# NESTcc Request for Information (RFI) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## What is the goal of the NESTcc RFI?

The goal for the NESTcc RFI is identify possible solutions that employ state-of-the-art data and computer science technologies, as well as data flow infrastructure to deliver low cost, high-quality, longitudinal medical device information in near real-time.

## Who should submit a response to the RFI?

The RFI is open to any interested party with data and analytics solutions for medical device evidence generation. NESTcc encourages individuals or groups associated with companies, organizations, collaborations, and strategically coordinated registries from the private and non-profit sector to submit a response.

## Why are data and analytics solutions for medical device evidence generation needed now?

Over the past decade, two societal trends have affected the way we think about clinical data for medical technology, and have driven the need for an organized strategy to collect and analyze data in near real-time to optimize patient health outcomes. First, the notion that we can predict the performance and clinical outcomes of medical technologies in common clinical settings via inference derived from a historical pivotal clinical trial, or set of pivotal clinical trials, has been challenged. Second, although medical information is increasingly digitized in clinical practice, there are still significant challenges in converting this data into useable evidence for regulatory decision-making.

In order to begin addressing these significant challenges, NESTcc has posted a Request for Information (RFI) for Data and Analytics Solutions for Medical Device Evidence Generation.

## How do I apply for a NESTcc designation for a demonstration project?

Read more about the application process [here](http://mdic.org/cc/rfi-data-and-analytics-solutions-for-nest/). Subsequently, download the [RFI form](http://mdic.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/RFI-Data-and-Analytics-Solutions-for-NEST-071417.docx), complete, save, and send the completed form as an attachment to [NESTcc@mdic.org](mailto:NESTcc@mdic.org).

## By when do I need to apply?

Responses are due by September 1, 2017.

## Will NESTcc provide more information on the process?

If you would like to learn more about the NESTcc RFI please stay tuned for a future webinar. Details on the webinar can be found on the [www.MDIC.org](http://www.MDIC.org) website.

## Where can I ask additional questions about the NESTcc RFI?

Please address any questions to [NESTcc@mdic.org](mailto:NESTcc@mdic.org).