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- This award recognizes federal laboratories that successfully implemented innovative or unconventional technology transfer approaches that resulted in a significant increase in technology transfer (T2) activities.

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- Below are examples of types of programs and mechanisms that exemplify this new category. This award will be based on sustainable programs and mechanisms implemented during the last five calendar years.
  - Internal engagement programs – Programs designed and implemented to encourage T2 activity within the laboratory or agency (e.g. increasing the reporting of inventions, inventor/lab involvement in T2, or technology readiness)
  - External engagement programs – Programs designed to identify suitable partnerships and increase collaborations and licensing activity/commercialization of an agency or laboratory's technology portfolio (e.g. startup challenges, outreach programs).
  - Internal & External engagement programs – Programs aimed at engaging inventors in the commercialization process while also engaging the community and potential licenses about available federal technologies and opportunities.
  - Tools & Mechanisms – Novel use of technology transfer mechanisms and authorities to aid in the commercialization of federal technologies.

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- The highest score possible is 100 points. Maximum word count is 2,000 words.
  1. Describe the innovative program or tool, why it was created, the innovative approach to address the technology transfer-related need, and demonstrable results of the program or tool. **[40 points/900 words]**
  2. Describe the specific roles and contributions of each nominee. You must include the innovation demonstrated by the nominee(s) in developing the program or tool, the role of the technology transfer office and the technology transfer mechanisms utilized to achieve the goals of the initiative. **[25 points/450 words]**
  3. Describe what has been the impact to the federal labs and/or economic benefit of the initiative to date, how that impact is determined, and any public gains achieved. If significant future impact, economic benefit, or public gains are anticipated, please describe and provide approximate timeframes. **[35 points/650 words]**