Attachment Title	Description
J-1	ALIGN-T1D Meaningful Engagement Principles	Reference document meant to inform the offeror's approach to engaging people with T1D.