

## Federal Flow-Downs – DOE

Introduction. Albemarle U.S., Inc. (“Recipient”) and the Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, an office within the United States Department of Energy (“Government” or “Federal Awarding Agency”), have entered into a financial assistance agreement, Award No. DE-MS0000001, with Effective Date of 06/15/2023, as may be modified from time to time, (“Federal Award”) for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – Kings Mountain Lithium Materials Processing Plant project (the “DOE Project”).

### Flow-Downs.

The Federal Award mandates that Recipient, as a federal funding recipient, flow down terms and conditions of the underlying Federal Award (the "Flow-Downs - DOE") to third-parties with whom Recipient enters into a contract or purchase order (referred to as “Contract” in these Flow-Downs – DOE) to perform work in support of the Federal Award. The third-party recipient of the Contract is referred to as “Contractor” in these Flow-Downs - DOE.

Contractor acknowledges that if it is to perform any work in support of the Federal Award then it will need to comply with these Flow-Downs - DOE. Contractor agrees to comply with the Flow-Downs - DOE, as may be amended from time to time, to the extent applicable to its performance of work under the Contract in support of the DOE Project.

Precedence. These Flow-Downs – DOE shall take precedence over the terms and conditions in a Contract.

DOE Project and DOD Project. There may be instances where Contractor is performing work in support of the DOE Project as well as the “DOD Project,” which is defined in a separate document available on Recipient’s website entitled “Federal Flow-Downs – DOD.” If Contractor is performing work in support of the DOE Project and the DOD Project, then both the Flow-Downs - DOE and the Flow-Downs - DOD apply to Contractor. When the Flow-Downs - DOE and the Flow-Downs - DOD both apply, they shall, to the extent possible, be interpreted in a consistent, harmonious, and supplementary manner. If it is not possible to determine whether the Flow-Downs - DOE or the Flow-Downs - DOD applies to a specific scope of work or particular issue, or it is not possible to interpret them in a consistent, harmonious, and supplementary manner, then the flow downs imposing the more restrictive or stringent obligation on Contractor shall apply. Note, “Contracting Officer” is used in these terms to refer to Grants Officer or Contracting Officer which are used interchangeably in the Prime Recipient Agreement.

### Flow-Downs – DOE.

1. **Compliance with the Federal Uniform Guidance, the Standard Terms and Conditions, and the Special Terms and Conditions.** When meeting its obligations under the Contract Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), as adopted and supplemented by 2 CFT Part 910 and subject to deviations issued pursuant to 2 CFR 910.133, including without limitation those required to be included pursuant to 2 CFR 200.211(d), Appendix II of 2 CFR 200 (included at Appendix 1 of this document), the Standard Terms and Conditions available at Funding Opportunities ([Funding Opportunities | Department of Energy](#)), and the relevant Special Terms and Conditions that are incorporated by this Flow-Downs – DOE document, as each may be amended from time to time. These Flow-Downs – DOE are intended to implement the applicable requirements of the Federal Award and shall be interpreted consistently with the Standard Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions.
2. **Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, Tribal, State, and Local permits, licenses, authorizations, approvals, and laws for activities under this Federal Award, and shall require compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into related to this Federal Award. Contractor must immediately notify Recipient of noncompliance with approved Federal, Tribal, State, and Local permits, licenses, authorizations, approvals, and laws issued for activities under the Federal Award.
  - A. **Federal Anti-Discrimination laws.** Contractor agrees to comply with all Federal anti-discrimination laws.

Contractor certifies it does not operate programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

- B. **Export Controls Laws.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable US Export Control laws and regulations relating to the work performed under the Federal Award. Contractor must immediately notify Recipient of noncompliance with applicable US Export Control laws.
3. **Reporting Requirements.** Upon notification from Recipient of a reporting requirement involving Contractor or Contractor work, Contractor shall respond as requested. Contractor shall promptly notify Recipient upon learning of any circumstance involving Contractor, Contractor work, or any lower-tier subcontractor that may trigger a DOE notification obligation, including any fatality, injury, or illness requiring medical treatment beyond first aid; any incident with potential high visibility in the media; any impending or actual violation of Federal, State, Tribal, or local laws or award terms; any notice or claim of patent or copyright infringement; any significant administrative, programmatic, technical, environmental, or financial problem; any noncompliance with permits, licenses, authorizations, or approvals; any adverse environmental event; any information that may require classification; any alleged violation of 2 CFR 175.105(a); any criminal drug statute conviction involving the Contract; any fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement; any insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, or going-concern issue; any potential impact to Tribal resources or reserved rights; any participation or suspected participation in a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program; any Entity of Concern participation; any export control investigation, indictment, charge, conviction, or violation; any loss, damage, or theft of equipment that impacts the program; any improper claim or excess payment; and any cost-share violation or inability to satisfy cost-share obligations.
4. **Intellectual Property.** To the extent applicable to the work, Contractor shall comply with the Intellectual Property provisions included as an attachment to these Flow-Downs – DOE.
5. **Insurance.** The Federal Agency shall be added as an Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability, the Business Automobile Liability, the Employer’s Liability, and the Excess/Umbrella Policy provided by Contractor.
6. **Performance of Work in the United States.** All work performed under this award must be performed in the United States absent a written waiver approved by DOE and prior approval of the Contracting Officer. Contractor must flow down this requirement to its subcontractors.
  - A. **Waiver for Work Outside the U.S.** All work performed under this award must be performed in the United States. However, DOE and the Contracting Officer may approve the Recipient and/or Contractor to perform a portion of the work outside the United States under limited circumstances. The Recipient must obtain a waiver from DOE and prior approval from the Contracting Officer prior to conducting any work outside the United States. To request a waiver, the Recipient must submit a written waiver request to the DOE. A separate waiver request must be submitted for each entity proposing performance of work outside the United States. Contractor shall provide all required information to Recipient to allow Recipient to submit the written waiver request to DOE and obtain prior written approval from the Contracting Officer. For the rationale, the Recipient must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the DOE that the performance of work outside the United States would further the purposes of the NOFO or program that the award was selected under, is otherwise in the best interest of DOE programmatic objectives, is in the economic and energy security interests of the United States, does not pose an undue research, technology, and economic security risk, and is otherwise in the best interest of DOE program goals and agency priorities. A request for a foreign work waiver must include the following:
    1. The rationale for performing the work outside the United States (“foreign work”);
    2. A description of the work proposed to be performed outside the United States;
    3. An explanation as to how the foreign work is essential to the project;
    4. A description of the anticipated benefits to be realized by the proposed foreign work and the anticipated contributions to the U.S. economy;
    5. The associated benefits to be realized and the contribution to the project from the foreign work;
    6. How the foreign work will benefit the United States, including manufacturing, contributions to employment in the United States and growth in new markets and jobs in the United States;

7. How the foreign work will promote manufacturing of products and/or services in the United States;
8. A description of the likelihood of intellectual property being created from the foreign work and the treatment of any such intellectual property;
9. The total estimated cost (DOE and recipient cost share) of the proposed foreign work;
10. The countries in which the foreign work is proposed to be performed; and
11. The name of the entity that would perform the foreign work.

