

Department of Defense makes new push into biotech

The U.S. Department of Defense's research arm is making a concerted grasp at biotechnology. On 1 April, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) announced a new division that will consolidate biology research scattered across its existing six divisions and possibly expand the arsenal of projects. "Researchers should see this move as a recognition of the enormous potential of biological technologies," Alicia Jackson, deputy director of the new Biological Technologies Office (BTO), told ScienceInsider in an e-mail. Whether the agency will devote a larger chunk of the roughly \$2.9 billion in its requested 2015 budget to biotech programs is not yet clear.

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