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Biosecurity experts support Disbrow

Confidence in the newly announced BARDA director is high among biosecurity industry

WASHINGTON, DC – Dr. Gary Disbrow, PhD, has been named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response and Director of the Biomedical Advanced Research & Development Authority (BARDA).

The Alliance for Biosecurity, the nation's leading coalition of medical countermeasure (MCM) developers, released the following statement regarding the announcement:

"BARDA, through partnerships with private industry, is an integral part of America's pandemic response and we have Dr. Gary Disbrow and the BARDA staff to thank for so much of the progress to date in developing diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines to combat COVID-19 and future CBRN threats.

"Dr. Disbrow has the support and confidence of the MCM industry."

BARDA, a component of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, invests in the innovation, advanced research and development, acquisition, and manufacturing of medical countermeasures – vaccines, drugs, therapeutics, diagnostic tools, and non-pharmaceutical products – needed to combat 21st century health security threats.

BARDA also established the Centers for Innovation in Advanced Development

and Manufacturing (CIADM) for the rapid, domestic manufacturing of MCMs needed to respond to pandemics and other public health emergencies.

Dr. Disbrow has previously served as:

- Acting BARDA Director and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response,
- Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response – BARDA Medical Countermeasures Program Director,
- Director/Acting Director – BARDA Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Division, and
- Deputy Director - BARDA CBRN Division.

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The Alliance for Biosecurity promotes a stronger, more effective partnership between government, the biopharmaceutical industry, and other stakeholders in order to advance their shared goal of developing critically needed medical countermeasures. The Alliance also seeks to develop sound public policy proposals that could bolster national efforts to rapidly develop, produce, stockpile, and distribute medical countermeasures. Learn how Alliance members are working to combat COVID and future pandemics [here](#).

Elected officials, staff, and members of the media are encouraged to contact Alliance leadership any time if we can be of service providing information, background, or updates on biosecurity issues:

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The Alliance for Biosecurity is a coalition of biopharmaceutical companies and laboratory/academic partners that promotes a strong public-private partnership to ensure medical countermeasures are available to protect public health and enhance national health security. The Alliance advocates for public policies and funding to support the rapid development, production, stockpiling, and distribution of critically needed medical countermeasures. Learn more online at AllianceForBiosecurity.com and by following [@AllianceCBRN](https://twitter.com/AllianceCBRN) on Twitter.



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