

Attachment 2: Invitation to participate in the:

Survey of Financial Sustainability of Human Tissue Biobanking

Dear [Respondent],

Your biobank has been identified as a candidate to participate in an online survey of human tissue biobanks. The purpose of this survey is to collect information regarding the challenges that human tissue biobanks encounter in achieving financially sustainable operations. The information will be used to assist the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in strategizing program plans to provide increased and tailored support for national and international biobanks, like yourself.

In completing the survey, you will provide a combination of structured, quantitative, and free-text descriptive data that characterize the type and maturity of your biobank, the types of funding sources that support your operations, and your usage of funding in conducting operations. The survey will also collect information describing the difficulties you face in maintaining funding sources and establishing new ones. Finally, the survey will elicit descriptions of techniques you have used to overcome the difficulties.

We do hope that you will participate. Please [\[click here\]](#) to access the online survey, register, and start the survey. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

Biorepository and Biospecimen Research Branch of the NCI