

## Biotech proponents ask Trump Administration to fast-track updated GMO regulations, unshackle innovation

In [July 2015](#) the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, under President Barack Obama, mandated that the USDA, FDA and EPA update regulations and policies to more properly account for innovative agricultural biotechnology products —and now pro-science advocates want President Donald Trump to enforce that decree.

The recommendation is one of seven made by the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, a nonpartisan think tank, in a 29-page paper released [April 3, 2017]. It marks one of the first substantial efforts by proponents of biotechnology to influence the new administration.

Report author Val Giddings, a senior fellow at ITIF who previously worked for both the Biotechnology Industry Organization and USDA, tells MA that he recognizes the difficulty in asking the Trump administration to continue an Obama-led charge, but says: “What [the Obama White House] proposed to do in 2015 is completely compatible with the Trump administration’s stated intention to ditch counterproductive regulations. ... There is a great chasm between the words on paper and the actions taken” by previous administrations on GMO-related policies.

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