

## Open Data User Agreement

BETWEEN

BROOKHAVEN SCIENCE ASSOCIATES, LLC  
(" CONTRACTOR")

which operates Brookhaven National Laboratory ("Brookhaven"), Upton, New York 11973,  
under Contract No. DE-SC0012704 ("Prime Contract") with the United States Government as  
represented by the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE"),

**"Institution Name"** ("USER")

(Collectively, "the Parties")

The obligations of the Contractor may be transferred and shall apply to any successor in interest to said Contractor continuing the operation of the DOE facility involved in this User Agreement.

### **ARTICLE I. FACILITIES AND SCOPE OF WORK**

Employee(s), consultant(s), and representative(s) of USER (hereinafter called "Participant(s)") shall be permitted to use Laboratory facilities for the purpose of performing the experiment(s) accepted and approved for performance at Laboratory. This User Agreement shall apply to all such experiments authorized for performance at Laboratory facilities which are totally funded by USER. CONTRACTOR will retain its employees assigned to this work on its payroll and will be reimbursed by USER for the account of DOE in accordance with DOE's pricing policy, which provides for full cost recovery.

Under the terms of this Agreement, the USER will be granted access to and use of the facility for the conduct of research, which research must first receive programmatic approval of the facility director and available scheduling therefor. It is understood and agreed that the approval determinations of the director of the facility are final.

It is understood that to receive such approval, the USER is obligated to provide a proposal disclosing a functional non-proprietary description of the experimental work, since such information is essential to the CONTRACTOR to operate the facility. Any proposal for research submitted to the CONTRACTOR which is not approved for performance at the facility shall be returned to the USER and the CONTRACTOR and DOE shall obtain no rights in such proposal.

## **ARTICLE II. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall have a term of five years from the effective date. The term of this Agreement shall be effective as of the latter date of (1) the date on which it is signed by the last of the Parties, or (2) the receipt of any advance payment required under Article III.

## **ARTICLE III. BILLING AND PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

USER will bear its own costs and expenses associated with this Agreement. USER shall also be responsible for a fee for the use of the facility for work, which fee represents full cost recovery by the CONTRACTOR. The User Facility's website sets forth the basic pricing policy applicable to users of the facility. The USER shall make a payment of the full amount to cover the CONTRACTOR'S costs incurred in the performance of the work under this Agreement if the estimated cost is \$25,000 or less OR for work that will be completed in 90 days or less. For estimated costs greater than \$25,000 and that will last longer than 90 days, sufficient advance funds shall be obtained to maintain approximately a 90-day advance of funds during the life of the project. The advance shall also cover any anticipated termination cost that the CONTRACTOR would incur if this agreement is terminated. The CONTRACTOR must receive full payment or the advance prior to commencement of work.

Upon completion of work, or upon termination of this agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly return to the Sponsor any portion of the payment that is unexpended.

The CONTRACTOR has no obligation to make available to USER certain facilities, equipment, services, information and other material as set forth in this agreement or continue performance of the work at a cost in excess of any payment or advance received.

All costs of Experiments will be in accordance with DOE Order O 522.1, "Pricing of Departmental Materials and Services."

## **ARTICLE IV: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

USERS and Participants are subject to the administrative and technical supervision and control of CONTRACTOR; and will comply with all applicable rules of CONTRACTOR and DOE with regard to admission to and use of the User Facility, including safety, operating and health-physics procedures, environment protection, access to information, hours of work, and conduct. Participants shall execute any and all documents required by CONTRACTOR acknowledging and agreeing to comply with such applicable rules of CONTRACTOR. Participants will not be considered employees of CONTRACTOR for any purpose.

## **ARTICLE V. PROPERTY AND MATERIALS**

USER may be permitted by the Contractor to furnish equipment, tooling, test apparatus, or materials necessary to assist in the performance of its experiment(s) at the User Facility. Such

items shall remain the property of USER. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, all such property furnished by USER or equipment and test apparatus provided by USER will be removed by USER within sixty (60) days of termination or expiration of this Agreement or will be disposed of as directed by USER at User's expense. Any equipment that becomes integrated into the User Facility shall be the property of the Government. USER acknowledges that any material supplied by USER may be damaged, consumed or lost. Materials (including residues and/or other contaminated material) remaining after performance of the work or analysis will be removed in their then condition by USER at USER's expense. USER will return User Facilities and equipment utilized in their original condition except for normal wear and tear.

