

The Texas Technology Development Center
McDERMOTT PRE-SEED FUND

Award Agreement

THIS AWARD AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into as of _____20__, by and between The Texas Technology Development Center, a Texas non-profit corporation (“T3DC”), as administrator of the McDermott Pre-Seed Fund and [NAME OF COMPANY], a [STATE] [TYPE OF ENTITY] (“Recipient”).

In consideration of the mutual terms and provisions contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Certain Definitions.** When used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - 1.1 “Affiliate” shall mean with respect to Recipient, a Person which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, Recipient.
 - 1.2 “Application” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.2 hereof.
 - 1.3 “Award” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1 hereof.
 - 1.4 “Business” shall mean any lawful business in which the Recipient is engaged, including, but not limited to, industries such as life sciences, information technologies, communications technologies, aerospace, electronics and related fields, materials, robotics, medical devices and instruments, telecommunications, agri-sciences, and energy, and also including service and related firms developing proprietary products or technology. Business shall not include retail services, oil and gas exploration and production, franchises, real estate development, management or investment, and any technology or non-technology business that does not have a proprietary product or service. A description of the Business is set forth on the attached Schedule 1.4.
 - 1.5 “Code” shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
 - 1.6 “Compliance Verification” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15 hereof
 - 1.7 “Event of Default” has the same meaning as provided in the Note.
 - 1.8 “Financial Statements” shall mean, a balance sheet as of the end of the period in question, a statement of income, and a statement of cash flows for the period in question, maintained on a basis consistent with prior periods and in accordance with GAAP.

1.9 “Note” shall mean that convertible promissory note of even date between T3DC and the Recipient in the form attached as Schedule 2.4.

1.10 “Obligations” shall mean and include all loans, advances, debts, liabilities and obligations, howsoever arising, owed by the Recipient to T3DC of every kind and description, now existing or hereafter arising under or pursuant to the terms of this Note, the Award Agreement, or any other written agreement, including, all interest, fees, charges, expenses, reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs and accountants’ fees and costs chargeable to and payable by the Recipient hereunder and thereunder, in each case, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, due or to become due, and whether or not arising after the commencement of a proceeding under Title 11 of the United States Code (11 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq.), as amended from time to time (including post-petition interest), and whether or not allowed or allowable as a claim in any such proceeding.

1.11 “Officer” shall mean the chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, or any other similar executive position of authority within the Recipient. Officers of the Recipient are listed on the attached Schedule 1.11.

1.12 “Person” shall mean any natural person, corporation, firm, joint venture, or other unincorporated association, trust, or governmental agency.

1.13 “Unmatured Event of Default” shall mean any event which if it continues uncured will, with lapse of time or notice, or both, constitute an Event of Default.

2. Award.

2.1 Award of Monies. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, T3DC hereby agrees to disburse to Recipient the amount of \$_____) (the “Award”).

2.2 Use of Proceeds and Purpose. The Recipient commits to use the Award to expedite commercialization by adding the Award to its working capital and expending the Award on the development or acquisition of assets to be used for the production of income, and shall use the Award only in furtherance of introducing to the market the technology described in Schedule 2.2 and in the application previously submitted by the Recipient to T3DC (the “Application”). The Recipient agrees to use the Award in the specific areas described in Schedule 2.2. Any change to the use of the Award must be approved in writing by T3DC, in its sole discretion.

2.3 Disbursements. The Award may be funded by T3DC in one or more disbursements of no more than \$_____ each, sequentially over a period of up to 365 days and at the times when Recipient has achieved those certain milestones set forth on Schedule 2.3.

(a) *Initial Disbursement.* T3DC shall disburse to the Recipient the initial Award disbursement amount of \$_____ as soon as practicable following the date of this Agreement provided that all other requirements prior to receiving any disbursements pursuant to this Agreement have been satisfied.

(b) *Subsequent Distributions.* At any time after the disbursement of the initial Award amount until 365 days after the date of this Agreement, Recipient may submit a written request for T3DC to make additional Award disbursements based on completion, or substantial completion, of the milestones as set forth in *Schedule 2.3*. T3DC shall then determine if the Recipient is eligible for additional Award disbursements, and notify the Recipient in writing of its decision as soon as practicable. If the Recipient has complied with the milestones, all of the conditions for disbursement have been met, and the Recipient is in compliance with this Agreement, as determined by T3DC, T3DC will make additional Award disbursements. The Recipient shall have 365 days after the date of this Agreement to request additional amounts. The 365-day period may be extended at the discretion of T3DC.

