FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF GUIRR AND ITS AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES

GUIRR’s unique accomplishments can be attributed in large part to the participation and contribution of the federal R&D agencies. Each contributed critically towards FDP’s mission: reducing the administrative burdens associated with federal research grants and contracts.

Along with the gift of their employees’ time and expertise, the following federal R&D agencies have contributed financially:

• National Aeronautics and Space Administration
• National Institutes of Health
• Department of Homeland Security
• Department of Defense
• Environmental Protection Agency
• U.S. Food and Drug Administration
• National Institute of Standards and Technology
• National Institutes of Health
• Department of Defense

The University-industry partnerships are an important component of both GUIRR membership and its funding base. These institutional members are major GUIRR policy advisors with their intellectual expertise. As geographically dispersed in their sectors, the 33 partners are also key to GUIRR’s awareness of new trends in and pressures on the national research enterprise.

Membership-Representatives:

• Georgia Institute of Technology/Georgia
• Iowa State University/Carlyle
• Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Richardson/Georgetown
• Pennsylvania State University/Central
• Rice University/National Instruments
• Stanford University/IBM
• University of California, Berkeley
• University of California, Davis
• University of California, Los Angeles/Hewlett-Packard
• University of Massachusetts/Lehigh
• University of Texas at Austin/Semiconductor Research Corporation
• Washington State University/Pacific Northwest Laboratory

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PARTNERSHIP (FDP)

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• Department of Defense
• Department of Homeland Security
• National Institutes of Health
• National Science Foundation
• U.S. Department of Agriculture

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY DEMONSTRATION PARTNERSHIP (UIDP)

The launch of the UIDP in 2006 would not have been possible without substantial federal funding from voluntary collaborations in the following organizations. Each saw how critically our nation’s competitiveness depended on improving university-industry collaborations across the United States—and was willing to commit to making it happen.

For more information about GUIRR and GUIRR membership visit our web site at: http://www.national-academies.org/guirr

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At the beginning of 2006, the GUIRR Working Group on Deemed Exports, consisting of GUIRR members and federal colleagues, embarked on a mission to improve overall deemed exports regulations. The initiative stemmed from the Department of Commerce’s intent to change its regulations, which had raised the possibility that deemed exports restrictions could be more stringent. As co-chairs, we understand that the personal time and commitment of GUIRR members has been critical to the success of our work, particularly the October meeting on higher education.

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THE UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP: AN ACTION AGENDA FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION

UIDP held its inaugural meeting on December 15, 2006. The official members included 45 universities, 17 companies and two sister units within the National Academies (described below), and a work plan for its first “demonstration project,” TurboNegotiator. The white paper describing the plan for the 2007 UIDP summit is available online: http://www.uidp.org/2007 bianco/UIDP_TurboNegotiator_whitepaper/UIDP_TurboNegotiator_whitepaper.pdf

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DEEMED EXPORTS: PROMOTING CHANGE ON CRITICAL NATIONAL ISSUES

Here or There?
The judgment factor that played a significant role in the decision-making processes of multinational companies (MNCs) in locating their R&D facilities worldwide. With funding from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and partnered with the Industrial Research Institute, the American Chemical Society and the European Industrial Research Management Association, a report commissioned by GUIRR (described below), and a work plan for its first “demonstration project,” TurboNegotiator. The white paper describing the plan for the 2007 UIDP summit is available online: http://www.uidp.org/2007 bianco/UIDP_TurboNegotiator_whitepaper/UIDP_TurboNegotiator_whitepaper.pdf

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THE UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY SUMMIT.

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Maxine A. Fox

On April 25, 2006, the Partnership held a National Summit bringing together 150 representatives from government, university, and industry to share the philosophy and practices distilled from the activity. Summit materials are available online: http://nrc51/xpedio/groups/pga/documents/webpage/034316.pdf

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• ﬂagged as logistical support for FDP’s three annual meetings. FDP’s 2006 notable accomplishments and milestones include the following:

• David Wright, PhD (as Co-Academic Director), retiring after 20 years
• Internal strategic planning was beginning to propel it toward a 20-year milestone in 2007
• Data analysis was completed for FDP’s survey of 2006 faculty members on administrative burdens, 

• The new project, titled “Agricultural Innovation for a Sustainable Future,” builds on the success of previous collaborations with USDA and other agencies.

• Federal IT policy is based on the understanding that the best way to address the challenges of managing federal research is to make it easier for the principal investigator to do what he or she does best.

• The Partnership focused on developing a user-friendly, web-based tool to foster effective and efficient negotiation of research agreements, using a model first tested with a pilot project.

• The Partnership worked to ensure that its activities were consistent with and complementary to work being done by other organizations at the National Academies.

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