

# **Joint Statement**

## **ATHENA Collaboration and ECCE Consortium**

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With the completion of the EIC Yellow report (YR) study by the EIC Users group, the ATHENA and ECCE proto collaborations developed detector proposals in response to the “Call for Collaboration Proposals for Detectors” by the host laboratories, Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

We would like to thank the Detector Proposal Advisory Panel for their careful, detailed review of our proposals and publicly express our confidence in both the review process and the recommendations of the panel. These recommendations provide the necessary guidance to work with the EIC project towards the conceptual design of a comprehensive, general-purpose experiment in preparation for DOE Critical Decision (CD)-2. We pledge to work together to leverage the body of work in the YR process, the detector proposals, and the EIC detector R&D program to realize a comprehensive, general-purpose EIC experiment, and to work with the community as a whole towards realizing the EIC science program.

With this joint statement, we express our overarching desire to unite and engage the EIC community in the realization of a comprehensive, general-purpose experiment capable of the science program of the Community White Paper and NAS report at the future EIC

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