2.4 Promissory Note. The Award will be secured and repaid as provided in Note in the form attached as *Schedule 2.4*.

2.5 Matching Requirements. At the time of disbursement of any funds, or portion of funds, from T3DC to the Recipient under the terms of this Agreement, the Recipient must demonstrate to T3DC's satisfaction, and in T3DC's sole discretion, the existence of a total of \$3.00 in value of other assets for every \$1.00 of Award funds disbursed, with at least one dollar \$1.00 of such assets being in cash or cash equivalents. Cash or cash equivalents include: (i) cash legal tender; (ii) certified check; (iii) cashier's check; (iv) statement of account, upon which the authorized representative of the Recipient is an authorized signer, from a financial institution showing a sufficient balance, in collected funds without holds, maintained on any date from the effective date of this Agreement to the date of disbursement, to be verified with the financial institution on or before disbursement; (v) marketable equity securities; or (vi) any other asset deemed by T3DC, in its sole discretion, to be cash or a cash equivalent.

3. **Conditions of Funding.** All of the following conditions precedent shall be met to the reasonable satisfaction of T3DC prior to any disbursement of the Award:

3.1 Organizational Documents and Resolutions. The Recipient delivers to T3DC, in a form and substance satisfactory to T3DC: (a) copies of the organizational documents of Recipient, duly certified by an Officer of Recipient and where applicable a certificate of good standing of Recipient from the secretary of state or other applicable governmental agency of the state of organization of Recipient; and (b) copies of resolutions of the governing board of Recipient authorizing the execution, delivery, and performance of this

Agreement and all other agreements and documents required in this Agreement, duly certified by an Officer of Recipient.

3.2 Accuracy of Warranties. All of the representations and warranties of Recipient made to T3DC under this Agreement, any applications or supporting documentation related thereto or otherwise in connection with the Award shall have been true and correct at the time they were made and at the time of execution and delivery of this Agreement, and they shall continue to be true and correct at the time T3DC disburses the funds to Recipient under this Agreement.

3.3 Financial Statements. Recipient shall have submitted to T3DC current Financial Statements for the most recent fiscal or calendar year ended prior to the date such Financial Statements are submitted to T3DC as well as for each quarter since such fiscal or calendar year end, duly certified by an Officer of Recipient as to their accuracy and completeness as of the date thereof. Such Financial Statements must be satisfactory to T3DC. T3DC must be able to confirm through the receipt of Financial Statements that no portion of the Award has been used, either directly or indirectly, to fund the revenue participation payment or the loan repayment.

3.4 Compliance with Obligations. Recipient shall be in full compliance with its Obligations and not in breach of this Agreement and, in the sole discretion of T3DC, be taking the actions and providing the benefits described in Schedule 5.12.

3.5 Execution of Note. Recipient delivers to T3DC the Note.

3.6 Other Documents. Recipient delivers to T3DC such other documents and instruments as T3DC may reasonably require.

3.7 Match Compliance. T3DC shall have received evidence satisfactory to T3DC that Recipient is and will continue to be in compliance with T3DC's matching fund requirements applicable to Recipient as provided in Section 2.5.

3.8 Milestones. The Recipient shall provide T3DC with sufficient evidence, to the satisfaction of T3DC, that the milestones set forth on Schedule 2.3 have been met by the date listed for each milestone.

3.9 Compliance Verification. The Recipient shall provide T3DC with the Compliance Verification required under Section 5.15, along with supporting documentation. Each annual Compliance Verification that has become due under Section 5.15 must have been submitted prior to the Recipient receiving any additional Award disbursements.

4. **Representations and Warranties.** Recipient represents and warrants to T3DC that:

4.1 Organization. Recipient is duly organized, validly existing, and where applicable in good standing under the laws of the state of its organization. Recipient has no subsidiaries.

4.2 Authorization; No Conflict. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance by Recipient of its Obligations under this Agreement, are within Recipient's powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action, have received all necessary governmental approvals, if any are required, and do not and will not contravene or conflict with any provision of law or of the governing documents of Recipient or of any agreement binding upon Recipient.

4.3 Validity and Binding Nature. This Agreement, when executed and delivered, is and will be a legal and binding Obligation of Recipient enforceable against Recipient in accordance with its terms.

