

Ways to Do Business with INL

Agreement	Use	Funding	Subject Inventions	Generated Data	U.S. Competitiveness	Cost	Highlights	INL Contact
Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)	CRADAs enable INL and one or more non-federal partners (usually from industry or academia) to collaborate on an R&D program.	Private and/or Federal funds	Lab and Participant may take title to their own inventions and participant has right to negotiate an exclusive license to Lab inventions.	Protected for up to 5 years	Products embodying intellectual property (IP) resulting from CRADA shall be manufactured substantially in the U.S.	Lab and Participant may share costs. Participant can fund lab efforts, lab cannot fund Participant efforts.	+ Collaborative research + 5 year data protection + Designed for multi-party collaborative research	Sheena Kanyid (208) 526-1858 Sheena.Kanyid@inl.gov
Strategic Partnership Projects SPP (formerly known as Work for Others)	Work for businesses and other non-federal entities using highly specialized or unique DOE facilities, services or technical expertise.	Private funds	Sponsor may elect title to Subject Inventions.	Protected as Sponsor's proprietary data w/limited exceptions	U.S. Preference: Sponsor agrees not to grant any party exclusive right to use or sell products embodying Subject Inventions in the U.S. unless products are manufactured substantially in the U.S.	Sponsor pays full cost recovery.	+ Sponsor typically retains right to elect title to subject inventions + Generated data treated as proprietary + Option for limited Gov. R&D license	
		Federal funds (e.g. grantee)	Lab may elect title to Subject Inventions of the Lab.	Unlimited Gov. rights	U.S. Preference (see above)	Sponsor pays full cost recovery.	+ Access to unique facilities and expertise using federal funds	
Agreements for Commercializing Technology (ACT)	R&D for business and other non-federal entities using highly specialized or unique DOE facilities, services or technical expertise.	Private funds	Initial title to the designated IP Lead. (ACT Participant or Lab Contractor).	Protected as proprietary data w/limited exceptions	U.S. Preference (see above)	Participant pays full cost recovery plus additional negotiated compensation to the contractor.	+ Flexible terms for IP, indemnity, adv. payment + Optional performance guarantee + Negotiable IP terms + Option for limited Gov. R&D license	
License Agreements – Commercial (Evaluation, Option, Patent and Copyright Licenses)	Granting of rights to practice INL intellectual property to enable client's business plan. This mechanism is appropriate for companies interested in using INL's patents and technologies for commercial use.	N/A	INL licenses patent applications, issued patents and copyright assertion rights to private companies.	N/A	U.S. Preference (see above)	Licensee reimburses patent expenses, pays license fees and royalties on products and services that use INL IP.	+ Transferring technology into the marketplace is the principal goal + License fees are minimal + Revenue is back-end loaded to enable and benefit from a successful product in the marketplace + Income from royalties rewards inventors and is re-invested in lab R&D	Jason Stolworthy 208-526-3437 TD@inl.gov
License Agreements – Non-Commercial (Government Use and Open Source Software)	Granting of rights to practice INL IP to U.S. Govt. (USG) entities or contractors working for or on behalf of the USG. Placing INL software on Open Source Software (OSS) Repositories to enable crowd-sourced development	N/A for Govt. Use licenses, program supported for Open Source Software deployment.	INL licenses patent applications, issued patents and copyright assertion rights to USG entities or to Open Source Software Repositories.	N/A	U.S. Preference (see above)	No Cost to USG entities or contractors working for or on behalf of the USG. Program pays costs for OSS deployment.	+ Addresses Government Use Rights and deploys INL innovations within the USG + For OSS, substantially reduces software development cost.	

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User Facility Agreement - Proprietary	User may access designated facilities to conduct its own proprietary research.	Private funds	User may elect title to its subject inventions.	User may protect as proprietary	N/A	User pays approved user rate.	+ Generated data treated as proprietary + Merit based access to unique facilities	Sheena Kanyid (208) 526-1858 Sheena.Kanyid@inl.gov
User Facility Agreement - Non-Proprietary	Non-proprietary research at designated facilities.	N/A	Lab and User may elect their own subject inventions.	Unlimited Gov. Rights	U.S. Preference (see above)	Each party covers own cost.	+Merit based access to unique facilities	
Technology Assistance Program (TAP)	40 hours of INL staff time annually. Ideal for small technology-based companies in nuclear, clean energy and national and homeland security that desire access to unique capabilities at INL.	Free to successful competitive program applicants	TAP is not intended for R&D or where there is a possibility of IP creation.	Typically NDA's are not associated with TAP	U.S. small business preference, regional focus	Free to successful competitive program applicants.	+ Provides up to 40 hours of free technical support + US Small business preference + Capabilities not readily available in private sector	Jason Stolworthy 208-526-3437 TD@inl.gov
Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA)	Ensures the confidentiality of proprietary or confidential business information that may be shared between INL and a private partner.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	+ Enables the development of business relationships and work scope for joint projects	Sheena Kanyid (208) 526-1858 Sheena.Kanyid@inl.gov
Joint Appointment (JA) Agreements	INL strengthens its strategic objectives by increasing opportunities for research collaboration between INL and university personnel.	Funding split between the University and INL.	Shared	Shared	N/A	0 to 49% of the Joint Appointee's salary plus fringe benefits	+ Bring recognized, meaningful and productive engagement of university capabilities to bear on the broader spectrum of INL R&D activities + Access to unique facilities and expertise	Jessica Dixon 208-526-9087 jessica.dixon@inl.gov
Academic Visitors	Promotes an interactive culture between university staff and INL research personnel.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sponsor covers administrative costs	+ Allows for easier access to INL employees to discuss topics of mutual interest and potential research collaborations + Access to unique facilities and expertise + Allows badging for INL facility access	Ali Josephson 208-526-0940 ali.josephson@inl.gov
International Researchers	INL engagement mechanism which enables interaction between INL and international researchers to discuss research areas of mutual interest.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sponsor covers administrative costs	+ Access to unique facilities and expertise + Enables cultural exchanges + Allows badging for INL facility access	Ali Josephson 208-526-0940 ali.josephson@inl.gov
Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)	INL supports small business participating in SBIR and/or STTR when appropriate and when facilities and staff are available.	Handled by federal agencies directly. More info at: www.zyn.com	STTR may require an intellectual property rights agreement	N/A	U.S. small business preference	N/A	+ Small business may request INL's scientific and engineering research capabilities as long as such services are not available in the private sector	Jason Stolworthy 208-526-3437 TD@inl.gov
Small business opportunities and supplier procurement	INL provides significant opportunities to small, small disadvantaged, woman-owned, and minority companies to establish a successful and prosperous relationship with INL. INL seeks suppliers who are reliable, cost-effective, efficient and safe to provide commodities, construction, equipment, information technologies, and technical services.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	+ INL remains open and honest with information regarding its small business opportunities and volume + INL has a goal to increase the extent, variety and complexity of small business involvement, and to ensure that small businesses participate in meaningful prime contract performance	Stacey Francis 208-526-8564 stacey.francis@inl.gov