About the FLC

Formally chartered by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (15 U.S.C. §3710), the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) is the nationwide network of over 300 federal laboratories, agencies, and research centers. The FLC’s mission is to promote, educate, and facilitate federal technology transfer (T2) among its member labs and institutions so they can easily reach their mission goals, and impact society and the economy with new, innovative technologies.

Through easy-to-use cross-agency resources, professional development, tools, and services, the FLC provides a hub of T2 information for our nation’s laboratories and businesses through federallabs.org. From FLC-created resources, federal labs are better able to create public-private partnerships, navigate the commercialization process, and help companies achieve market success.

What Is Technology Transfer?

The American taxpayers’ investment in our national laboratories’ research and development (R&D) efforts spurs scientific and technological breakthroughs that return dividends for our economy—by creating new industries, businesses and jobs, and meeting societal needs—when introduced to the marketplace.

Technology transfer is the link that makes it happen. Simply stated, federal technology transfer is the process by which existing knowledge, facilities, or capabilities developed under federal R&D funding are utilized to fulfill public and private needs.

Promoting Commercialization Success

Technology transfer doesn’t happen overnight. For many scientists, engineers, inventors and lab professionals, it is a process that can take years to complete depending on the technology, licensing, market need and associated cooperative agreements. Fortunately, the FLC understands the T2 process and how rewarding it can be when a technology is finally introduced to the market.

By advocating T2 activities and successes through the FLC awards program, Success Stories Gallery, as well as print, online, and social media communications, the FLC increases awareness about the significant benefits T2 has on our economy and society.
Recognizable Achievements

Many things you use in everyday life were developed in a federal laboratory. The FLC is proud to promote and reward well-known T2 successes like the revolutionary technologies featured here, each of which was developed through federal R&D and commercialization partnerships.

Lab-to-Market Successes

Facilitating T2 With Innovative Tools and Services

The core mission of the FLC is to facilitate federal laboratories’ T2 goals and missions through FLC-created tools and services, which provide successful introductions, information, and an accessible path for members to get their technologies from lab to market. Through its T2 Toolkit, the FLC offers a comprehensive set of tools and services for anyone from startups to large corporations seeking information on how to access federal resources that can propel them along the path to T2 success.

Your T2 Toolkit

**FLC Business**
A next-generation search tool for federal laboratory resources that provides the most comprehensive laboratory data available. This one-stop shop offers easy-to-search access to thousands of technologies available for licensing, lab facilities and equipment, funding opportunities, and lab-specific programs. [flcbusiness.org](http://flcbusiness.org)

**Technology Locator**
For industry and other technology seekers, the FLC Technology Locator is the federal lab matchmaker that identifies laboratory resources for any specific technology need and provides referrals to other federal resources. [federallabs.org/t2-toolkit/technology-locator-service](http://federallabs.org/t2-toolkit/technology-locator-service)

**T2 Mechanisms Database**
This online reference guide to technology transfer mechanisms allows users to become familiar with and explore the wide variety of T2 agreement paths available. [federallabs.org/t2-toolkit/t2-mechanisms](http://federallabs.org/t2-toolkit/t2-mechanisms)
Educating T2 Professionals

Given the various ways to transfer technologies into the private sector, navigating the commercialization process can present challenges for even the most seasoned T2 professional. Fortunately, the FLC’s T2 training curriculum, courses, and resources are designed to reflect the most current T2 strategies so that all levels of T2 personnel are equipped with the skills and know-how they need to further federal innovations, form partnerships, and complete T2 agreements that will accelerate federal innovation.

FLC Learning Center

From e-learning courses to live-streamed webinars and white papers, the FLC Learning Center houses extensive training resource materials for anyone looking to advance their T2 education. View our latest “What is Technology Transfer?” and “Accessing Federal Laboratory Resources With FLC Business” videos to learn more about the T2 process and how companies can work with a federal lab. federallabs.org/learning-center/on-demand/training-videos

Connect With Us!

The FLC is available to offer support and resources to federal laboratories, industry professionals and anyone interested in furthering their R&D through federal innovation. Stay in touch with the latest T2 news, events, and more by visiting our website, federallabs.org!

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