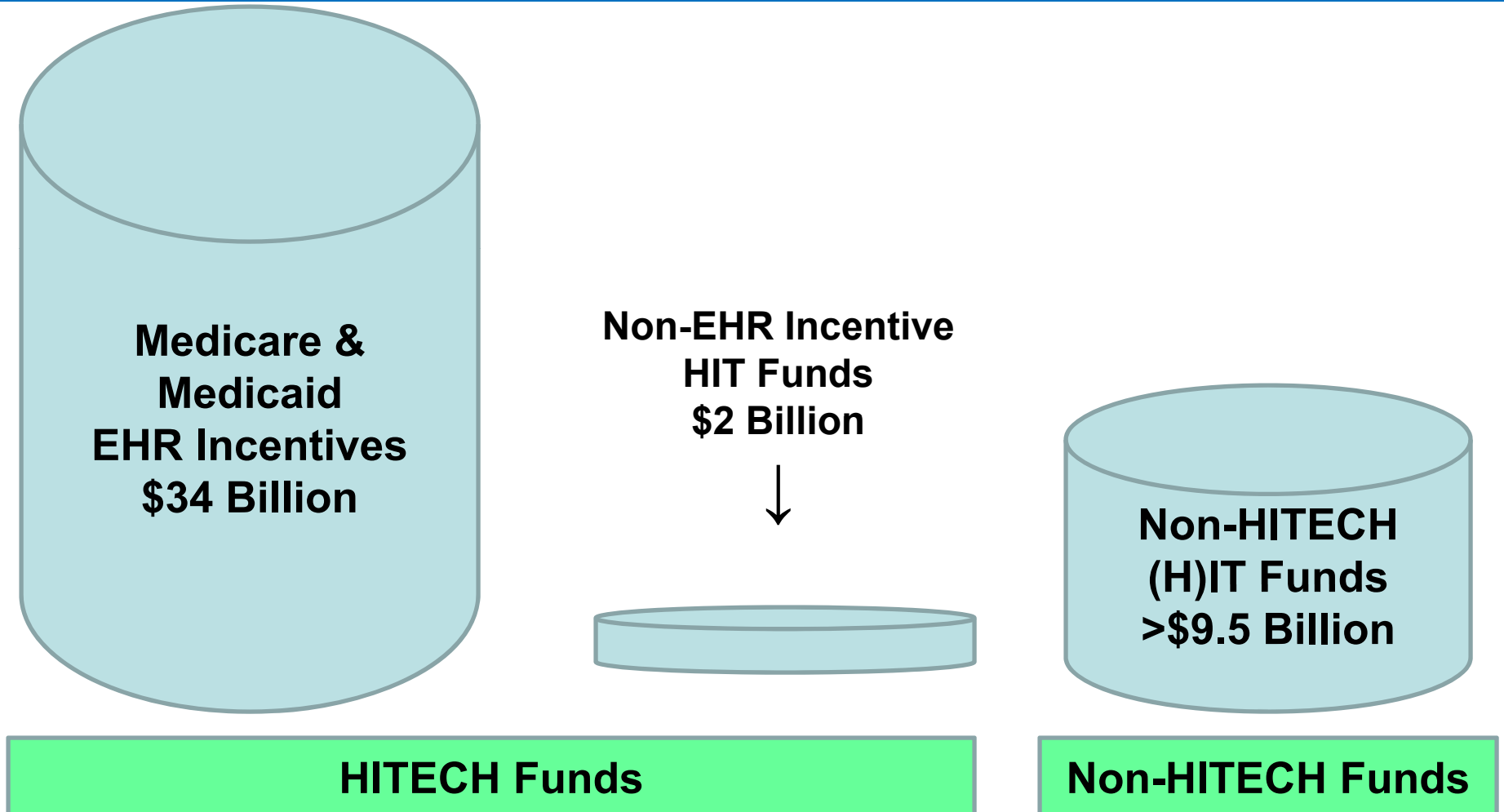


# *The Arizona HIE Project: Application for State HIE Cooperative Assistance Program*

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# Three “Buckets” of HIT Funds