The DOE may require additional information before considering such request. Additionally, the DOE's decision concerning the waiver request is not appealable.

7. **Foreign Entity Participation.** Contractor and all subcontractors must be domestic entities, as defined in the NOFO under which the project was selected. Absent an approved waiver, participation by a non-domestic entity as a Contractor or subcontractor is unallowable until the Grants Officer provides prior approval. Contractor shall provide Recipient with all information required to support any waiver request, including information demonstrating that the foreign entity's participation would further the purposes of the NOFO, is in the economic and energy security interests of the United States, does not pose an undue research, technology, and economic security risk, and is otherwise in the best interest of DOE program goals and agency priorities.
8. **NEPA.** Contractor acknowledges that the Contract and the work thereunder are subject to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.). Contractors must comply with Recipient's current NEPA authorization.
9. **Indemnification.** Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, agents, or employees, for any and all liability, including litigation expenses and attorney's fees, arising from suits, actions, or claims of any character for death, bodily injury, or loss of or damage to property or to the environment, resulting from the DOE Project, except to the extent that such liability results from the direct fault or negligence of Government officers, agents or employees, or to the extent such liability may be covered by applicable allowable costs provisions.
10. **Foreign National Access.**
  - A. If Contractor anticipates involving foreign nationals in the performance of this Federal Award, Contractor must inform Recipient prior to engaging the foreign national and shall provide the required information to enable Recipient to provide DOE with specific information about each foreign national to ensure compliance with the requirements for foreign national participation and access approvals. The volume and type of information required may depend on various factors associated with the award.
  - B. A "foreign national" is defined as any person who is not a United States citizen by birth or naturalization. DOE may elect to deny a foreign national's participation in the award. Likewise, DOE may elect to deny a foreign national's access to a DOE sites, information, technologies, equipment, programs, or personnel.
11. **DOE Access.** Contractor shall comply with any DOE requests for records in accordance with 2 CFR 200.337 to conduct audits, execute site visits, conduct research, technology and economic security due diligence reviews and monitoring, and for any other official use. Contractor must provide access to information and documents in addition to reasonable access to facilities, office space, resources, and assistance for the safety and convenience of the government representatives in the performance of their duties. DOE will make reasonable efforts to ensure these site visits or audits do not interfere with or unduly delay project work to the maximum extent practicable.

## 12. Davis-Bacon Requirements.

This Federal Award is funded under Division D of the IJJA per the Notice of Funding Opportunity Statutory Authority. All laborers and mechanics employed by the recipient, subrecipients, contractors or subcontractors in the performance of construction, alteration, or repair work in excess of \$2,000 on an award funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by funds made available under this Award shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the "Davis-Bacon Act" (DBA) (referred to herein as "DBA").

Contractor shall provide written assurance acknowledging the DBA requirements for the Federal Award or DOE Project and confirming that all of the laborers and mechanics performing construction, alteration, or repair

work in excess of \$2,000 on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through funding under the Federal Award are paid or will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (DBA).

Contractor must comply with all DBA requirements, including but not limited to:

- (1) Ensuring prior approval of Wage Determinations used for and attached to the award by the Contracting Officer.
- (2) Ensuring that the wage determination(s) and appropriate Davis-Bacon clauses and requirements are flowed down to and incorporated into any applicable subcontracts or subrecipient awards.
- (3) Being responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or subrecipient with the Davis-Bacon labor standards.
- (4) Receiving and reviewing certified weekly payrolls submitted by all subcontractors and subrecipients for accuracy and to identify potential compliance issues.
- (5) Maintaining original certified weekly payrolls for 3 years after the completion of the project and must make those payrolls available to the DOE or the Department of Labor upon request, as required by 29 CFR 5.6(a)(2).
- (6) Conducting payroll and job-site reviews for construction work, including interviews with employees, with such frequency as may be necessary to assure compliance by its subcontractors and subrecipients and as requested or directed by the DOE.
- (7) Cooperating with any authorized representative of the Department of Labor in their inspection of records, interviews with employees, and other actions undertaken as part of a Department of Labor investigation.
- (8) Posting in a prominent and accessible place the wage determination(s) and Department of Labor Publication: WH-1321, Notice to Employees Working on Federal or Federally Assisted Construction Projects.
- (9) Notifying the Contracting Officer of all labor standards issues, including all complaints regarding incorrect payment of prevailing wages and/or fringe benefits, received from the recipient, subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor employees; significant labor standards violations, as defined in 29 CFR 5.7; disputes concerning labor standards pursuant to 29 CFR parts 4, 6, and 8 and as defined in FAR 52.222-14; disputed labor standards determinations; Department of Labor investigations; or legal or judicial proceedings related to the labor standards under this Award, Contract, a subcontract, or subrecipient award.
- (10) Preparing and submitting to the Contracting Officer, the Office of Management and Budget Control Number 1910-5165, Davis- Bacon Semi-Annual Labor Compliance Report, by April 21 and October 21 of each year, in accordance with the reporting instructions in the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist attachment.

Contractor must undergo DBA compliance training and must maintain competency in DBA compliance. The Contracting Officer will notify the Recipient of any DOE sponsored DBA compliance trainings. The Department of Labor offers free Prevailing Wage Seminars several times a year that meet this requirement, at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction/seminars/events>.

Contractor must ensure the timely submission of weekly certified payrolls as part of its compliance with the DBA.

DOE has contracted with LCPtracker, a third-party DBA electronic payroll compliance software application. Use of A waiver for the use of LCPtracker is mandatory absent a waiver to a particular contractor or subcontractor if they are unable or limited in their ability to use or access the software.

### **13. Davis- Bacon Act Electronic Certified Payroll Submission Waiver**

A waiver must be granted before the start of work subject to DBA requirements (e.g., construction, alteration, or repair work). Contractor does not have the right to appeal DOE's decision concerning a waiver request.

For additional guidance on how to comply with the DBA provisions and clauses, see

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction> and

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/protections-for-workers-in-construction>.

### **14. Access Restriction.**

- A. **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section 15: “Recipient” means any party performing work under this Award or receiving access to any Data or Intellectual Property developed under this Award regardless of funding or the establishment of a formal agreement; “Data” has the meaning set forth in the Rights in Data section of the Federal Award (see Attachment 2 IP); “Non-Public Data” means Data that has not been publicly distributed to others without restriction on further dissemination and excludes data shared at a conference, public talk or other public forum if shared without restriction on further dissemination; “Intellectual Property” means any and all subject inventions, copyrights, and trademarks developed under the Federal Award; and “Country of Risk” has the meaning set forth in section 18912 of title 42 , currently Iran, North Korea, Russia, China, and Belarus and subject to change by DOE.
- B. **Access and Transfer Prohibition.** Contractor shall not provide access to any Non-Public Data or license, assign, or otherwise transfer any rights in Intellectual Property generated under this award, at any tier, to entities with foreign ownership or control by a government or entity subject to the jurisdiction of a Country of Risk without the DOE Contracting Officer’s prior written approval. Any failure to comply with this provision will be a breach of this award and subject to available remedies for noncompliance.
1. **Immediate Access Termination.** Any access or transfer of rights in violation of this term shall be immediately null and void. In the event of any rights holder's bankruptcy, insolvency, or other material financial distress that, in the sole judgment of DOE, creates an unmanageable risk of unauthorized transfer or disclosure of Intellectual Property and/or Non-Public Data to a Country of Risk, all rights granted or access provided shall terminate immediately, and the Contractor shall take all necessary steps to secure and prevent further dissemination of such Intellectual Property and/or Non-Public Data.
  2. Contractor shall ensure that this term applies equally to all subcontractors and any other entities performing work under this Contract, and any successors, assigns, and affiliates, at any tier.
  3. Contractor shall provide Recipient on an annual basis, or upon request of the DOE Contracting Officer or designee, with a certificate of compliance with this term.
15. **Subcontracts and Purchase Orders.** Contractor shall ensure that these Flow-Downs – DOE and such other clauses as the Federal Awarding Agency may by appropriate instructions require are included in any subcontracts, purchase orders, and lower-tier agreements; and also include a clause requiring subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts, purchase orders, and agreements.

