

To the EIC community:

This process to develop EIC detector collaboration proposals was a major effort on the part of the international EIC community, beginning in earnest over 2 years ago with the Yellow Report activity. Indeed, the Yellow Report provided a firm foundation for the three proposals, ATHENA, CORE and ECCE, that were submitted in response to the Call for Proposals last year. The dedicated efforts of the EIC users have been essential to this process and the community deserves a great deal of credit for such an impressive response. The leadership of the EIC User Group (EICUG) Steering Committee has been instrumental throughout the process. The EIC Project leadership team, especially Elke Aschenauer, Rolf Ent and Jim Yeck also provided important guidance and support to the three Proto-collaborations during the development of the proposals. The management of BNL and JLab, along with the EIC Project, very much appreciate the tremendous efforts of the users. The EIC community should certainly take much pride in the results to date.

The two partner labs are also very grateful to the Detector Proposal Advisory Panel for their work to evaluate the proposals and provide their advice to us. We especially acknowledge the leadership of Patricia McBride and Rolf Heuer as co-chairs. The Panel was supported by the Project Detector Advisory Committee (DAC), chaired by Ed Kinney, with evaluations of detector technologies and cost estimates. This Committee was expanded for this process to include James Fast and Cathy Lavelle to provide additional expertise on project issues and cost assessments. We acknowledge the excellent work of the expanded DAC and would like to express our appreciation to them as well.

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Although the release of the Panel Report is a significant milestone, we must recognize that its implementation will require much effort and discussion involving the two Labs, the EIC Project, funding agencies, the EICUG and its leadership, and the leaders of the three Proto-collaborations. We are just at the beginning of this phase, and we very much look forward to working with all of you to realize an optimal set of experimental equipment for the EIC.



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