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TO: Members of Society of University Patent Administrators

Dear Colleagues:

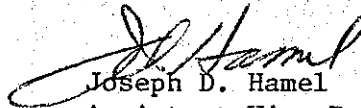
We at Washington State University use a number of mechanisms to develop the patents generated by our faculty. Among these is a local corporation called the Washington State University Research Foundation. Members of the Board of this foundation have asked me to inquire:

- . how other universities develop their patents;
- . if these other universities have a similar non-profit corporation;
- . how do they distribute the funds generated to the parent university.

In order to provide these answers, I have prepared the enclosed very brief questionnaire. I would appreciate it if you would fill out this questionnaire and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope. I will compile all answers and will share the responses with all of those that share their data with me.

I would appreciate it if you would help me in this project and hope that the results can also be of help to you. Thank you in advance for your help and please let me know if you have any problem with the questionnaire itself.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Assistant Vice President

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University name

Name and title of person completing form

. What types of technology transfer or patent development organizations does your university utilize? (check appropriate box or boxes)

1.  The Research Corporation
2.  Battelle Development Corp.
3.  Other separate outside organization \_\_\_\_\_  
name(s)
4.  Your university itself
5.  A corporation (or other form of organization) established by your university \_\_\_\_\_  
specify name

. If you check 5, how does your university share in the revenue generated through licenses or other arrangements for technology transfer?

Specific question:

Does your university share these revenues in a set formulae?

Yes (please specify)

No (please specify)

. Please explain the method(s) that you use to transfer funds from your patent development organization to your university

Payment of fee (percentage or lump -- circle one) to university for services provided by university

A fee (percentage or lump -- circle one) for the assignment of rights by the university

Grants to the university for designated purposes

Outright nonrestricted transfer of funds to the university

Please explain other methods or variations on any of the above.