## Attachment 1 - Federally Required Contract Provisions Appendix II to Part 200 –Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by [41 U.S.C. 1908](#), must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under [41 CFR Part 60](#), all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in [41 CFR Part 60-1.3](#) must include the equal opportunity clause provided under [41 CFR 60-1.4\(b\)](#), in accordance with [Executive Order 11246](#), “Equal Employment Opportunity” ([30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965](#) Comp., p. 339), as amended by [Executive Order 11375](#), “Amending [Executive Order 11246](#) Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at [41 CFR part 60](#), “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended ([40 U.S.C. 3141-3148](#)). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act ([40 U.S.C. 3141-3144](#), and [3146-3148](#)) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 5](#), “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act ([40 U.S.C. 3145](#)), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 3](#), “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act ([40 U.S.C. 3701-3708](#)). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with [40 U.S.C. 3702](#) and [3704](#), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 5](#)). Under [40 U.S.C. 3702](#) of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of [40 U.S.C. 3704](#) are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under [37 CFR § 401.2 \(a\)](#) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of [37 CFR Part 401](#), “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small

Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act ([42 U.S.C. 7401-7671g](#).) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ([33 U.S.C. 1251-1387](#)), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act ([42 U.S.C. 7401-7671g](#)) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended ([33 U.S.C. 1251-1387](#)). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see [2 CFR 180.220](#)) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at [2 CFR 180](#) that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than [Executive Order 12549](#).

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment ([31 U.S.C. 1352](#))—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by [31 U.S.C. 1352](#). Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See [§ 200.323](#).

(K) See [§ 200.216](#).

(L) See [§ 200.322](#).

[[78 FR 78608](#), Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at [79 FR 75888](#), Dec. 19, 2014; [85 FR 49577](#), Aug. 13, 2020]

## **Attachment 2 - Department of Energy Standard Intellectual Property (IP) Provisions for Financial Assistance Awards issued ON OR AFTER October 1, 2021**

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Department of Energy

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ATTACHMENT 4

Standard Intellectual Property (IP) Provisions for Financial Assistance Awards issued ON OR AFTER October 1, 2021

**Recipient Name** Albemarle U.S. Inc.  
**Award Number** DE-MS0000001  
**Type of Award** Grant  
**Type of Project** Research Development or Demonstration (RD&D)  
**Type of Recipient** Large Business, Government Entity or Foreign  
**Manufacture/DEC** US Comp. (S&E DEC)  
**Patent Waiver** Other (Consult Patent Counsel)  
**Special Data Statute** EPACT  
**Name of Program** Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains

Data to be delivered with Unlimited Rights:

1. Any data required for delivery in the Grant Agreement, the SOPO Deliverables, the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist, the Equity Plan, or any other agreement documents attached to and incorporated by reference into the award that require delivery of data.

2. General or summary data regarding:
- a. Updates and/or assessments of project status and execution performance data.
  - b. The status of capacity installation goals.
  - c. The status of Equity Plan goals, including the number and type of jobs created and other community benefits.
  - d. Business impact, including increased plant capacity and product performance.
  - e. Earned Value Assessments or documentation.
  - f. The status of expenditures, including the respective share of federal and non-federal share of costs incurred under the grant.
  - g. Simplified manufacturing process data.
  - h. General block flow diagrams and data related to general ranges of operating conditions.
  - i. General industry-wide market and customer data such as number of customers, type and geography of industries served.
  - J. General industry-wide supplier data.

**Unprotected Data  
Categories (g(4))**

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<b>Protection Period</b>	5
<b>Delivery of Limited Rights Data</b>	No
<b>Delivery of Restricted Computer Software</b>	No
<b>Data Management Plan</b>	N/A or Included Elsewhere
<b>Supplemental Instructions</b>	None
<b>DOE IP Clause Number</b>	GLB-821-US (Waiver)
<b>Data Rights</b>	Special Data (EPAAct)
<b>Patent Rights</b>	Large Business -- Other Patent Waiver
<b>USM Requirements</b>	See Other Patent Waiver

<b>Provisions</b>	2 CFR 910, Appendix A of Subpart D, Rights in Data - Programs Covered Under Special Data Statutes Large Business -- Other Patent Waiver (Included Elsewhere) Data Management Plan
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In reading these provisions, any reference to “contractor” shall mean “recipient,” and any reference to “contract” or “subcontract” shall mean “award” or “subaward.”

Failure to comply with the terms of the agreement may result in a loss of rights in Subject Inventions, including, but not limited to, forfeiture of retained rights. All Subject Inventions (conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the performance of the above identified agreement) must be timely reported at <https://www.nist.gov/iedison>. Invention reporting is required regardless of any patent protection sought or the subject matter (e.g. software invention). Any manuscript describing the invention for publication or of any on sale or public use planned for an invention must be promptly reported through iEdison. For assistance with iEdison, please contact [iedison@nist.gov](mailto:iedison@nist.gov). For assistance regarding DOE's administration of Subject Inventions or patents, please contact Intellectual Property Law (IPL) at (630) 283-7117 or [Chicago-IP@science.doe.gov](mailto:Chicago-IP@science.doe.gov).



## **2 CFR 910, Appendix A of Subpart D, Rights in Data - Programs Covered Under Special Data Statutes**

### **(a) Definitions**

*Computer Data Bases*, as used in this clause, means a collection of data in a form capable of, and for the purpose of, being stored in, processed, and operated on by a computer. The term does not include computer software.

*Computer software*, as used in this clause, means

(i) computer programs which are data comprising a series of instructions, rules, routines, or statements, regardless of the media in which recorded, that allow or cause a computer to perform a specific operation or series of operations and

(ii) data comprising source code listings, design details, algorithms, processes, flow charts, formulae and related material that would enable the computer program to be produced, created or compiled. The term does not include computer data bases.

*Data*, as used in this clause, means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded. The term includes technical data and computer software. The term does not include information incidental to administration, such as financial, administrative, cost or pricing or management information.

*Form, fit, and function data*, as used in this clause, means data relating to items, components, or processes that are sufficient to enable physical and functional interchangeability as well as data identifying source, size, configuration, mating and attachment characteristics, functional characteristics, and performance requirements except that for computer software it means data identifying source, functional characteristics, and performance requirements but specifically excludes the source code, algorithm, process, formulae, and flow charts of the software.

