



**FLC**

**Federal Laboratory Consortium  
for Technology Transfer**

# What is Technology Transfer?

Technology transfer is the process by which existing knowledge, facilities or capabilities developed under federal research & development (R&D) funding are utilized to fulfill public and private needs.



# Why is Technology Transfer So Important?

- Technology transfer has the power to impact our economy, society, and national security.
- Every year, billions of American taxpayer dollars go into funding (R&D) at our federal laboratories.
- The intent of the R&D is to provide a return on that investment by advancing science and technology discoveries and moving those innovations from the laboratory to the marketplace.



# Federal Technology Transfer Goal

Federal technology transfer benefits industry partners due to:

- Availability of unique facilities and equipment
- Experienced federal scientists and engineers

Federal technology transfer success is measured by **YOUR** success.

Goal is for private industry partners to take federal innovations to the marketplace to manufacture, distribute, and sell.

# How Federal Innovation Is Transferred

Private industry can work with federal labs to move federal innovation to the market via:

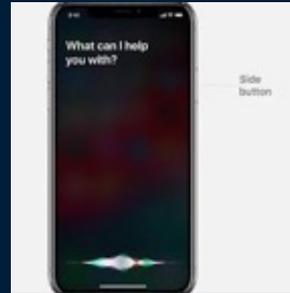
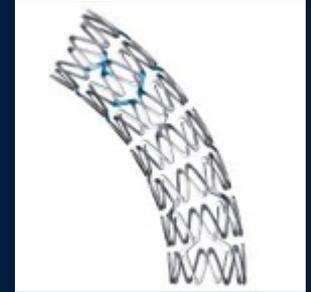
- Licensing
- CRADAs – Cooperative Research and Development Agreements
- Other Partnership Agreements
- Facility Use
- Technical Assistance



# Tech Transfer Success

Products on the market that originated in federal labs:

For more, check out [www.federallabs.org](http://www.federallabs.org)



# Tech Transfer Success

## Radiation-Resistant Bacteria Inspire USU-BMI Vaccine Against Polio and Emerging Superbug

*Federal Labs: U.S. Department of Defense Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), Henry M. Jackson Foundation (HJF)*

*Partner: Biological Mimetics Inc. (BMI)*

A collaboration between USU and Biological Mimetics Inc. (BMI) resulted in joint intellectual property (IP) for a new polio vaccine, with a patent application with both USU and BMI inventors under prosecution management by BMI.



***FLC 2021 National Award Winner - Excellence in Technology Transfer***

# Tech Transfer Success

## NIST-TEDCO Entrepreneurship Program Facilitates 11 New Start-ups and \$2.7 Million in Annual Revenue

*Federal Lab: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)*

*Partner: Maryland Technology Development Corp. (TEDCO)*

The NIST Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Program (N-STEP) is a joint effort by the NIST Technology Partnerships Office and TEDCO to facilitate new company formations by departing NIST employees and commercialization of NIST technologies, which, in turn, creates jobs.



***FLC 2021 National Award Winner – State and Local  
Economic Development***

# Tech Transfer Success

## NIAID-facilitated Clinical Trial Speeds Availability of Remdesivir for Treatment of COVID-19 Patients

*Federal Lab: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)*

*Partner: Gilead Sciences*

NIAID's Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office negotiated a Clinical Trial Agreement (CTA) with Gilead to facilitate a clinical trial of remdesivir for treatment of COVID-19 - a trial that led to an emergency use authorization of the therapy less than three months later.



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with COVID-19 Response Distinction***



# Tech Transfer Success

## Memory Foam

*Federal Lab: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)*

*Partner: Dynamic Systems, Inc.*

Temper foam was developed to protect airline seating from vibrations and improve energy-absorption for increased survivability in the event of a crash. An open-cell polymeric “memory” foam material was developed with unusual viscoelastic properties for high-energy absorption and comfort.

The “temper foam” technology is used to produce a multitude of products, branded as Sun Mate Cushions, including the popular memory foam mattresses.



# Tech Transfer Success

## Holographic Millimeter Wave Scanning for Passengers

*Federal Lab: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)*

*Partner: L-3 Security Detection Systems*

PNNL developed holographic millimeter wave technology that is used to screen millions of passengers at airport security checkpoints nationwide.

This technology was licensed to L-3 Security Detection Systems to be the basis for a line of screening systems, which are now deployed worldwide.

PNNL researchers developed this technology with funding from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State.



# From Idea to Commercialization