4.4 Equity Ownership. The equity ownership of Recipient is set forth on the attached Schedule 4.4. No other non-principal has any equity ownership of Recipient in excess of 49%.

4.5 Financial Information. All Financial Statements and information furnished by Recipient to T3DC fairly present the financial condition of Recipient as of the respective dates thereof. Recipient has no contingent liability for taxes or other commitments which is not reflected therein.

4.6 No Adverse Changes. Since the dates of the Financial Statements furnished to T3DC by Recipient, there has been no change in the business, operations, properties, or condition (financial or otherwise) of Recipient which has been materially adverse.

4.7 Litigation and Contingent Liabilities. No litigation, arbitration proceedings, or governmental proceedings are pending or threatened against Recipient, and Recipient has no material contingent liabilities, other than as set forth in its Financial Statements furnished to T3DC.

4.8 Payment of Taxes. All tax returns and reports of Recipient required to be filed by it have been timely filed, and all taxes, assessments, fees, and other governmental charges upon Recipient and upon its properties, assets, and income which are due and payable have been paid.

4.9 Disclosure. No representation or warranty of Recipient contained in this Agreement or in any other document, certificate, or written statement furnished to T3DC by or on behalf of Recipient for use in connection with the Award (including without limitation the Application) contains any untrue or misleading statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading. There is no fact known to Recipient which materially or adversely af-

facts or would affect the Business of Recipient which has not been disclosed herein or in such other documents or certificates furnished to T3DC for use in connection with the Award.

4.10 No Legal Violations. The Recipient is not in violation of any federal, state or local statutes, laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the Recipient, and there are no actions, suits, or proceedings pending, or to its knowledge threatened, before any judicial body or governmental authority against or affecting it, other than those specifically disclosed in the Application.

4.11 Title to Assets. Except as set forth on Schedule 4.11, the Recipient, directly or indirectly, owns and has good title to or, in the case of leased or licensed property and assets, has valid leasehold or license interests in, all property and assets necessary for the conduct of the Recipient's business, in each case free and clear of all liens and other encumbrances other than as provided in Schedule 4.11 and approved by T3DC.

4.12 Related-Party Transactions. Except as set forth on Schedule 4.12, there are no existing or contemplated transactions of a material nature involving the Recipient by and between the members of Recipient's governing board, its Officers, and/or its investors, shareholders or Affiliate of the Recipient, other than transactions arising from or related to employment, compensation, Recipient benefit plans or other transactions that are in the ordinary course of the Recipient's Business.

5. **Recipient's Covenants.** Until all Obligations are paid and satisfied in full, Recipient agrees that, unless at any time T3DC shall otherwise expressly consent in writing, Recipient will:

5.1 Financial Statements, Certificates, and Other Information. Furnish to T3DC:

(a) *Annual Financial Statements.* Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal or calendar year of Recipient, a copy of the Financial Statements of Recipient duly certified by an Officer of Recipient, which Financial Statements fairly present the financial condition of Recipient as of the date thereof.

(b) *Quarterly Financial Statements.* Within 45 days after the end of each quarter, a copy of the unaudited Financial Statements of Recipient prepared in the same manner as the annual Financial Statements referred to in Section 5.1(a).

(c) *Certificates.* Contemporaneously with the furnishing of the Financial Statements provided in Sections 5.1(a) and (b), a certificate dated the date of such Financial Statements and signed by an Officer of Recipient to the effect that no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or, if there is any such an event, describing it and the actions, if any, being taken to correct it.

(d) *Notice of Default; Litigation.* Immediately upon learning of the occurrence of any of the following, written notice thereof, describing the same and the actions being taken by Recipient with respect thereto; (i) the occurrence of an Event of Default or an Unmatured Event of Default; and (ii) the institution of, or any adverse determination in, any litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding which is material to Recipient.

(e) *Other Information.* From time to time such other information concerning Recipient as T3DC may reasonably request.

5.2 Books and Records. Maintain complete and accurate books and records of Recipient's operations. The Recipient shall use or cause the entity which is maintaining such books and records to use GAAP in the maintenance of such books and records, and shall retain or cause to be retained all of such books, records, documents and other evidence for a period of 7 years from and after the date that this Agreement is terminated.

5.3 Inspection. Permit any authorized representatives of T3DC to visit and inspect the books, records, and properties of Recipient, including financial and accounting records, and make copies and take extracts therefrom, and discuss Recipient's affairs, finances, and accounts with its officers and accountants, and permit such authorized representatives of T3DC to conduct such inspections on an unannounced basis as requested by T3DC.