*Limited rights data*, as used in this clause, means data (other than computer software) developed at private expense that embody trade secrets or are commercial or financial and confidential or privileged.

*Restricted computer software*, as used in this clause, means computer software developed at private expense and that is a trade secret; is commercial or financial and confidential or privileged; or is published copyrighted computer software; including modifications of such computer software.

*Protected data*, as used in this clause, means technical data or commercial or financial data first produced in the performance of the award which, if it had been obtained from and first produced by a non-federal party, would be a trade secret or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential under the meaning of 5

U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and which data is marked as being protected data by a party to the award.

*Protected rights*, as used in this clause, mean the rights in protected data set forth in the Protected Rights Notice of paragraph (g) of this clause.

*Technical data*, as used in this clause, means that data which are of a scientific or technical nature. Technical data does not include computer software, but does include manuals and instructional materials and technical data formatted as a computer data base.



*Unlimited rights*, as used in this clause, means the right of the Government to use, disclose, reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly, in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever, and to have or permit others to do so.

(b) Allocation of Rights

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this clause regarding copyright, the Government shall have unlimited rights in --

- (i) Data specifically identified in this agreement as data to be delivered without restriction;
- (ii) Form, fit, and function data delivered under this agreement;
- (iii) Data delivered under this agreement (except for restricted computer software) that constitute manuals or instructional and training material for installation, operation, or routine maintenance and repair of items, components, or processes delivered or furnished for use under this agreement; and
- (iv) All other data delivered under this agreement unless provided otherwise for protected data in accordance with paragraph (g) of this clause or for limited rights data or restricted computer software in accordance with paragraph (h) of this clause.

(2) The Recipient shall have the right to --

- (i) Protect rights in protected data delivered under this agreement in the manner and to the extent provided in paragraph (g) of this clause;
- (ii) Withhold from delivery those data which are limited rights data or restricted computer software to the extent provided in paragraph (h) of this clause;
- (iii) Substantiate use of, add, or correct protected rights or copyrights notices and to take other appropriate action, in accordance with paragraph (e) of this clause; and
- (iv) Establish claim to copyright subsisting in data first produced in the performance of this agreement to the extent provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this clause.

(c) Copyright

(1) Data first produced in the performance of this agreement. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this agreement, the Recipient may establish, without the prior approval of the Contracting Officer, claim to copyright subsisting in any data first produced in the performance of this agreement. If claim to copyright is made, the Recipient shall affix the applicable copyright notice of 17 U.S.C. 401 or 402 and acknowledgment of Government sponsorship (including agreement number) to the data when such data are delivered to the Government, as well as when the data are published or deposited for registration as a published work in the U.

S. Copyright Office. For such copyrighted data, including computer software, the Recipient grants to the Government, and others acting on its behalf, a paid-up nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license to reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display



publicly, by or on behalf of the Government, for all such data.

(2) Data not first produced in the performance of this agreement. The Recipient shall not, without prior written permission of the Contracting Officer, incorporate in data delivered under this agreement any data that are not first produced in the performance of this agreement and that contain the copyright notice of 17 U.S.C. 401 or 402, unless the Recipient identifies such data and grants to the Government, or acquires on its behalf, a license of the same scope as set forth in paragraph (c)(1) of this clause; provided, however, that if such data are computer software, the Government shall acquire a copyright license as set forth in paragraph (h)(3) of this clause if included in this agreement or as otherwise may be provided in a collateral agreement incorporated or made a part of this agreement.

(3) Removal of copyright notices. The Government agrees not to remove any copyright notices placed on data pursuant to this paragraph (c), and to include such notices on all reproductions of the data.

(d) Release, Publication and Use of Data

(1) The Receipt shall have the right to use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the Recipient in the performance of this contract, except to the extent such data may be subject to the Federal export control or national security laws or regulations, or unless otherwise provided in this paragraph of this clause or expressly set forth in this contract.

(2) The Recipient agrees that to the extent it receives or is given access to data necessary for the performance of this agreement which contain restrictive markings, the Recipient shall treat the data in accordance with such markings unless otherwise specifically authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(e) Unauthorized Marking of Data

(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement concerning inspection or acceptance, if any data delivered under this agreement are marked with notices or any other restrictive or limiting markings not authorized by this agreement, the Contracting Officer may at any time either return the data to the Recipient or cancel or ignore the markings. However, the following procedures shall apply prior to canceling or ignoring the markings.

(i) The Contracting Officer shall make written inquiry to the Recipient affording the Recipient 30 days from receipt of the inquiry to provide written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings;

(ii) If the Recipient fails to respond or fails to provide written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings within the 30-day period (or a longer time not exceeding 90 days approved in writing by the Contracting Officer for good cause shown), the Government shall have the right to cancel or ignore the markings at any time after said period and the data will no longer be made subject to any disclosure prohibitions.

(iii) If the Recipient provides written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings within the period set in subdivision (e)(1)(i) of this clause, the Contracting Officer shall consider such written justification and determine whether or not the markings are to be cancelled or ignored. If the Contracting Officer determines that the markings are authorized, the Recipient shall be so notified in



writing. If the Contracting Officer determines, with concurrence of the head of the contracting activity, that the markings are not authorized, the Contracting Officer shall furnish the Recipient a written determination, which determination shall become the final agency decision regarding the appropriateness of the markings unless the Recipient files suit in a court of competent jurisdiction within 90 days of receipt of the Contracting Officer's decision. The Government shall continue to abide by the markings under this subdivision (e)(1)(iii) until final resolution of the matter either by the Contracting Officer's determination become final (in which instance the Government shall thereafter have the right to cancel or ignore the markings at any time and the data will no longer be made subject to any disclosure prohibitions), or by final disposition of the matter by court decision if suit is filed.

(2) The time limits in the procedures set forth in paragraph (e)(1) of this clause may be modified in accordance with agency regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) if necessary to respond to a request thereunder.

(f) Omitted or Incorrect Markings

(1) Data delivered to the Government without either a notice authorized by paragraph (g) of this clause, or the copyright notice required by paragraph (c) of this clause, shall be deemed to have been furnished with unlimited rights, and the Government assumes no liability for the disclosure, use, or reproduction of such data. However, to the extent the data has not been disclosed without restriction outside the Government, the Recipient may request, within 6 months (or a longer time approved by the Contracting Officer for good cause shown) after delivery of such data, permission to have notices placed on qualifying data at the Recipient's expense, and the Contracting Officer may agree to do so if the Recipient --

(i) Identifies the data to which the omitted notice is to be applied;

(ii) Demonstrates that the omission of the notice was inadvertent;

(iii) Establishes that the use of the proposed notice is authorized; and

(iv) Acknowledges that the Government has no liability with respect to the disclosure, use, or reproduction of any such data made prior to the addition of the notice or resulting from the omission of the notice.

(2) The Contracting Officer may also:

(i) Permit correction at the Recipient's expense of incorrect notices if the Recipient identifies the data on which correction of the notice is to be made, and demonstrates that the correct notice is authorized; or

(ii) Correct any incorrect notices.

