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Mr. Paul E. Goulding  
Acting Administrator of General Services  
General Services Administration  
F bet 18th and 19th Streets NW  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Subject: Institutional Patent Agreements

Re: Federal Register Notice, Volume 43,  
No. 222, p. 53497

Dear Mr. Goulding:

The use of standard institutional patent agreements by government research agencies was prescribed in Federal Procurement Regulations after extensive study and deliberations of government patent policies which would be in the public interest. The referenced Federal Register notice (signed by yourself) notes the FPR amendment specifying use of the Institutional Patent Agreement is effective as of July 18, 1978. However, there has yet to be implementation of the FPR Institutional Patent Agreement by any agency, to the best of my knowledge.

Presently, there are well over 20 varying patent policies of various government agencies. There may be particular reluctance to follow the FPR Institutional Patent Agreement by certain agencies whose patent policies have been sharply at variance with the intent of the FPR Institutional Patent Agreement. Without "encouragement" by some means, it is likely the cumbersome and bureaucratic policies of these agencies, which act to frustrate public utilization of public-funded research, will continue as before.

Can you advise us of what agency or individual would be responsible for bringing about use by governmental research agencies of the now effective FPR Institutional Patent Agreement?

Very truly yours,

Niels J. Reimers  
Manager, Technology Licensing

cc: Howard Bremer,  
President - SUPA ←

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