

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Blacktop Holdings, LLC of Wayzata, Minnesota, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 8,541,626, "METHOD FOR SYNTHESIS OF KETONES FROM PLANT OILS," issued on September 24, 2013.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 15, 2023.

ADDRESS: Send comments to: Diana D. Halsey, Business Licensing Officer, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 301-504-4878, diana.halsey@usda.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Blacktop Holdings, LLC of Wayzata, Minnesota has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural

Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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