(g) Rights to Protected Data

(1) The Recipient may, with the concurrence of DOE, claim and mark as protected data, any data first produced in the performance of this award that would have been treated as a trade secret if developed at private expense. Any such claimed "protected data" will be clearly marked with the following Protected



Rights Notice, and will be treated in accordance with such Notice, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (e) and (f) of this clause.

Protected Rights Notice

These protected data were produced under agreement no. DE-MS0000001 with the U.S. Department of Energy and may not be published, disseminated, or disclosed to others outside the Government until 5 years after the date the data were first produced, unless express written authorization is obtained from the recipient. Upon expiration of the period of protection set forth in this Notice, the Government shall have unlimited rights in this data. This Notice shall be marked on any reproduction of this data, in whole or in part.

(End of notice)

(2) Any such marked Protected Data may be disclosed under obligations of confidentiality for the following purposes:

(a) For evaluation purposes under the restriction that the "Protected Data" be retained in confidence and not be further disclosed; or

(b) To subcontractors or other team members performing work under the Government's Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, Battery Materials Processing Grants Program program of which this award is a part, for information or use in connection with the work performed under their activity, and under the restriction that the Protected Data be retained in confidence and not be further disclosed.

(3) The obligations of confidentiality and restrictions on publication and dissemination shall end for any Protected Data:

(a) At the end of the protected period;

(b) If the data becomes publicly known or available from other sources without a breach of the obligation of confidentiality with respect to the Protected Data;

(c) If the same data is independently developed by someone who did not have access to the Protected Data and such data is made available without obligations of confidentiality; or

(d) If the Recipient disseminates or authorizes another to disseminate such data without obligations of confidentiality.

(4) However, the Recipient agrees that the following types of data are not considered to be protected and shall be provided to the Government when required by this award without any claim that the data are Protected Data. The parties agree that notwithstanding the following lists of types of data, nothing precludes the Government from seeking delivery of additional data in accordance with this award, or from making publicly available additional non-protected data, nor does the following list constitute any admission by the Government that technical data not on the list is Protected Data.

***Data to be delivered with Unlimited Rights:***

*1. Any data required for delivery in the Grant Agreement, the SOPO Deliverables, the Federal*



*Assistance Reporting Checklist, the Equity Plan, or any other agreement documents attached to and incorporated by reference into the award that require delivery of data.*

*2. General or summary data regarding: a. Updates and/or assessments of project status and execution performance data. b. The status of capacity installation goals. c. the status of Equity Plan goals, including the number and type of jobs created and other community benefits. d. Business impact, including increased plant capacity and product performance. e. Earned Value Assessments or documentation. f. The status of expenditures, including the respective share of federal and non-federal share of costs incurred under the grant. g. Simplified manufacturing process data. h. General block flow diagrams and data related to general ranges of operating conditions. i. General industry-wide market and customer data such as number of customers, type and geography of industries served; and j. General industry-wide supplier data.*

(5) The Government's sole obligation with respect to any protected data shall be as set forth in this paragraph (g).

(h) Protection of Limited Rights Data

When data other than that listed in paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this clause are specified to be delivered under this agreement and such data qualify as either limited rights data or restricted computer software, the Recipient, if the Recipient desires to continue protection of such data, shall withhold such data and not furnish them to the Government under this agreement. As a condition to this withholding the Recipient shall identify the data being withheld and furnish form, fit, and function data in lieu thereof.

(i) Subaward/Contract

The Recipient has the responsibility to obtain from its subrecipients/contractors all data and rights therein necessary to fulfill the Recipient's obligations to the Government under this agreement. If a subrecipient/contractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government such rights, the Recipient shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of the Contracting Officer and not proceed with subaward/contract award without further authorization.

(j) Additional Data Requirements

In addition to the data specified elsewhere in this agreement to be delivered, the Contracting Officer may, at any time during agreement performance or within a period of 3 years after acceptance of all items to be delivered under this agreement, order any data first produced or specifically used in the performance of this agreement.

This clause is applicable to all data ordered under this subparagraph. Nothing contained in this subparagraph shall require the Recipient to deliver any data the withholding of which is authorized by this clause or data which are specifically identified in this agreement as not subject to this clause. When data are to be delivered under this subparagraph, the Recipient will be compensated for converting the data into the prescribed form, for reproduction, and for delivery.

(k) The Recipient agrees, except as may be otherwise specified in this agreement for specific data items listed as not subject to this paragraph, that the Contracting Officer or an authorized representative may, up to three years after acceptance of all items to be delivered under this contract, inspect at the Recipient's facility any data withheld pursuant to paragraph (h) of this clause, for purposes of verifying the Recipient's assertion pertaining to the limited rights or restricted rights status of the data or for evaluating work performance.



Where the Recipient whose data are to be inspected demonstrates to the Contracting Officer that there would be a possible conflict of interest if the inspection were made by a particular representative, the Contracting Officer shall designate an alternate inspector.

**Terms and Conditions of W(C) 2022-03 Class Patent Waiver for Inventions Made Under Science, Innovation, and Infrastructure Financial Assistance Agreements by Domestic Large Businesses**

(a) Definitions.

As used in this clause:

Background patent means a domestic patent covering an invention or discovery which is not a Subject Invention and which is owned or controlled by the Contractor at any time through the completion of this contract:

- (i) Which the Contractor, but not the Government, has the right to license to others without obligation to pay royalties thereon, and
- (ii) Infringement of which cannot reasonably be avoided upon the practice of any specific process, method, machine, manufacture or composition of matter (including relatively minor modifications thereof) which is a subject of the research, development, or demonstration work performed under this contract.

Contract means any contract, grant, agreement, understanding, or other arrangement, which includes research, development, or demonstration work, and includes any assignment or substitution of parties.

DOE patent waiver regulations means the Department of Energy patent waiver regulations at 10 CFR Part 784.

Invention as used in this clause, means any invention or discovery which is or may be patentable or otherwise protectable under Title 35 of the United States Code or any novel variety of plant that is or may be protectable under the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2321 et seq.).

Made when used in relation to any invention means the conception or first actual reduction to practice of such invention.

Nonprofit organization means a university or other institution of higher education or an organization of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a)) or any nonprofit scientific or educational organization qualified under a state nonprofit organization statute.

Patent Counsel means the Department of Energy Patent Counsel assisting the procuring activity.

Practical application means to manufacture, in the case of a composition or product; to practice, in the case of a process or method; or to operate, in the case of a machine or system; and, in each case, under such conditions as to establish that the invention is being utilized and that its benefits are, to the extent permitted by law or Government regulations, available to the public on reasonable terms.

Secretary means the Secretary of Energy.



Small business firm means a small business concern as defined at Section 2 of the Pub. L. 85-536 (15 U.S.C. 632) and implementing regulations of the Administrator of the Small Business Administration. For the purpose of this clause, the size standards for small business concerns involved in Government procurement and subcontracting at 13 CFR 121.3-8 and 13 CFR 121.3-12, respectively, will be used.

Subject invention means any invention of the Contractor conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under this contract, provided that in the case of a variety of plant, the date of determination (as defined in section 41(d) of the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2401(d)) must also occur during the period of contract performance.

