

SBIR Grant Application

Elementary Dr Watson

The history

The grant

The innovation

The business model

Overview

VistA works in the VA:

Developers ↔ Coordinators ↔ Users

How does it work outside?

Hardhats ↔ Implementors ↔ Adopters

My Business Model

Old: Sell and support broken software

New: Use Government Grant to demonstrate
commercial feasibility

The History

- April 8 – SmallVistA post re: Virginia's \$12M for go-live and MU in small primary care offices
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Long-term goal

- Elementary obtains SBIR grant
- Grant implies federal approval of a commercially viable idea (tax pants off)
- Market the promise of future organic growth
- Transplant the heart of VA into the small primary-care office community (SPOC)

The Present Situation

- Beta site is up: Elementarydrwatson.com
- SEO is Morepro.com
- Hardhats is a community of developers and some users
- I am a pitiful CAC
- My SPOC is me. I am my own Client 0, with 1 new patient/mo in VistA

Research up to present

- SBIR = Small Business Innovative Research
- STTR = Smallbus Technology TRansfer
- Innovative = new ideas
- Research = new knowledge
- Phase I \leq \$150K for feasibility
- Phase II \leq \$750K for development
- NIH: August 5, 5PM local, 25 pages

Potential Alternatives

- AHRQ is interested in EHRs
- CDC Public Health Informatics
- NCRR – Research Resources

Recommendation

- Research question: Can a SPOC be formed and will they contribute?
- 25 adopters, each with 25 encounters and 3 questions
- Investigate university partner for STTR
- Write application
- Delegate the various tasks

Summary

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- Potential Alternatives
- Recommendation