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Federal Laboratories and Industry Partners Share in Technology Transfer Success Awards

Washington, D.C., February 16, 2016 – The Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) recently announced the winners of its prestigious national awards. The FLC awards are esteemed recognition of the innovative research and development (R&D) and technology transfer (T2) accomplishments that take place every day in our nation’s federal laboratories. As the federal organization whose mission it is to promote, educate, and facilitate T2 for its more than 300 member laboratories and facilities, the FLC is proud to honor the hard work and dedication that goes into the commercialization process.

“The FLC is recognizing the exceptional achievements of our laboratories in partnering with others to transfer innovations and technology to others. Through our FLC awards, we are honoring those who have set an example for how federal research and development can have a meaningful impact and benefit the American people.”

To evaluate the numerous nominations that were submitted, the FLC Awards Committee utilized the help of a variety of seasoned T2 professionals that represented federal agencies and laboratories as well as industry.

“This year’s panel of judges included individuals from the FLC community in the private sector, state and local government, academia, and the federal laboratory system,” said Donna Bialozor, FLC Awards Committee Chair. “The 30 plus judges’ devotion of expertise and time in the evaluation of over 80 award nominations in various categories is commendable. We are pleased with the variety and substance of federal technologies and federal technology transfer efforts that will be represented at the national FLC meeting in Chicago, Illinois.”

This year’s 25 winners in 7 different award categories represent the best and brightest in their scientific and technological fields. Winning T2 projects ranged from lifesaving transportation technology to new immunotherapy treatments for rare childhood cancer, all of which have made significant advances in their industries and will open up new market avenues to benefit our economy.

This year’s FLC award winners by category are:

Excellence in Technology Transfer Award

Department of Agriculture

USDA-ARS Environmental Microbial and Food Safety Laboratory

Department of Commerce

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Department of Defense – Army

U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center
U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center
U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases

Department of Defense – Navy

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific

Department of Defense – Air Force

Air Force Research Laboratory, Space Vehicles Directorate

Department of Energy

Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (2)
Sandia National Laboratories (2)

Department of Health and Human Services – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Department of Health and Human Services – National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute (2)

Department of Transportation

Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

Environmental Protection Agency

National Risk Management Research Laboratory

Interagency Partnership Awards

U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center/U.S. Maritime Administration

U.S. Department of Agriculture/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Aeronautics and Space Administration/U.S. Army/U.S. Navy/U.S. Air Force/U.S. Geological Survey

Laboratory Director of the Year Award

Dr. Willie E. May – National Institute of Standards and Technology

Outstanding Technology Transfer Professional Award

Bianca Thayer – Sandia National Laboratories

Rookie of the Year Award

Jonathan Sampson – U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

FLC Service Award – Harold Metcalf Award
Sarah Bauer – Environmental Protection Agency

State and Local Economic Development Award
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division/Indiana Office of Defense Development/University of Southern Indiana/Purdue University/Indiana University

The FLC looks forward to honoring the 2016 FLC award winners at its annual national meeting during an awards ceremony and reception on Wednesday, April 27, in Chicago (meeting.federallabs.org). For more information about this year's award winners, visit federallabs.org/awards.

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About the FLC Awards

Now in their 32nd year, the FLC awards are considered the highest awards for excellence in technology transfer. Awards have been presented to over 200 laboratories representing 10 federal agencies. Many technological breakthroughs that have become an essential part of our everyday lives have been past winners of the prestigious FLC awards—for example, Gardasil, a vaccine that has been proven to prevent cervical cancer, particularly in young women.

For the 2016 awards, nearly 80 nominations were submitted, demonstrating the strong activity of technology transfer in the U.S. in 2015. The nominations were judged by the FLC Awards Committee based on stringent criteria. For additional information on the FLC awards program, visit www.federallabs.org/awards.

About the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC)

Organized in 1974 and formally chartered by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986, the FLC is a nationwide network of approximately 300 federal laboratories, centers, parent departments, and agencies that establishes strategies and opportunities for linking laboratory mission technologies and expertise with the marketplace. To accomplish its mission of assisting with the movement of innovative federal research and development into the U.S. economy, the FLC provides various training resources to regional and national meetings so its members can obtain the resources they need to achieve successful technology transfer. To learn more about the FLC and its mission, visit www.federallabs.org.