AN INTRODUCTION TO USET

WHAT IS USET?

University Science, Engineering & Technology, Inc. (USET) is a service company engaged in promoting the development of patented and patentable new inventions and the commercial exploitation of these through licensing programs. In its role as the patent service and licensing agent for the inventor or owner of new technologies, USET arranges, on their behalf, for commercial organizations to undertake research and development, manufacturing, and marketing of such new technologies. USET's services include assistance in locating and identification of new inventions through on-site liaison with inventors by its patent staff, the evaluation of the economic and technical merit of the new inventions, arranging for the filing and prosecution of patents covering such inventions where appropriate, and licensing and administering the patents. USET's principal sources of technology are research universities and government laboratories, both foreign and domestic.

USET'S BACKGROUND

USET was formed through the acquisition of University Technology Company (UTC) and the technology transfer assets of University Patents, Inc. (UPI). These two organizations represented twelve universities and two government laboratories at the time of acquisition. In all but a few exceptions, USET has the right of first refusal with respect to any of the technology generated by its client's research activity. The combined annual budget for research of USET's clients exceeds \$800,000,000.

Through UTC and UPI, USET has acquired a royalty interest in several substantial technologies currently under development by corporate licensees, both in the United States and abroad.

Since July, 1988, USET's headquarters have been located in Westport, Connecticut, with a Washington, D.C. liaison office. In addition, Technology Information Center (TIC), a development stage subsidiary company, is located in Houston, Texas. TIC is developing a technology transfer data base.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

USET's staff includes professionals in many aspects of science and engineering, including electrical engineering, materials science, immunology, genetic engineering, nuclear engineering, chemistry and life sciences. In addition, several of its staff are attorneys with experience in both contract and patent law. USET's professional staff of 10 people is augmented by four full-time, on-campus representatives at major universities.

CLIENT LIST

University of Colorado University of Illinois New York University University of Pennsylvania Princeton University University of Rhode Island Medical College of Pennsylvania New Jersey Institute of Technology British Technology Group Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique University of Maryland Kansas State University University of Iowa Georgia Institute of Technology University of Connecticut Smithsonian Institute GKSS-Forschungszentrum Geesthacht GMBH



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE Washington, D.C. 20230

14 DEC 1987

Honorable Richard E. Lyng Secretary of Agriculture Washington, D. C. 20250

Dear Dick:

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Sincerely,

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MEETING: UTC/USET/Technology Liaison Officers

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

DATE: Sunday, February 28, 1988

PLACE: Mr. Norm Latker's Suite at Hyatt Islandia Hotel

PRIOR TO: SUPA Conference

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Marketing Process:

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- 5) Forms/Tools Used/Needed
 - "Form" letters
 - UTC TLO Office Management Software
 - UTC Company Database
 - Disclosure Forms
 - Evaluation Form
 - USET Database Input Form
 - Evaluation of Invention Disclosures
 - Prior to Input to USET Database
- During Marketing
- 7) Activities Undertaken
 - by TLO disclosure/licensing
 - by LE disclosure/licensing
- 8) Patenting Timing and Costs
- 9) Termination of Marketing and Informing TLO and Inventor
- 10) Expansion of USET
 - Services to University
 - Regionalization of Activities
- 11) Use of External Assistance
 - Lawyers/Legal Advice - Consultants
- 12) Other Items
- 12) Other Items

Follow-up/Action Items

UTC DISCLOSURE PROCESS

I. PRE-DISCLOSURE

- * TALKS AT DEPARTMENT MEETINGS
- * CONGRATULATIONS LETTERS TO PI'S OF GRANT AWARDS
- * ONE-ON-ONE WITH "PROMISING" INVENTOR FACULTY

II. DISCLOSURE PREPARATIONS

- * REVIEW INVENTION IN PERSON WITH INVENTOR
- * PREVENT DISCLOSURE IF NOT COMPLETE
- * EXPLAIN DISCLOSURE AND MARKETING PROCESS
- * HELP FACULTY COMPLETE DISCLOSURE FORM

III. DISCLOSURE RECEIPT

- * DRAFT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
- * ASSIGN KEYWORDS (WITH INVENTOR)
- * FORWARD TO UTC
- * DISCUSS STRATEGY (MARKETING/PATENT OPINION) WITH LICENSING EXECUTIVE ASSIGNED BY UTC

IV. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- * PREPARE TECHNICAL PACKAGE
- * FILE GOVERNMENT REPORTS AS APPLICABLE
- * RESPOND TO TECHNICAL INQUIRIES FROM UTC
- * ARRANGE CORPORATE VISITS AS NECESSARY
- * ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS
- * MONITOR PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS
- * CHECK INVENTOR TO DEFINE ANY PUBLICATION DATES