(b) Allocation of principal rights.

Whereas DOE has granted a waiver of rights to subject inventions to the Contractor, the Contractor may elect to retain the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world to each subject invention subject to the provisions of this clause and 35 U.S.C. 202 and 203. With respect to any subject invention in which the Contractor elects to retain title, the Federal Government shall have a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for or on behalf of the United States the subject invention throughout the world.

(c) Invention disclosure, election of title, and filing of patent applications by Contractor.

(1) The Contractor shall disclose each subject invention to the Patent Counsel within six months after conception or first actual reduction to practice, whichever occurs first in the course of or under this contract, but in any event, prior to any sale, public use, or public disclosure of such invention known to the Contractor. The disclosure to the Patent Counsel shall be in the form of a written report and shall identify the inventors and the contract under which the invention was made. It shall be sufficiently complete in technical detail to convey a clear understanding, to the extent known at the time of the disclosure, of the nature, purpose, operation, and physical, chemical, biological, or electrical characteristics of the invention. The disclosure shall also identify any publication, on sale, or public use of the invention and whether a manuscript describing the invention has been submitted for publication and, if so, whether it has been accepted for publication at the time of disclosure. In addition, after disclosure to the Patent Counsel, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Patent Counsel of the acceptance of any manuscript describing the invention for publication or of any on sale or public use planned by the Contractor.

(2) The Contractor shall elect in writing whether or not to retain title to any such invention by notifying the Patent Counsel at the time of disclosure or within 8 months of disclosure, as to those countries (including the United States) in which the Contractor will retain title; provided, that in any case where publication, on sale, or public use has initiated the 1-year statutory period wherein valid patent protection can still be obtained in the United States, the period of election of title may be shortened by the Agency to a date that is no more than 60 days prior to the end of the statutory period. The Contractor shall notify the Patent Counsel as to those countries (including the United States) in which the Contractor will retain title not later than 60 days prior to the end of the statutory period.

(3) The Contractor shall file its United States patent application on an elected invention within 1 year after election, but not later than at least 60 days prior to the end of any statutory period wherein valid patent protection can be obtained in the United States after a publication, on sale, or public use. The Contractor



shall file patent applications in additional countries (including the European Patent Office and under the Patent Cooperation Treaty) within either 10 months of the corresponding initial patent application or 6 months from the date permission is granted by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to file foreign patent applications where foreign filing has been prohibited by a Secrecy Order.

(4) Requests for extension of the time for disclosure to the Patent Counsel, election, and filing may, at the discretion of DOE, be granted, and will normally be granted unless the Patent Counsel has reason to believe that a particular extension would prejudice the Government's interest.

(d) Conditions when the Government may obtain title notwithstanding an existing waiver.

The Contractor shall assign and hereby assigns to DOE, upon written request from DOE, title to any subject invention--

(1) If the Contractor elects not to retain title to a subject invention;

(2) If the Contractor fails to disclose or elect the subject invention within the times specified in paragraph (c) of this clause (provided that DOE may only request title within 60 days after learning of the Contractor's failure to report or elect within the specified times);

(3) In those countries in which the Contractor fails to file patent applications within the times specified in paragraph (c) of this clause; provided, however, that if the Contractor has filed a patent application in a country after the times specified in paragraph (c) of this clause, but prior to its receipt of the written request of DOE, the Contractor shall continue to retain title in that country;

(4) In any country in which the Contractor decides not to continue the prosecution of any application for, to pay the maintenance fees on, or defend in reexamination or opposition proceeding on, a patent on a subject invention;

(5) If the waiver authorizing the use of this clause is terminated as provided in paragraph (p) of this clause; or

(6) Upon a breach of paragraph (h) or paragraph (t) of this clause.

(e) Minimum rights to Contractor when the Government retains title.

(1) The Contractor shall retain a nonexclusive, royalty-free license throughout the world in each subject invention to which the Government obtains title under paragraph (d) of this clause except if the Contractor fails to disclose the subject invention within the times specified in paragraph (c) of this clause or breaches paragraph (h) or (t). The Contractor's license extends to its domestic subsidiaries and affiliates, if any, within the corporate structure of which the Contractor is a part and includes the right to grant sublicenses of the same scope to the extent the Contractor was legally obligated to do so at the time the contract was awarded. The license is transferable only with the approval of DOE except when transferred to the successor of that part of the Contractor's business to which the invention pertains.

(2) The Contractor's domestic license may be revoked or modified by DOE to the extent necessary to achieve expeditious practical application of the subject invention pursuant to an application for an



exclusive license submitted in accordance with applicable provisions in 37 CFR part 404 and DOE licensing regulations. This license shall not be revoked in that field of use or the geographical areas in which the Contractor has achieved practical application and continues to make the benefits of the invention reasonably accessible to the public. The license in any foreign country may be revoked or modified at the discretion of DOE to the extent the Contractor, its licensees, or its domestic subsidiaries or affiliates have failed to achieve practical application in that foreign country.

(3) Before revocation or modification of the license, DOE shall furnish the Contractor a written notice of its intention to revoke or modify the license, and the Contractor shall be allowed 30 days (or such other time as may be authorized by DOE for good cause shown by the Contractor) after the notice to show cause why the license should not be revoked or modified. The Contractor has the right to appeal, in accordance with applicable agency licensing regulations and 37 CFR part 404 concerning the licensing of Government-owned inventions, any decision concerning the revocation or modification of its license.

(f) Contractor action to protect the Government's interest.

(1) The Contractor agrees to execute or to have executed and promptly deliver to DOE all instruments necessary to:

(i) establish or confirm the rights the Government has throughout the world in those subject inventions to which the Contractor elects to retain title, and

(ii) convey title to DOE when requested under paragraphs (d) and (n)(2) of this clause, and to enable the Government to obtain patent protection throughout the world in that subject invention.

(2) The Contractor agrees to require, by written agreement, its employees, other than clerical and nontechnical employees, to disclose promptly in writing to personnel identified as responsible for the administration of patent matters and in a format suggested by the Contractor each subject invention made under contract in order that the Contractor can comply with the disclosure provisions of paragraph (c) of this clause, and to execute all papers necessary to file patent applications on subject inventions and to establish the Government's rights in the subject inventions. This disclosure format should require, as a minimum, the information required by paragraph (c)(1) of this clause. The Contractor shall instruct such employees through employee agreements or other suitable educational programs on the importance of reporting inventions in sufficient time to permit the filing of patent applications prior to U.S. or foreign statutory bars.

(3) The Contractor shall notify DOE of any decision not to continue the prosecution of a patent application, pay maintenance fees, or defend in a reexamination or opposition proceeding on a patent, in any country, not less than 30 days before the expiration of the response period required by the relevant patent office.

(4) The Contractor agrees to include, within the specification of any United States patent application and any patent issuing thereon covering a subject invention, the following statement: "This invention was made with Government support under (identify the contract) awarded by DOE. The Government has certain rights in this invention."

