



# **Technology Transfer and Agreements**

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- HydroGEN Standard Agreements
  - 1. Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA)
  - 2. Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)
  - 3. Master Material Transfer Agreement (MMTA)
  - 4. Intellectual Property Management Plan (IPMP)



## Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

- Why?
  - To establish confidentiality terms for information that is considered proprietary or protected
- When?
  - When Proprietary or Protected Information is needed to be disclosed between parties
  - No NDA necessary between labs regarding lab Protected Information
    - Mark as "Controlled Unclassified Information"
- How?
  - Lab pre-signed NDA, kept on file by NREL, as lead, to execute when needed with partners.
  - A new NDA would be executed for each industry partner, utilizing the pre-negotiated template, with no changes.
  - Disclosure period for the NDA is set to 2 years or the length of Award.



## Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)

## Why?

Funds-in Research & Development projects

### • When?

- When working on joint research & development project
- If Lab is doing work on behalf of a partner (typically funds-in)

### How?

- Lab pre-approval of set terms from field offices
- A Standard form CRADA template will be executed between industry partner and lab(s) doing work for partner
- Industry partners cannot make changes



## Master Material Transfer Agreement (MMTA)

## Why?

Governs handling of materials by receiving Parties.

### When?

When tangible research materials are to be transferred between parties.

### How?

- MMTA is already executed between Labs.
- Partners added must sign as-is in Appendix B- 'Third Party MTA'.
- Parties may then execute an Implementing Letter that establishes specific details for each transfer.



## Intellectual Property Management Plan (IPMP)

#### Why?

- Required by EERE Standard Intellectual Property (IP) provisions for developing IP under a funded award.
- The Intellectual Property Management Plan establishes terms for the handling of inventions that are created through HydroGEN work.

#### When?

- Start of Project
  - When new IP is developed under project.
  - Really important to report new IP to your respective tech transfer office!

#### How?

- IP is managed according to each lab's M&O contracts
- We have an IP Committee to advise on IP strategies
- Licensing will be managed by sole/joint owners, with advisement from IP Committee and separate agreements when necessary









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Q & A

# Any Questions??











