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Speaker Bios

2025 BAA Q&A Session Presenters List:

(In order of appearance)

- [Dr. Kinnera Chada, ORES](#)
- [Mr. Ian Weiss, OAGS](#)



Kinnera Chada, PhD

Dr. Kinnera Chada is the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Program Lead at the Office of Regulatory and Emerging Science (ORES), FDA. Prior to working on the BAA Program, she has served as the Program Official for two of the FDA's Centers of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation (CERSIs): Johns Hopkins University (2019-2023) and University of California at San Francisco in a joint effort with Stanford University (2021-2023). She has worked with Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (2011-2019) on developing mathematical models for antigen dose sparing for adjuvanted influenza vaccines, benefit-risk assessment of blood donation policies, and active surveillance of biologics through the Sentinel and Biologics Effectiveness and Safety (BEST) Initiatives. Dr. Chada completed her Ph.D. and Master's in biomedical engineering at the University of Kentucky. Her doctoral research focused on optimization of treatment regimens for carbonmonoxide poisoning using physiological systems modeling.



Ian Weiss

Ian Weiss is the Branch Chief for the Scientific Support Branch (SSB) of the Office of Acquisitions and Grants Services (OAGS) and is the Contracting Lead for the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) program. Mr. Weiss has over 14 years of Contracting experience, and has served on both the Contracting and Programmatic sides of the contracting table. He has a passion for finding common ground and innovative solutions to contracting issues that benefit all parties.

Ian brings 20 years of active duty Coast Guard experience to the table, both as an enlisted member and a Warrant Officer. In addition, his civilian experience includes time with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), The US Coast Guard (USCG) and the Food and Drug Administration. Mr. Weiss has lead several high profile contracting efforts over his career, such the Next Generation HURREVAC – Hurricane Decision Support platform with FEMA, DHS and USACE, The refit of the Coast Guard Cutter Healy and updates to the century old Washington Aqueduct. Ian is proud to now serve the FDA and to help guide the evolution of the FDA BAA program.