(5) The Contractor shall establish and maintain active and effective procedures to assure that subject



inventions are promptly identified and disclosed to Contractor personnel responsible for patent matters within 6 months of conception and/or first actual reduction to practice, whichever occurs first in the course of or under this contract. These procedures shall include the maintenance of laboratory notebooks or equivalent records and other records as are reasonably necessary to document the conception and/or the first actual reduction to practice of subject inventions, and records that show that the procedures for identifying and disclosing the inventions are followed. Upon request, the Contractor shall furnish the Patent Counsel a description of such procedures for evaluation and for determination as to their effectiveness.

(6) The Contractor agrees, when licensing a subject invention, to arrange to avoid royalty charges on acquisitions involving Government funds, including funds derived through Military Assistance Program of the Government or otherwise derived through the Government; to refund any amounts received as royalty charges on the subject invention in acquisitions for, or on behalf of, the Government; and to provide for such refund in any instrument transferring rights in the invention to any party.

(7) The Contractor shall furnish the Patent Counsel the following:

(i) Interim reports every 12 months (or such longer period as may be specified by the Patent Counsel) from the date of the contract, listing subject inventions during that period and certifying that all subject inventions have been disclosed or that there are no such inventions.

(ii) A final report, within 3 months after completion of the contracted work, listing all subject inventions or certifying that there were no such inventions, and listing all subcontracts at any tier containing a patent rights clause or certifying that there were no such subcontracts.

(8) The Contractor shall promptly notify the Patent Counsel in writing upon the award of any subcontract at any tier containing a patent rights clause by identifying the subcontractor, the applicable patent rights clause, the work to be performed under the subcontract, and the dates of award and estimated completion. Upon request of the Patent Counsel, the Contractor shall furnish a copy of such subcontract, and no more frequently than annually, a listing of the subcontracts that have been awarded.

(9) The Contractor shall provide, upon request, the filing date, serial number and title, a copy of the patent application (including an English-language version if filed in a language other than English), and patent number and issue date for any subject invention for which the Contractor has retained title.

(10) Upon request, the Contractor shall furnish the Government an irrevocable power to inspect and make copies of the patent application file.

(g) Subcontracts.

(1) Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall include the patent rights clause required by 2 CFR 910.362(b), suitably modified to identify the parties, in all subcontracts, regardless of tier, for experimental, developmental, or research work to be performed by a small business firm or nonprofit organization, except where the work of the subcontract is subject to an Exceptional Circumstances Determination by DOE. In all other subcontracts, regardless of tier, for experimental, developmental, demonstration, or research work, the Contractor shall include the patent rights clause required by 2 CFR 910.362(c), suitably modified to identify the parties.



(2) The Contractor shall not, as part of the consideration for awarding the subcontract, obtain rights in the subcontractor's subject inventions.

(3) In the case of subcontractors at any tier, the Department, the subcontractor, and Contractor agree that the mutual obligations of the parties created by this clause constitute a contract between the subcontractor and the Department with respect to those matters covered by this clause.

(4) The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer in writing upon the award of any subcontract at any tier containing a patent rights clause by identifying the subcontractor, the applicable patent rights clause, the work to be performed under the subcontract, and the dates of award and estimated completion. Upon request of the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer shall furnish a copy of such subcontract, and, no more frequently than annually, a listing of the subcontracts that have been awarded.

(h) Reporting on utilization of subject inventions.

(1) The Contractor agrees to submit on request periodic reports no more frequently than annually on the utilization of each waived subject invention or on efforts at obtaining such utilization that are being made by the Contractor and any of its licensees or assignees including compliance with paragraph (t) of this clause. Each report shall include information regarding the status of development, date of first commercial sale or use, products that embody or are made through the use of the waived such invention, manufacturing locations of such products and such other data and information as DOE may reasonably specify. The report shall further include a certification from the Contractor that the Contractor, including its licensees, is in compliance with the requirements of this clause.

(2) The Contractor also agrees to provide additional reports as may be requested by DOE in connection with any march-in proceedings undertaken by DOE in accordance with paragraph (j) of this clause.

(3) To the extent data or information supplied under this paragraph is considered by the Contractor, its licensee or assignee to be privileged and confidential and is so marked, DOE agrees that, to the extent permitted by law, it shall not disclose such information to persons outside the Government.

(i) Preference for United States industry.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this clause, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor any assignee will grant to any person the exclusive right to use or sell any subject invention in the United States unless such person agrees that any products embodying the subject invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States. However, in individual cases, the requirement for such an agreement may be waived by DOE upon a showing by the Contractor or its assignee that reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to grant licenses on similar terms to potential licensees that would be likely to manufacture substantially in the United States or that under the circumstances domestic manufacture is not commercially feasible.

(j) March-in rights.

The Contractor agrees that with respect to any subject invention in which it has acquired title, DOE has the right in accordance with the procedures in 48 CFR 27.304-1(g) to require the Contractor, an assignee, or



exclusive licensee of a subject invention to grant a nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or exclusive license in any field of use to a responsible applicant or applicants, upon terms that are reasonable under the circumstances, and if the Contractor, assignee, or exclusive licensee refuses such a request, DOE has the right to grant such a license itself if DOE determines that--

(1) Such action is necessary because the Contractor or assignee has not taken, or is not expected to take within a reasonable time, effective steps to achieve practical application of the subject invention in such field of use;

(2) Such action is necessary to alleviate health or safety needs which are not reasonably satisfied by the Contractor, assignee, or their licensees;

(3) Such action is necessary to meet requirements for public use specified by Federal regulations and such requirements are not reasonably satisfied by the Contractor, assignee, or licensees; or

(4) Such action is necessary because the agreement required by paragraph (i) of this clause has not been obtained or waived or because a licensee of the exclusive right to use or sell any subject invention in the United States is in breach of such agreement.

(k) Background Patents [reserved]

(l) Communications.

Unless otherwise directed by Patent Counsel, all reports and notifications required by this clause shall be submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist (FARC) of this contract.

(m) Other inventions.

Nothing contained in this clause shall be deemed to grant to the Government any rights with respect to any invention other than a subject invention, except with respect to Background Patents, above.

(n) Examination of records relating to inventions.

(1) The Contracting Officer or any authorized representative shall, until 3 years after final payment under this contract, have the right to examine any books (including laboratory notebooks), records, and documents of the Contractor relating to the conception or first actual reduction to practice of inventions in the same field of technology as the work under this contract to determine whether--

(i) Any such inventions are subject inventions;

(ii) The Contractor has established and maintains the procedures required by paragraphs (f)(2) and (f)(5) of this clause; and

(iii) The Contractor and its inventor have complied with the procedures.

(2) If the Contracting Officer determines that an inventor has not disclosed a subject invention to the Contractor in accordance with the procedures required by paragraph (f)(5) of this clause, the Contracting Officer may, within 60 days after the determination, request title in accordance with paragraphs (d)(2) and (d)(3) of this clause. However, if the Contractor establishes that the failure to disclose did not result from the



Contractor's fault or negligence, the Contracting Officer shall not request title.

(3) If the Contracting Officer learns of an unreported Contractor invention which the Contracting Officer believes may be a subject invention, the Contractor may be required to disclose the invention to DOE for a determination of ownership rights.

(4) Any examination of records under this paragraph shall be conducted in such a manner as to protect the confidentiality of the information involved.