5.4 Marketing Efforts. Use its best efforts to develop and market its products and/or services.

5.5 Principal Place of Business. Maintain its principal place of business in San Antonio, Texas.

5.6 Compliance with Laws. Comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and orders of any governmental authority, including those relating to the environment.

5.7 Insurance. Maintain the following insurance coverage in such amounts and with such carriers as may be approved by T3DC: (a) comprehensive general liability in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate; (b) all-risk insurance on the contents of its business premises in the amount of \$***fill in depending on actual value of contents***]; (c) crime, including embezzlement or theft by employees in the amount of \$50,000; (d) hired non-owned automobile liability in the amount of \$1,000,000; and (e) umbrella liability in the amount of \$***amount equal to net worth***]; and furnish to T3DC upon request evidence of such insurance coverage.

5.8 Compliance With Other Agreements. Comply in all respects with any and all other agreements with T3DC.

- 5.9 Existence. Preserve and keep in full force and effect Recipient's existence.
- 5.10 Sale of Assets. Not sell, transfer, convey, or lease all or any substantial part of its assets.
- 5.11 Related-Party Transactions. Report to T3DC on a timely basis any material transaction including, without limitation, the purchase, sale, or exchange of property or the rendering of any services, with any Affiliate, or any owner or employee of Recipient, except in the ordinary course of and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of its business upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable than would exist in a comparable transaction with a Person who is not an Affiliate.
- 5.12 Benefit to San Antonio. To the extent feasible, any patent, license, copyright, goods, services, proprietary processes, research or other intellectual property that result in a commercial application will be developed or produced by an entity based in the State of Texas and a legitimate effort will be made to apply the results of financial or other assistance in a manner that has a reasonable potential to create or enhance employment or other factors contributing to economic growth in the San Antonio, Texas community. Schedule 5.12 contains a list of the specific actions that the Recipient will take to benefit the San Antonio community and the intended benefits of such actions.
- 5.13 Return on Investment. Unless specifically authorized by T3DC, the Recipient may not make a return of investment of private capital while there is an outstanding balance due T3DC under this Agreement.
- 5.14 Debt Repayment. The Award will not be used for repayment of debt in any form or for restructuring of any existing debt (other than repayment of any Obligation).
- 5.15 Compliance Verification Reporting. Each year throughout the term of this Agreement, on each anniversary of the date of this Agreement, the Recipient must deliver to T3DC a compliance verification report signed by a duly authorized representative of the Recipient that shall verify the Recipient's compliance with each of the Recipient's agreements, warranties, covenants and Obligations under this Agreement (each, a "Compliance Verification"). In addition to each annual Compliance Verification, the Recipient shall also provide T3DC a Compliance Verification on each date on which the Recipient makes a request to T3DC for disbursement of an additional Award amount. All Compliance Verifications shall be in a form reasonably satisfactory to T3DC, and Recipient shall provide appropriate back-up data.
- 5.16 Use of Proceeds. Recipient shall use Award only for the uses described in Section 2.2; Recipient will not use the Award to develop and protect its intellectual property.

6. General.

6.1 Relationship of Parties. The parties will perform their respective obligations under this Agreement as independent contractors and not as agents, employees, partners, joint venturers, or representatives of the other party. Further, nothing in this Agreement shall make either party responsible for the debts or obligations of the other or create any relationship between the parties other than as expressly set forth herein.

6.2 Liability. In no event will either party be liable to the other party for any indirect, special, punitive, exemplary, incidental or consequential damages. This limitation will apply regardless of whether or not the other party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

6.3 Indemnification. Recipient shall indemnify and hold T3DC and its agents, officers, and employees harmless from and against any and all loss, cost, damage, and expense, including attorneys' fees, arising from or incurred from any act or omission in connection with this Agreement, the making of the Award, or the operation of the Business.

6.4 EXPRESS NEGLIGENCE. THE INDEMNITY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE RECIPIENT AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXPRESS TERMS AND SCOPE HEREOF NOTWITHSTANDING TEXAS' EXPRESS NEGLIGENCE RULE OR ANY SIMILAR DIRECTIVE THAT WOULD PROHIBIT OR OTHERWISE LIMIT INDEMNITIES BECAUSE OF THE NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER SOLE, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE) OR OTHER FAULT OR STRICT LIABILITY OF T3DC.

