

## Department of the Interior Departmental Manual

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**Series:** Delegation

**Part 207:** Limited Delegations

**Chapter 8:** Technology Transfer

**Originating Office:** Office of Policy Analysis

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**8.1 Purpose.** This Chapter facilitates the implementation of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 USC 3701) and the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (15 USC 3710a, et seq.), as amended, and Executive Order 12591, “Facilitating Access to Science and Technology.” These authorities encourage the transfer of federally owned or originated technology and allow directors of Federal laboratories to negotiate licenses and other agreements related to intellectual property and to enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements with other entities. The term “Federal Laboratory” may encompass an entire Federal agency or a facility or group of facilities owned, leased, or otherwise used by a Federal agency, a substantial purpose of which is the performance of research, development, or engineering by employees of the Federal Government.

**8.2 Authorities.** The delegations specified in this chapter are authorized by 15 USC 3701 and 15 USC 3710a, et seq., as amended, and are consistent with Executive Order 12591. They are also consistent with Departmental policy articulated in 200 DM 2.1, that authority be delegated, where appropriate, to “the lowest levels in the organization to better address issues and strengthen communications.”

**8.3 Delegation of Authority.**

A. Assistant Secretaries. The Secretary’s authority under 15 U.S.C. 3701 and 15 USC 3710a, et seq., as amended, and as directed by Executive Order 12591, is delegated to Assistant Secretaries, including the authority to negotiate licenses and other agreements related to intellectual property and to enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs) with other entities.

B. Bureau Directors. The authority delegated to Assistant Secretaries in 8.3A above is redelegated to each Bureau Director under the respective Assistant Secretaries. This authority may be further redelegated in writing to Federal laboratory directors or equivalents, as defined in bureau guidelines.

**8.4 Authorities not Affected by this Chapter.** The authority delegated in this chapter does not affect or diminish the Solicitor’s authority to engage in all legal work for the Department

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under 209 DM 3, and policy specified in Part 505 of the Departmental Manual related to Procurement Contracts, Grants, and Cooperative Agreements.