CONTRACTOR shall have no responsibility for USER's property at the User Facility other than loss or damage caused by willful misconduct or gross negligence of CONTRACTOR or its employees.

Personal property produced or acquired during the course of this Agreement shall be disposed of as directed by the owner at the owner's expense.

#### **ARTICLE VI: SCHEDULING**

USER understands that CONTRACTOR will have sole responsibility and discretion for allocating and scheduling usage of the User Facilities and equipment needed for or involved under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE VII: INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY**

- A. Personnel Relationships** - USER shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of Participants.
- B. Product Liability** - To the extent permitted by US and US State law, if USER utilizes the work derived from this Agreement in the making, using, or selling of a product, process or service, then USER hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify CONTRACTOR and the United States Government, their officers, agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, damages, costs and expenses, including attorney fees, for injury to or death of persons, or damage to or destruction of property, as a result of or arising out of such utilization of the work by or on behalf of USER, its assignees or licensees.
- C. General Indemnity** - To the extent permitted by US and US State law, USER hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CONTRACTOR and the United States Government, their officers, agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, damages, costs and expenses, including attorney fees, for injury to or death of persons, or damage to or destruction of property, arising out of the performance of this Agreement or arising out of the use of the services performed, materials supplied or information given hereunder by any persons including the USER, and not directly resulting from the fault or negligence of the Contractor or the United States Government, or persons acting on their behalf.
- D. Patent and Copyright Indemnity—Limited** - To the extent permitted by US and US State law, USER shall fully indemnify the Government and CONTRACTOR and their

officers, agents, and employees for infringement of any United States patent or copyright arising out of any acts required or directed or performed by USER under the Agreement to the extent such acts are not normally performed at the facility.

- E.** The liability and indemnity provisions in paragraphs B, C and D above shall not apply unless USER shall have been informed as soon as practicable by CONTRACTOR or the Government of the suit or action alleging such liability or infringement, and such indemnity shall not apply to a claimed liability or infringement that is settled without the consent of USER unless required by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**F. General Disclaimer -**

THE GOVERNMENT AND CONTRACTOR MAKE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY AS TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE USER FACILITY FURNISHED HEREUNDER. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT, CONTRACTOR AND USER MAKE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY AS TO THE RESEARCH OR ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, GENERATED INFORMATION, OR PRODUCT MADE OR DEVELOPED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, OR THE OWNERSHIP, MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH OR RESULTING PRODUCT; THAT THE GOODS, SERVICES, MATERIALS, PRODUCTS, PROCESSES, INFORMATION, OR DATA TO BE FURNISHED HEREUNDER WILL ACCOMPLISH INTENDED RESULTS OR ARE SAFE FOR ANY PURPOSE INCLUDING THE INTENDED PURPOSE; OR THAT ANY OF THE ABOVE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH PRIVATELY OWNED RIGHTS OF OTHERS. THE GOVERNMENT, CONTRACTOR AND/OR USER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES ATTRIBUTED TO USE OF SUCH FACILITIES, RESEARCH OR RESULTING PRODUCT, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, GENERATED INFORMATION, OR PRODUCT MADE OR DELIVERED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

**G. Notice and Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement**

- a. USER shall report to the Government, promptly and in reasonable written detail, each notice or claim of patent or copyright infringement based on the performance of this Agreement of which USER has knowledge.
- b. In the event of any claim or suit against the Government on account of any alleged patent or copyright infringement arising out of the performance of this Agreement or out of the use of any supplies furnished or work or services performed hereunder, USER shall furnish to the Government when requested by the Government, all evidence and information in possession of USER pertaining to such suit or claim. Such evidence and information shall be furnished at the expense of the Government except where USER has agreed to indemnify the Government.

## **ARTICLE VIII. PATENT RIGHTS**

### **A. Definitions**

1. "Subject Invention" means any invention or discovery of USER conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under this Agreement.
2. "Patent Counsel" means the DOE Patent Counsel assisting the Facility Operator.

