



Media Toolkit

Writing about the FLC? Our media toolkit provides answers and resources for frequently requested information.

What is the FLC and technology transfer?

- The Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) is a nationwide network of more than 300 federal labs and research centers moving innovative technologies developed in federal labs into the marketplace through private sector partnerships. This transfer of technology out of the laboratory and into the marketplace is called “technology transfer” and represents a collective strength of more than \$150 billion invested annually in research and development (R&D) by the federal government.
- The FLC demonstrates that the American taxpayers’ investment in our federal laboratories’ research and development efforts creates entrepreneurial opportunities for start-ups and established large and small businesses.
- The FLC was organized in 1974 and formally chartered by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 to promote and strengthen technology transfer nationwide.

What the FLC does:

- The mission of the FLC is to increase the impact of federal laboratories’ technology transfer for the benefit of the U.S. economy, national security, and society.
- The FLC fosters public-private partnerships between federal labs and academia, industry, or other entities to accelerate the movement of federal technologies out of the lab and into the marketplace.

- The FLC promotes, facilitates, and educates labs and prospective partners about the technology transfer process, its value, and federal technology transfer opportunities and achievements.
- The FLC provides tools, services, and educational resources to technology transfer professionals in the interest of professional development and bringing innovations to the marketplace that benefit society and national security.

How does the FLC work?

- The FLC is governed by an elected Executive Board that determines the strategic direction of the FLC, the organizational policy and establishes the annual budget. The FLC Executive Board adheres to its [Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#) that focuses the organization into three pillars: Facilitate; Educate; and Promote.
- The Executive Board is the FLC's governing body composed of nationally elected positions that represent the many different federal agencies. The FLC Executive Board consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Finance Officer, Committee Chairs (Promote, Educate and Facilitate), six Regional Coordinators, and two Members-at-Large. Most members of the Board are elected by the members, the Board elects the chairs of the committees. The Board is supported by non-voting members from our host agency in the Department of Commerce, the Chair of our National Advisory Committee, and our Executive Director.
- The Executive Board is advised by the National Advisory Council (NAC), which includes advisors from the FLC's user communities of industry, academia, state and local governments, and federal laboratories.

Press Releases:

For an up-to-date list of all FLC press releases, [please click here](#).

Resources:

[Labs in Action](#): The FLC takes great pride in sharing the commercialization successes of its members and industry/academic partners with the world. The stories featured throughout this section reflect the power of our federal laboratory and agency network, and demonstrate technology transfer's capacity for successfully impacting our nation.

[LabTech in Your Life](#): Enjoy this virtual experience showcasing items found in the home and at an airport that you probably use and experience every day without realizing they were

developed or improved by federal laboratories. This unique interactive space features familiar examples of how federal agencies and laboratories bring their innovations to the market.

[FLC Awards](#): The FLC National Awards Program annually recognizes federal laboratories and their partners for outstanding technology transfer achievements. These awards are some of the most prestigious honors in federal tech transfer. Each of FLC's six regions has a corresponding awards program.

[Events/FLC National and Regional Meetings](#): The FLC holds its National Meeting for professional development annually in the spring. FLC regions host joint meetings for their regional communities during late summer/early fall. In addition, all member labs host frequent webinars promoting tech transfer successes, best practices, and other educational and collaborative opportunities.

[FLC Business](#): This is the most comprehensive database of federal laboratory technologies. FLC Business provides information on technologies available for licensing; laboratory facilities and equipment; funding opportunities; and lab-specific special programs.

Media Assets: The FLC logo and Style Guide can be downloaded [here](#).

Would you like to schedule an interview with an FLC representative?

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