# State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program: \$9.377M

# Dates

- October 16<sup>th</sup>; Application Submission (Office of Economic Recovery)
- December 15<sup>th</sup>; Awards Announced
- January 15<sup>th</sup>; Funds Available



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# Applicant > Partner > Subcontractors

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- Governor's Office of Economic Recovery
  - HIT Coordinator
  - Arizona Health-e Connection
    - ASU Biomedical Informatics (BMI; Dr. Bob Greenes)
    - ASU Center for Health Information & Research (CHIR; Dr. Bill Johnson)

## Goal

- To facilitate statewide health information interoperability and the availability of competitive health information exchange functionality to Arizona's healthcare providers

# Approach

- To develop and implement statewide HIE strategic and operational plans, utilizing stakeholder and subject matter expert inputs

# Objectives (1 of 6)

- #1 To create a planning team composed of project leadership and subject matter experts (SME) in the domains of Governance, Finance, Technical Infrastructure, Business and Technical Operations, and Legal / Policy;

## Objectives (2 of 6)

- #2 Through SME leadership of domain committees, produce Strategic and Operational Plans that reflect:
- A) Solid business principles
  - B) Free market economics, and
  - C) The most effective and efficient methods of moving Arizona from current state of HIE to statewide interoperability / competitive HIE availability;

## Objectives (3 of 6)

- #3 Establish an interoperability testbed which allows testing of applications and technical theories prior to spending money on actual implementations;

## Objectives (4 of 6)

- #4 Identify and disseminate policies, standards, best practices, and model documents that will create a level playing field for the development of health information exchange while assuring data protection (privacy and security);

## Objectives (5 of 6)

- #5 Educate stakeholders, including the public, regarding the benefits of HIE, as well as the policies that facilitate it and assure data protection and privacy;

## Objectives (6 of 6)

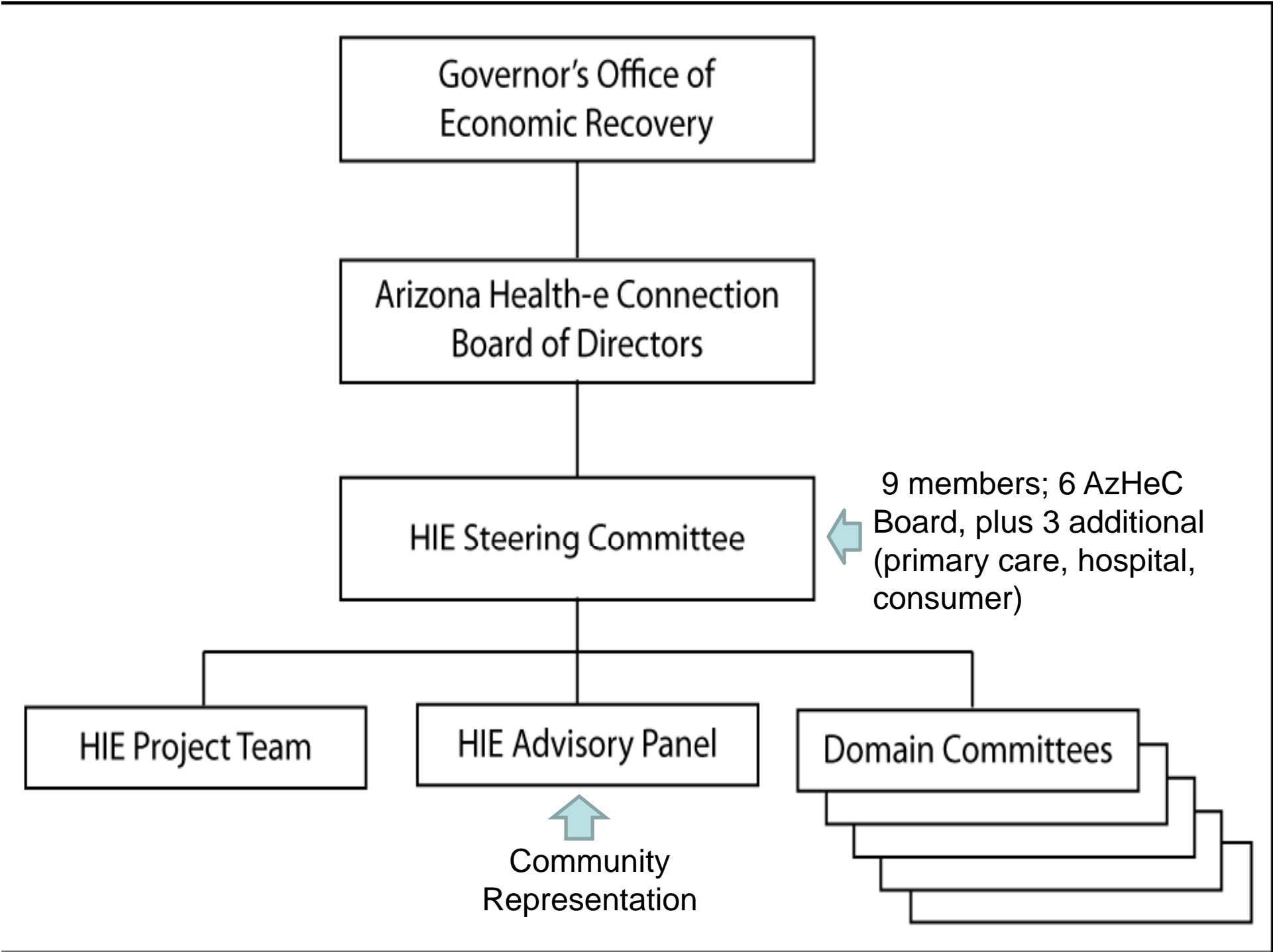
- #6 Ensure that healthcare providers throughout Arizona have options for health information exchange available in time to qualify for “meaningful use” of Electronic Health Records and avoid penalties.