### **B. Rights of USER – Election to Retain Rights**

With respect to any USER Subject Invention, which includes inventions of any Participants, reported and elected in accordance with paragraph (C) of this clause, USER may elect to obtain the entire right, title and interest in any patent application filed in any country on a Subject Invention and in any resulting patent secured by USER. Where appropriate, the filing of patent application by USER is subject to DOE security regulations and requirements.

### **C. Invention Identification, Disclosures, and Reports**

USER shall furnish the Patent Counsel a written report concerning each USER Subject Invention, which includes inventions of any Participants, within six months after conception or first actual reduction to practice, whichever occurs first. If USER wishes to elect title to the Subject Invention, a notice of election to the Subject Invention should be submitted with the report or within one year of such date of reporting of the Subject Invention.

### **D. Facilities License**

USER agrees to and does hereby grant to the Government an irrevocable, nonexclusive paid-up license in and to any inventions or discoveries, regardless of when conceived or actually reduced to practice or acquired by USER, which at any time through completion of this Agreement are owned or controlled by USER and are incorporated in the User Facility as a result of this Agreement to such an extent that the User Facility is not restored to the condition existing prior to the Agreement (1) to practice or to have practiced by or for the Government at the User Facility, and (2) to transfer such licenses with the transfer of that User Facility. The acceptance or exercise by the Government of the aforesaid rights and license shall not prevent the Government at any time from contesting the enforceability, validity or scope of, or title to, any rights or patents herein licensed

## **ARTICLE IX: RIGHTS IN TECHNICAL DATA**

### **A. Definitions:**

1. "Technical Data" means recorded information regardless of form or characteristic, of a scientific or technical nature. Technical Data as used herein does not include financial reports, costs analyses, and other information incidental to Agreement administration.
2. "Proprietary Data" means Technical Data which embody trade secrets developed at private expense, outside of this agreement, such as design procedures or techniques,

chemical composition of materials, or manufacturing methods, processes, or treatments, including minor modifications thereof, provided that such data:

- a. Are not generally known or available from other sources without obligation concerning their confidentiality.
  - b. Have not been made available by the owner to others without obligation concerning their confidentiality, and
  - c. Are not already available to the CONTRACTOR or the Government without obligation concerning their confidentiality.
  - d. Are marked as "Proprietary Data."
3. "Unlimited Rights" means right to use, duplicate, or disclose Technical Data, in whole or in part, in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever, and to permit others to do so.

#### **B. Allocation of Rights**

1. The Government shall have Unlimited Rights in Technical Data first produced or specifically used in the performance of this Agreement except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.
2. USER shall have the right to use for its private purposes, subject to patent, security or other provisions of this Agreement, Technical Data it first produces in the performance of this Agreement provided the data delivery requirements of this Agreement have been met as of the date of the private use of such data; and Technical Data first produced by CONTRACTOR, if any, under this Agreement. USER agrees that to the extent it receives or is given access to Proprietary Data or other technical, business or financial data in the form of recorded information from DOE or a DOE contractor or subcontractor, USER shall treat such data in accordance with any restrictive legend contained thereon, unless use is specifically authorized by prior written approval of the Contracting Officer.

#### **C. Deliverables**

1. USER agrees to furnish to DOE or CONTRACTOR those data, if any, which are (a) specified to be delivered in Appendices, (b) essential to the performance of work by CONTRACTOR personnel or (c) necessary for the health and safety of such personnel in the performance of the work. Any data furnished to DOE or CONTRACTOR shall be deemed to have been delivered with unlimited rights unless marked as "Proprietary Data" of USER.
2. Upon completion or termination of the project, USER agrees to deliver to DOE and CONTRACTOR a nonproprietary report describing the work performed under this Agreement.

#### **D. Legal Notice**

The following legal notice shall be affixed to each report or publication resulting from this Agreement which may be distributed by USER:

## DISCLAIMER NOTICE

This document was prepared by **Institution Name** [User] as a result of the use of facilities of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), which are managed by Brookhaven Science Associates, LLC, acting under Contract No. DE-SC0012704. Neither [Brookhaven Science Associates, LLC, DOE, the U.S. Government, nor any person acting on their behalf: (a) make any warranty or representation, express or implied, with respect to the information contained in this document; or (b) assume any liabilities with respect to the use of, or damages resulting from the use of any information contained in the document.

