



DOING BUSINESS WITH INL

Whether your challenge involves nuclear energy, national and homeland security, or clean energy issues, Idaho National Laboratory may be able to help you further your research—and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate on impactful projects. You can partner with us in a variety of ways to support your goals and business strategy.

CONTRACTING MECHANISMS FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH INL

As a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), INL can enter into agreements to provide unique research and expertise to international and U.S. companies, nonprofit organizations, academia and state or local governments. INL,

on a best-effort basis, can provide services and research abilities related to the laboratory's mission and distinctive capabilities through the following contract mechanisms:

AGREEMENTS FOR COMMERCIALIZING TECHNOLOGY (ACT)

INL uses Agreements for Commercializing Technology (ACT) when a partner seeks highly specialized or technical services to complete a project. An ACT agreement also authorizes participating contractor-operated DOE laboratories, such as INL, to partner with businesses using more flexible terms aligned with industry practice.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS (formerly known as Work for Others)

INL uses a Strategic Partnership Projects (SPP) agreement when a partner seeks unique technical services to complete a project, but does not intend to perform joint research. The partner provides INL with the necessary resources and fully covers the costs of the work to be performed.

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (CRADA)

INL uses a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) when one or more partners outside the federal government and the lab

intend to collaborate on a project. It protects a company's and INL's existing intellectual property, and allows the partner to share the results of a jointly conducted research and development project.

USER FACILITY AGREEMENT

INL uses a User Facility Agreement to provide access for industry and non-INL researchers to obtain access and use INL facilities and equipment. Scientists researching nuclear energy, national and homeland security, and clean energy issues can arrange access to specialized facilities through INL's User Facility Agreement. User facilities include: Nuclear Science User Facilities (NSUF); Wireless National User Facility; Biomass Feedstock National User Facility.

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (NDA)

INL uses a Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA) to ensure the strict confidentiality of proprietary or confidential information that may be shared between the laboratory and a partner.

DIRECT LICENSING AGREEMENT

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.

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

INL's Technical Assistance Program (TAP) is a federally-mandated program that authorized INL to provide knowledge and specialized equipment to be used for promoting U.S. competitiveness. Through the program, laboratory scientists and engineers can provide assistance, which is not normally available in the private sector to a community or small business, without fees to cover up to forty hours of support. TAP is best suited for work in our lab core strength areas including nuclear, national and homeland security and clean energy

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