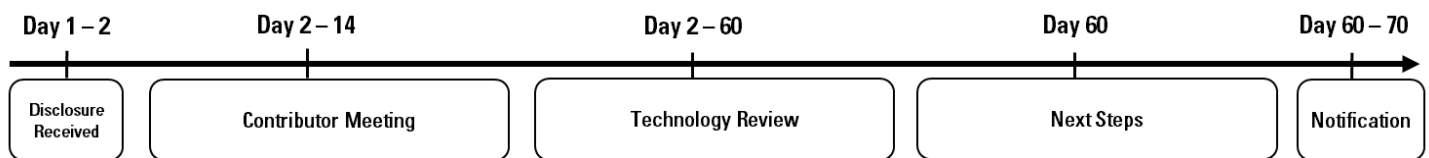




Tangible Property Invention Disclosure – what to expect . . .

The receipt of a tangible property invention disclosure, via an Intellectual Property Disclosure and Record (IPDR) form, is the start of the commercialization process. Types of tangible property disclosed to ISURF include germplasm (e.g., crop seeds and plant cultivars), hybridoma cell lines, viral and bacterial isolates, antibodies, DNA plasmids, and animals. Non-biological materials such as equipment, chemical compounds, extracts, and devices are also tangible property and should be disclosed to ISURF.

The Tangible Property is carefully evaluated for protection options and commercial potential. Tangible property is usually not patented, but is protected by the use of contracts. Third party agreements, including funding agreements, are reviewed to make sure Iowa State is meeting its obligations. Here is what you can expect after you submit an IPDR:



ISURF Cost

There are usually no out-of-pocket expenses related to reviewing a tangible property IPDR.

Timeline (Days)



1-2

Day 1 – 2: Disclosure Received

Contributor(s) will receive an email confirming the receipt of the invention disclosure.



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Day 2 – 14: Initial Meeting

Commercialization Managers will typically meet with the contributor(s) to discuss the tangible property disclosure. This is to ensure a complete understanding of the tangible property, and to gather any information missing from the IPDR, such as funding sources, public disclosures, contributors, collaborators, a more thorough description, etc.



Day 2 – 60: Technology Evaluation

- Commercial Review. An assessment of the current and future market potential and a comparison to competitive technologies.
- Third Party Obligations & Rights. Funding source review to make sure Iowa State is meeting its obligations to third parties under funding agreements. Collaborators and co-owners are also considered.
- ISURF internal technology evaluation meeting to determine next steps.



Day 60+: Activities following the decision made from technology evaluation meeting

Decision – Consult with Third Party

- If a third party has rights under a funding agreement or collaboration, ISURF will consult with that party to determine their interest in protecting and/or commercializing the tangible property.

Decision – Protect as Tangible Property

- ISURF will protect the tangible property through the use of contracts.
- A non-confidential marketing brief will be placed on ISURF’s website and marketing will be initiated.

Decision – Close & Publicly Disclose

- ISURF decides not to protect the tangible property.
- Contributor(s) will receive a notification that the IPDR file will be closed. Public disclosure/publication for public good is encouraged.
- Improvements and further developments of previously-disclosed technologies often lead to new commercial opportunities and should be disclosed to ISURF for evaluation.

Decision – Hold for Tangible Property

- If the tangible property is not yet available, ISURF will keep the IPDR file open. ISURF will inquire about progress approximately every six months. This can continue until the tangible property is available for distribution.

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