6.5 Waiver; Amendments. No delay on the part of T3DC in the exercise of any right, power, or remedy shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise by T3DC of any right, power, or remedy preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, or remedy. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by T3DC and Recipient. No waiver of, or consent of T3DC with respect to, any provision of this Agreement shall in any event be effective unless it is in writing and signed and delivered by T3DC, and then any such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

6.6 Notices. All notices, requests, demands, and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally in return for a receipt, or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or recognized overnight delivery service, to the addresses set forth below the respective parties' signatures on this Agreement. Any such notice, request, demand, or other communication shall be deemed to have been given on personal delivery in return for a receipt, or if sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the third business day after depositing with the U.S.

mail, or if sent by recognized overnight delivery service on the next business day after depositing with such service. Copies of all such notices, requests, demands, or other communications to be sent to

If to T3DC to:

Randy Goldsmith
The Texas Technology Development Center
14815 Omicron Dr., Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78245-3211
(210) 674-4688 (phone)
(210) 677-0335 (fax)

with a concurrent copy to:

Laura Gabrysch
Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
300 Covent St., Suite 2200
San Antonio, TX 78205
(210) 270-7123 (phone)
(210) 270-7205 (fax)
lgabrysch@fulbright.com

If to Recipient to:

Contact Person
Position
Recipient Name
Street Address
City, State Zip

6.7 Costs and Expenses. Each of the parties shall bear and be responsible for their respective costs and expenses incurred in connection with the review and preparation of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.8 Captions. Paragraph captions used in this Agreement are for convenient reference only, and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

6.9 Governing Law. This Agreement is made and entered into in the State of Texas, and this Agreement and all disputes arising out of or relating thereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to any otherwise applicable conflict of law rules or requirements. The Recipient agrees that venue for any action, suit, litigation or other proceeding arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, or the matters referred to therein, shall be in Bexar County, Texas. The Recipient hereby waives and

agrees not to assert by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that (A) the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or (B) the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper.

6.10 Binding Effect and Assignment. The Recipient may not assign this Agreement or any of its rights or Obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of T3DC. T3DC may assign this Agreement and any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the consent of the Recipient. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, T3DC and Recipient and their respective legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

6.11 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, is intended to confer any rights upon any Person, other than T3DC and Recipient.

6.12 Survival of Warranties. All agreements, representations, and warranties made by Recipient herein shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of the Award.

6.13 Publicity. T3DC retains the right to issue any and all press releases and publications regarding this Agreement. The Recipient shall not issue any press releases or other publicity regarding this Agreement or the Award without the prior written consent of T3DC.

6.14 Severability. If any provision in this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions, or of such provision or obligation in any other jurisdiction, shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

6.15 Counterparts. This Agreement and any amendments, waivers, consents, or supplements may be executed in any number of counterparts and by a different party in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same agreement. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution of a counterpart by each of the parties.

6.16 Further Assurances. In addition to the acts recited in this Agreement to be performed by the parties, the parties shall perform or cause to be performed any and all such further acts as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.17 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties relative to the subject matter hereof, superseding all previous oral or written understandings and agreements concerning the Award.

6.18 Construction. In the construction of this Agreement, the rule of construction that a document is to be construed most strictly against a party who prepared the same shall not be applied, it being agreed that all parties have participated in the preparation of the final form of this Agreement.

6.19 Schedules and Exhibits. The schedules and exhibits referred to herein and required to be delivered pursuant to the terms hereof are hereby incorporated fully herein by this reference.

6.20 Voluntary Act. EACH OF THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THEY HAVE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED THIS AGREEMENT AND ARE ENTERING INTO THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREIN AS THEIR FREE AND VOLUNTARY ACT AND NOT IN RELIANCE UPON ANY REPRESENTATION BY THE OTHER PARTY OTHER THAN THOSE SET FORTH HEREIN. RECIPIENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL AND TAX COUNSEL OF ITS CHOICE REGARDING THIS AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREIN, AND T3DC HAS ENCOURAGED RECIPIENT TO CONSULT LEGAL AND TAX COUNSEL WITH RESPECT HERETO AND TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE SATISFACTORY ANSWERS REGARDING THE OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED HEREIN.

DATED as of the day and year first above written.

T3DC: The Texas Technology Development Center, a Texas non-profit corporation

By _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Recipient: [Company]

By _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

LIST OF SCHEDULES [*Attach as Needed*]

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