

Laboratory Director of the Year Award Criteria

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- The FLC National Advisory Council honors Laboratory Directors who have made maximum contributions to the overall enhancement of technology transfer for economic development.
- Accomplishments related to the transfer of technology from the federal laboratory to industry, including support of FLC activities, internal accomplishments, industry involvement and community service, are the primary criteria for this award.

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- The highest possible score is 100 points. The maximum word count is 3,000 words.
 1. LABORATORY HISTORY RELATED TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER – How technology transfer relates to the laboratory’s purpose and overall enhancements to the technology transfer portion of the lab mission. **NOTE:** this criterion will be used for informational purposes only and will not count toward scoring of the nomination. Its primary purpose is to provide context for the remaining criteria. **[400 words]**

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2. **NOMINEE'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT INTERNAL TO THE LABORATORY IN SUPPORT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER [35 points/900 words]** - Identify personal interactions that the nominee has had with laboratory scientists/engineers and technology transfer support staff, such as but not limited to:

- Encouragement of scientists and managers to participate in transfer process.
- Establishment of training programs or industry interchange meetings.
- Promotion and recognition of the Office of Research and Technology Application (ORTA).
- Actively increasing participation by laboratory staff in ORTA activities.

Identify initiatives undertaken by the nominee to encourage or facilitate technology transfer, such as but not limited to:

- Pursuing partnerships through cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs), patents and licensing.
- Coordinating facility visits by prospective partners in industry, education, or state and local governments.

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3. NOMINEE'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT EXTERNAL TO THE LABORATORY IN SUPPORT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND IMPACT ON INDUSTRY
[35 points/900 words] – Identify areas that the nominee engaged in to fulfill this criterion, including but not limited to:
- Support and involvement in the FLC and technology transfer activities.
 - Management and financial support of promotion and/or advertising.
 - Community involvement to encourage industry interchange.
 - Personal participation in industry organizations.
 - New businesses started due to technology transfer.
 - Financial results for industry partners.
 - Industry commendations to nominee and/or the laboratory

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4. BEST EXAMPLE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THAT NOMINEE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN FOR THE LABORATORY (any time between October 1, 2016–September 30, 2019) [**30 points/800 words**] – A specific technology transfer effort involving the laboratory that came to completion; contributions and process improvement that led to successful completion. Items to consider:
- A brief description of the technology, the transfer process used and the reason the transfer was significant.
 - The Director's involvement in the transfer, which could include:
 - Contributions to the awareness of the technology's availability.
 - Support a new or unique process improvement that led to successful transfer.
 - Encouragement to the scientific and other programs to cooperate and coordinate with the technology transfer staff in the process.
 - Other actions (both direct and indirect) taken by the Director that supported that transfer.