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Center for Integrated Space Weather Modeling

Participating Institutions

Intellectual Property Rights Agreement

In order to facilitate collaboration within the Center for Integrated Space Weather Modeling (hereinafter referred to as "Center"), the Participating Institutions anticipate that Intellectual Property, which shall mean inventions, patents, copyrights, software, trademarks, trade secrets and other forms of Intellectual Property arising from Center research and subject to statutory protection, may be created in the course of the Center's work. The Center's policy on Intellectual Property rights is intended to encourage wide use of the Center's numerical models and forecasting tools for non-commercial research, educational purposes, and government use and to allow for eventual transfer of technology to the private sector by means consistent with academic interests and relevant federal regulations.

Ownership and Exchange of Intellectual Property within the Center

Intellectual Property will be owned by the Participating Institution whose researchers created it and will be further managed in accordance with the Participating Institution's existing patent policies or similar internal policies. Intellectual Property created jointly by researchers from more than one Participating Institution shall be jointly owned. Because of the collaborative nature of research to be undertaken by the Center, Participating Institutions will be expected to share findings arising from Center research, including Intellectual Property to other Participating Institutions for academic and research purposes on a non-exclusive, royalty-free basis and for the sole purpose of and duration of the proposed Center.

Original data and records of research arising from Center work shall belong to the Participating Institution whose researchers created it. Other Participating Institutions shall have the unrestricted right to use all such data for purposes of Center research. In the event that any of the prospective industry participants, in particular, or any of the academic or government participants wish to place restrictions on the disclosure of their own confidential information, it will be the responsibility of the owner of such confidential information to secure written non-disclosure agreements with those persons to whom such information is to be disclosed.

Technology Transfer

Transfer of Intellectual Property to the private sector for commercial research and development and for licensing shall be undertaken by Participating Institutions having an ownership interest in the Intellectual Property. The Center will encourage inter-institutional cooperation in protecting jointly owned Intellectual Property and expect Participating Institutions to be guided by 37 CFR 401 "Rights to Inventions Made by Non-Profit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and other applicable federal regulations relating to rights in patents and technology transfer.

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The Center Participating Institutions are: Boston University, Alabama A&M University, Dartmouth College, Rice University, Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Texas at El Paso, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Science Applications International Corporation, and Space Science Institute.