



Patent License Agreement



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A Patent License Agreement (PLA) is a contractual agreement between the licensor (IP owner) and a licensee that grants the licensee the right to make, use and sell the patented invention. Can be exclusive, partially exclusive, nonexclusive, for specific field of use, or a specific geographic area.



PLA Features:

- U.S. industry/small businesses preferred customer but may also be expanded to include foreign industry.
- Licensee must submit a license application and a commercialization plan for the invention.

Types of Licenses Include:

- Exclusive License - limits the invention to only a single group or entity for all fields of use.
- Partially Exclusive License- limits invention to a single group or entity for one or more specific fields of use.
- Nonexclusive License - allows the use of the invention by multiple groups or entities.
- Commercial Evaluation License - grants a nonexclusive right to make & use the technology for the purpose of evaluating the technology internally. (limited time span & do not grant any rights to sell the invention.)

I.P. and Resource Commitment:

- Government obtains a nonexclusive, royalty-free, worldwide license for government use.
- Royalties and fees are subject to negotiation.
- Subject to conflict-of-interest rules.
- For CRADAs, patent license agreements may be incorporated within the CRADAs for subject inventions and handled according to CRADA guidelines.

PLA Process via a Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA)

Technology Licensing Assistance:

PIAs assists the US Department of Defense in licensing its inventions to industry, enabling companies to create new products and services using these inventions.



Technology Summaries:

PIA technology summaries describe the key features and benefits, development status, and applications of select technologies available for licensing. Patent numbers, which link to the full patent on the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) website, are included in the technology summaries. <http://techlinkcenter.org/summaries/all>

Technology Transfer and Outreach Office

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