# Outcomes

1. Providers will be able to make more informed decisions at the point of care, resulting in increased quality of care;
2. Patients will have more access to and control over their health information;
3. New and unforeseen businesses, products and services providing value to providers and consumers will develop; and
4. Efficiencies and cost avoidance will occur due to the enhanced availability of existing health information.

# Products

1. A statewide HIE Strategic Plan;
2. A statewide HIE Operational Plan;
3. An updated business agreement framework; statewide policies;
4. A statewide interoperable infrastructure;
5. An integrated health record for Arizonans that choose to have one; and
6. Data indicating the status of statewide HIE availability.



# Advisory Panel

- Community based organizations representing:
  - Medically underserved populations
  - Newborns
  - Children
  - Youth (including foster care)
  - Elderly
  - Disabled
  - Limited English proficiency
  - Mental health
  - Substance abuse
  - Long term care

## Advisory Panel (Cont'd)

- Providers (particularly those serving underserved or low income populations)
- Health plans
- Patient/consumer organizations
- HIT vendors
- Health care purchasers & employers
- Public health agencies
- Health professions schools, universities, colleges
- Clinical researchers
- Other users

# Domains

- Governance
- Finance
- Technical Infrastructure
- Business and technical operations
- Legal and Policy

# Existing HIOs and Exchange Efforts

- Active exchange efforts, whether an HIO or hospital system, may be represented by individual members on a committee, but no one HIO will be represented by multiple staff members on a committee, or in such a way as to automatically weigh the opinion of a committee in favor of one HIO's operations or direction.

# Next Steps

- Contract with Governor's Office
- Identifying Project Director, Finance/Administration Director and Planning Consultants (SMEs)
  - Privacy, security and architecture; business/economic modeling of HIT; communications; general
- Identifying overall work scope in domains
- Timeline production

## Next Steps (Cont'd)

- Develop selection process for Advisory Panel and Steering Committee
- Await funding announcement, and subsequent negotiation with ONC on cooperative agreement; very likely new Health Internet structure to be integral

## Planning vs Implementation \$

- The cost estimation for the planning period, including the required staff, is \$2,098,868.61.
- The remaining \$7,278,131.99 will be used for implementation (including staff).

## *Arizona's Point of Coordination*

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