### **E. Copyrighted Material**

1. USER agrees to, and does hereby grant to the Government, and to its officers, agents, servants and employees acting within the scope of their duties:
  - a. A royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable license to reproduce, translate, publish, use, and dispose of and to authorize others so to do, all copyrightable material first produced or composed in the performance of this Agreement by USER, its employees or any individual or concern specifically employed or assigned to originate and prepare such material; and
  - b. A license as aforesaid under any and all copyrighted or copyrightable works not first produced or composed by USER in the performance of this Agreement but which are incorporated in the material furnished or delivered under the Agreement, provided that such license shall be only to the extent USER now has, or prior to completion or final settlement of the Agreement may acquire, the right to grant such license without becoming liable to pay compensation to others solely because of such grant.
2. USER agrees that it will not knowingly include any copyrightable material furnished or delivered under this Agreement without a license as provided for in subparagraph 1(b) hereof, or without the consent of the copyright owner, unless it obtains specific written approval of the Contracting Officer for the inclusion of such copyrighted materials.

### **F. Disclosure of Proprietary Data**

The USER shall not bring Proprietary Data into the User Facility except at USER's own risk. Any such data, regardless how it is marked, shall be deemed Technical Data and shall be treated according to this article of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE X. LABORATORY SITE ACCESS, SAFETY AND HEALTH**

As a precondition to using CONTRACTOR User Facilities, Participants must complete all CONTRACTOR Site Access documents and requirements. USER and Participants shall take all reasonable precautions in activities carried out under this Agreement to protect the safety and health of others and to protect the environment. Participants must comply with all applicable safety, health, access to information, security and environmental regulations and the requirements of the Department and CONTRACTOR, including the specific requirements of the User Facility covered by this Agreement. In the event that USER or Participant fails to comply with said regulations and requirements, CONTRACTOR may, without prejudice to any other

legal or contractual rights, issue and order stopping all or any part of USER's or Participant's activities at the Designated User Facility.

#### **ARTICLE XI. PERSONNEL RELATIONSHIPS**

Participants will remain employees or representatives of USER at all times during their participation in the work under this Agreement, and shall not be considered employees of CONTRACTOR or DOE for any purpose. Participants shall be subject to the administrative and technical supervision and control of CONTRACTOR during and in connection with the Participants' activities under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XII: EXPORT CONTROLS**

USER acknowledges that the export of goods or Technical Data may require some form of export control license from the U.S. Government and that failure to obtain such export control license may result in criminal liability under the laws of the United States.

#### **ARTICLE XIII. THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTS**

Contracts between USER and third parties for work on CONTRACTOR premises including, but not limited to, construction, installation, maintenance, and repair, will be subject to prior approval by the Department and CONTRACTOR. The Department and CONTRACTOR may require the insertion of specific terms and conditions into such contracts.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: DISPUTES**

The parties will attempt to jointly resolve all disputes arising under this agreement. If the parties are unable to jointly resolve a dispute within a reasonable period of time, either party may contact the laboratory's Technology Transfer Ombudsman (TTO) to provide assistance. The TTO may work directly to resolve the dispute or, upon mutual agreement of the parties, contact a third party neutral mediator to assist the parties in coming to a resolution. The costs of the mediator's services will be shared equally by the parties. In the event that an agreement is not reached with the aid of the ombudsman or mediator, the parties may agree to have the dispute addressed by neutral evaluation. The decision rendered by the neutral evaluator shall be nonbinding on the parties, and any costs incurred there from shall be divided equally between the parties. Upon mutual agreement, the parties may request a final decision by the DOE Contracting Officer. Absent resolution, either party may seek relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### **ARTICLE XV. CONFLICT OF TERMS**

In the event of any conflict between the terms of this document and any other document issued by either Party, the terms of this document shall prevail.



## **ARTICLE XVI. TERMINATION**

Either Party may terminate this Agreement for any reason at any time by giving not less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Party, provided that CONTRACTOR shall recover payment for the costs incurred by CONTRACTOR on behalf of USER prior to termination and for termination costs.

In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement:

### **FOR THE CONTRACTOR:**

**BY:** Kathleen Nasta  
**TITLE:** Manager, Guest, User, Visitor Center  
**DATE:**

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Signature

### **FOR THE USER:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature