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Dear Technology Partnership Ombudsman,

You are receiving this request because, under the Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000, each technology partnership ombudsman is required to report quarterly on dispute resolution related to technology partnerships, patents, and licenses. At your earliest convenience, but no later than seven days from receipt of this request, please respond by e-mail to the following questions:

(a) Did you receive any complaints in the last quarter? [Yes/No]

(b) If yes, how many complaints did you receive?

(c) Did you resolve any complaints in the last quarter? [Yes/No]

Provide a brief description of the nature of each complaint you received and its status. For each complaint you resolved, please provide an assessment of the resolution.

Sincerely,

Director

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

This data is being collected to promote the use of alternative dispute resolution techniques to resolve complaints and disputes from industry and the public regarding technology partnerships.

The data you supply will be used by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office to evaluate the effectiveness of alternative dispute resolution services offered at national laboratories concerning technology partnerships and identify opportunities for training and technical assistance. We may share your responses with other DOE offices in furtherance of this purpose.

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