(o) Withholding of payment.

NOTE: This paragraph does not apply to subcontracts or grants.

(1) Any time before final payment under this contract, the Contracting Officer may, in the Government's interest, withhold payment until a reserve not exceeding \$50,000 or 5 percent of the amount of the contract, whichever is less, shall have been set aside if, in the Contracting Officer's opinion, the Contractor fails to--

- (i) Establish, maintain, and follow effective procedures for identifying and disclosing subject inventions pursuant to paragraph (f)(5) of this clause;
- (ii) Disclose any subject invention pursuant to paragraph (c)(1) of this clause;
- (iii) Deliver acceptable interim reports pursuant to paragraph (f)(7)(I) of this clause;
- (iv) Provide the information regarding subcontracts pursuant to paragraph (f)(6) of this clause; or
- (v) Convey to the Government, using a DOE-approved form, the title and/or rights of the Government in each subject invention as required by this clause.

(2) Such reserve or balance shall be withheld until the Contracting Officer has determined that the Contractor has rectified whatever deficiencies exist and has delivered all reports, disclosures, and other information required by this clause.

(3) Final payment under this contract shall not be made before the Contractor delivers to the Patent Counsel all disclosures of subject inventions required by paragraph (c)(1) of this clause, an acceptable final report pursuant to paragraph (f)(7)(ii) of this clause, and all past due confirmatory instruments, and the Patent Counsel has issued a patent clearance certification to the Contracting Officer.

(4) The Contracting Officer may decrease or increase the sums withheld up to the maximum authorized above. If the maximum amount authorized above is already being withheld under other provisions of the contract, no additional amount shall be withheld under this paragraph. The withholding of any amount or the subsequent payment thereof shall not be construed as a waiver of any Government right.

(p) Waiver Terminations.

Any waiver granted to the Contractor authorizing the use of this clause (including any retention of rights pursuant thereto by the Contractor under paragraph (b) of this clause) may be terminated at the discretion of the Secretary or his designee in whole or in part, if the Contractor has been found by DOE to have made materially false statements or nondisclosure of material facts in connection with obtaining or performing work under the contract or fails to comply with all applicable contract requirements. Prior to any such termination, the Contractor will be given written notice stating the extent of such proposed termination and the reasons therefor, and a period of 30 days, or such longer period as the Secretary or his designee shall determine for good cause shown in writing, to show cause why the waiver of rights should not be so terminated. Any waiver termination shall be subject to the Contractor's minimum



license as provided in paragraph (e) of this clause.

(q) Atomic Energy.

No claim for pecuniary award or compensation under the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, shall be asserted by the Contractor or its employees with respect to any invention or discovery made or conceived in the course of or under this contract.

(r) Publication.

It is recognized that during the course of work under this contract, the contractor or its employees may from time to time desire to release or publish information regarding scientific or technical developments conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under this contract. In order that public disclosure of such information will not adversely affect the patent interests of DOE or the contractor, approval for release of publication shall be secured from Patent Counsel prior to any such release or publication. In appropriate circumstances, and after consultation with the contractor, Patent Counsel may waive the right of prepublication review.

(s) Forfeiture of rights in unreported subject inventions.

(1) The contractor shall forfeit and assign to the Government, at the request of the Secretary of Energy or designee, all rights in any subject invention which the contractor fails to report to Patent Counsel within six months after the time the contractor:

- (i) Files or causes to be filed a United States or foreign patent application thereon; or
- (ii) Submits the final report required by paragraph (f)(7)(ii) of this clause, whichever is later.

(2) However, the Contractor shall not forfeit rights in a subject invention if, within the time specified in paragraph (n)(1) of this clause, the contractor:

- (i) Prepares a written decision based upon a review of the record that the invention was neither conceived nor first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the contract and delivers the decision to Patent Counsel, with a copy to the Contracting Officer; or
- (ii) Contending that the subject invention is not a subject invention, the contractor nevertheless discloses the subject invention and all facts pertinent to this contention to the Patent Counsel, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, or
- (iii) Establishes that the failure to disclose did not result from the contractor's fault or negligence.

(3) Pending written assignment of the patent application and patents on a subject invention determined by the Contracting Officer to be forfeited (such determination to be a Final Decision under the Disputes clause of this contract), the contractor shall be deemed to hold the invention and the patent applications and patents pertaining thereto in trust for the Government. The forfeiture provision of this paragraph shall be in addition to and shall not supersede any other rights and remedies which the Government may have with respect to subject inventions.

(t) U. S. Competitiveness

The Contractor agrees that any products embodying any subject invention or produced through the use of any subject invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States unless the Contractor can show to the satisfaction of DOE that it is not commercially feasible. In the event DOE agrees to foreign



manufacture, there will be a requirement that the Government's support of the technology be recognized in some appropriate manner, e.g., alternative binding commitments to provide an overall net benefit to the U.S. economy. The Contractor agrees that it will not license, assign or otherwise transfer any subject invention to any entity, at any tier, unless that entity agrees to these same requirements. Should the Contractor or other such entity receiving rights in the invention(s): (1) undergo a change in ownership amounting to a controlling interest, or (2) sell, assign, or otherwise transfer title or exclusive rights in the invention(s), then the assignment, license, or other transfer of rights in the subject invention(s) is/are suspended until approved in writing by DOE. The Contractor and any successor assignee will convey to DOE, upon written request from DOE, title to any subject invention, upon a breach of this paragraph. The Contractor will include this paragraph in all subawards/contracts, regardless of tier, for experimental, developmental or research work.

(u) The requirements, rights and administration of paragraph (t) are further clarified as follows:

1. Waivers. The Contractor (or any entity subject to paragraph (t)) may request a waiver or modification of paragraph (t). Such waivers or modifications may be granted when DOE determines that (1) the Contractor (or any entity subject to paragraph (t)) has demonstrated, with quantifiable data, that manufacturing in the United States is not commercially feasible and (2) a waiver or modification would best serve the interests of the United States and the general public.
2. Final determination of breach of paragraph (t). If DOE determines the Contractor is in breach of paragraph (t), the Department may issue a final written determination of such breach. If such determination includes a demand for title to the subject inventions under the award, the demand for title will cause an immediate conveyance and assignment of all rights to all subject inventions under the award to the United States Government, including all pending patent applications and all patents that cover any subject invention, without compensation. Any such final determination shall be signed by the cognizant DOE Contracting Officer with the concurrence of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer & Intellectual Property. Advanced notice will be provided for comment to the Contractor before any final written determination by DOE is issued.
3. For clarity, if DOE determines that the Contractor is in breach of paragraph (t), the Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation, or to the license to the subject invention including the reserved license in section (e)(1), unless DOE re-grants a license through a separately agreed upon licensing agreement.

(end of clause)

### **Data Management Plan**

The data management plan is attached to this intellectual property clause set or is otherwise included in the award or application documentation. The Data Management Plan explains how data generated in the course of the work performed under this agreement will be shared or preserved or, when justified, explains why data sharing or preservation is not possible or scientifically appropriate. In the event of a conflict between this Data Rights clause and the Data Management Plan, the Data Rights clause takes precedence.