UTC MARKETING PROCESS

I. RECEIPT OF DISCLOSURE

- IN-HOUSE SCREENING FOR:
 - * COMPLETENESS AND REDUCTION TO PRACTICE
 - * MARKETING STRATEGIES AND FIELDS OF USE
 - * ASSIGNMENT TO A LICENSING EXECUTIVE

II. MARKETING SEQUENCE

- * SCREEN DATABASE WITH KEYWORDS FOR CONTACTS
- * MARKET SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL COMPANIES (S&P, ETC.)
- * CONTACT BY TELEPHONE TO DESCRIBE INVENTION
- * SEND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND CDA
- * FOLLOW-UP FOR INTEREST
- * SEND TECHNICAL PACKAGE ON RECEIPT OF CDA
- * FOLLOW-UP FOR INTEREST
- * ARRANGE TECHNICAL/LICENSING MEETING AT UNIVERSITY
- * SEND OUTLINE OF OPTION AGREEMENT PRIOR TO MEETING
- * SEND DRAFT AGREEMENT
 - FINALIZE AND COLLECT OPTION FEE AND RESEARCH FEE

III. POST OPTION SEQUENCE

- * MONITOR (WITH TLO) PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT
- * INITIATE PATENT PROCESS*
- * FINALIZE LICENSE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO END OF OPTION

IV. POST LICENSE ACTIONS

- * MONITOR PERFORMANCE AND ROYALTY PAYMENTS
- THIS STEP COULD COME AT ANY TIME, DEPENDING UPON CIRCUMSTANCES



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UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

South Square Corporate Centre Suite 210 3710 University Drive Durham, North Carolina 27707 (919) 493-0101

January 28, 1988

MEMORANIJUM

TO: Dr. Lowell Harmison

FROM: Carl B. Wootten

RE: UIC Marketing Procedures

As we discussed by telephone on the 24th, this is written to give you some of the details on how the marketing operation is done at UIC. In general, the sequence would go as follows:

- 1. The TLO and the campus would prepare documentation of the invention, including an Executive Summary and a Technical Package which we would use to get the initial interest of the targeted industry.
- 2. The documentation is sent to UTC where a Licensing Executive most familiar with the technical area involved is assigned to the case.
- 3. The key words assigned to the invention at the university are reviewed by the Licensing Executive, and are then matched against the potential corporate clients. As an example, I'm enclosing one page of an invention from Maryland showing how they come up on the computer.
- 4. The next step is to call the contacts listed at the target companies to confirm that the key word that they gave us was a match with the technology and to discuss, in nonconfidential terms, the concept and basis of the invention.
- 5. Assuming continued interest, an Executive Summary and two Confidential Disclosure Agreements are sent to the company for their review. Once the Confidential Agreement is signed, a Technical Package containing all of the details of the invention is then forwarded to the company.
- 6. Assuming review of the Technical Package is positive, a meeting is set up at the unversity with both the technical and business people from the company to discuss and detail the further technical work required and the basis of the Option Agreement.

7. An Option Agreement is drafted and forwarded to them, negotiated, and the work is commenced.

It usually takes 3-12 months to complete the necessary work at the university laboratory to prove that the lab model can be expanded to the prototype stage, at which time the License Agreement is negotiated and the company takes over for development and commercialization.

I'm sure that with our expanded data base we will want to modify this procedure, but that gives you a feel for how it is done presently.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Wootten President

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This INV. tation extends to you also. Norm Latker

FROM: John A. Fraser FAX NO: USA (919) 490-1414 AT'IN: Mr. Norman Latker

February 24, 1988

Mr. Norman Latker

USA (301) 738-0212

RE: San Diego Meeting

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Dear Norm:

DATE:

FAX NO:

TO:

Following is a Memorandum that has been faxed to all the TLO's along with the Draft Agenda. Please give me a call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

John A. Fraser, Executive Vice President

JAF:pv

PLEASE NOTIFY MR. NORMAN LATKER IMMEDIATELY UPON TRANSMISSION TRANSMITTING HEADER PLUS 2 PAGES



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February 24, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TC: Dr. Charles Goodwin Dr. Robert Kyle Mr. Wayne Swann Mrs. Julie Watson

FROM: John A. Fraser

RE: San Diego Meeting

It is our pleasure to invite you to the meeting outlined on the attached sheet. Please note the change in time to 3:00 p.m. You will need to inquire at the reception area shortly before 3:00 to locate Mr. Latker's suite.

We are taking advantage of people attending SIPA to get together to discuss a range of items as well as having people swap experiences.

Mr. Norm Latker will attend on behalf of USET, together with UTC personnel.

I look forward to meeting with all of you in San Diego.

Yours sincerely, John A. Fraser

Executive Vice President

JAF:pv

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