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Dr. Greg Evans is a molecular biologist/biochemist by training who has worked at NIH for 27 years. He has 20 years of experience as an NIH Program Director managing early-stage, bench-to-bedside (Translation I) research projects. Since 2008, Dr. Evans has served as a Team Leader and Program Director within the National Cancer Institute (NCI) SBIR Development Center, an office created in 2007 to centralize management of all NCI SBIR/STTR funding, to increase marketing efforts in the small business and biotechnology investment communities, and to raise the bar for commercialization of cancer-related products and services by small businesses. As a Team Leader and Supervisor, Dr. Evans leads a group of five Program Directors responsible for small business projects in the imaging, cancer biology, and behavioral medicine areas. As a Program Director, he is responsible for a technically diverse portfolio that includes projects focused on imaging devices, drug development, diagnostics, basic cancer biology, and population-based cancer prevention.

Prior to coming to the NCI SDC, Dr. Evans worked from 1998-2008 as a Program Director for research on hemoglobin disorders within the Blood Division of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at NIH. In that capacity, he managed for five years the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers Clinical Trials Consortium, a 20-institution academic collaborative group funded to develop and implement collaborative Phase I-II clinical studies in sickle cell disease. Dr. Evans played a lead role coordinating and facilitating the development of seven collaborative clinical studies. He also managed a joint NHLBI-Pfizer project for a Phase II/III contract clinical trial of Sildenafil (Viagra) for pulmonary hypertension secondary to sickle cell disease. In that effort, he played a key role in the development of an Independent Research Grant Agreement with Pfizer that covered donation of the study medication and matched placebo, as well as Pfizer's special requirements for adverse event reporting. In addition, while with NHLBI Dr. Evans managed three projects under the NIH RAID (Rapid Access to Intervention Development) program, all of which involved both academic and commercial stakeholders. Lastly, he served on NHLBI-wide programs focused on translational research (e.g. Programs of Excellence in Gene Therapy, 2000-2005; Programs for Genomic Applications, 2000-2008).

Dr. Evans received a PhD in Biochemistry in 1991 from the UCLA, and a BA in Biochemistry from UC Berkeley in 1982. He is a native of Santa Rosa, California.