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Technology Transfer Mechanism Selection

CRADA	TAA	FUSA	License	MTA
Complex research project with funds-in or cost share; distinct deliverables. Mission value to USGS.	A short-term technical or research effort that provides USGS science results, skills, or technical expertise to the partner. There may be funds-in to USGS, or USGS and partner may cost share the effort. Mission value to USGS.	Utilizes pre-determined USGS systems/equipment, or a facility, not readily available from the private sector. Requires cost recovery from the partner to USGS; provides assistance to the commercial value/capability of the partner's business. Proposed effort supports overall objectives of USGS science or provides data for USGS.	Authorizes exclusive or nonexclusive development of USGS intellectual property in exchange for a negotiated royalty rate.	Exchange a quantity of a unique material between a USGS researcher to a third party for research purposes. At conclusion of time limit, the material is either returned or disposed of as specified by the agreement.
High expectation of intellectual property (IP). Dollar value generally over \$100k per year.	Low expectation of USGS/partner generated IP. Dollar value at or under \$100k per year; or over \$100k per year if research or technical effort is primarily assessment related.	Low expectation of USGS/partner generated IP. No dollar limit.	Expectation of royalty funds/annual payments. No dollar limit.	Material transfer only. No-cost.