## RESEARCH AGREEMENT

Between

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[Organization Address]

and

University of Central Florida Research Foundation, Inc.

12201 Research Parkway, Suite 501, Orlando, FL 32826-3246

This Research Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between [Organization Name](“Company”), a [Type of Entity], organized under the laws of [State or Country] and the University of Central Florida Research Foundation, Inc. (“UCFRF”), a direct support organization and instrumentality acting for the benefit of and on behalf of The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees (“UCF”); individually, “Party”, or collectively, “Parties”.

The terms of this Agreement are intended to provide the administrative framework for the Parties cooperating in the performance of this project as outlined in Appendix A. UCFRFs sole obligations under this Agreement are set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

# STATEMENT OF WORK

UCFRF shall make all reasonable efforts to conduct its work under this Agreement as outlined in the Statement of Work (“SOW”), set forth in Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference.

# TERM

This Agreement is effective as of the date of last signature (“Effective Date”) and shall not extend beyond [Month Day, Year] unless extended by written modification of this Agreement.

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

3.1 This is a fixed price Agreement in the amount of $[USD.00] and shall not be modified unless agreed upon by both Parties in writing. UCFRF may re-budget as necessary to accomplish the SOW. Serially numbered invoices shall be submitted in accordance with the schedule below. UCFRF may choose to discontinue or suspend performance if Company fails to pay any invoice within (30) days of receipt.

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| **Invoice Date** | **Amount Due** |
| Upon Execution | [Amount] |
| [Invoice Date] | [Amount] |
| [Invoice Date] | [Amount] |
| [Invoice Date] | [Amount] |
| **TOTAL** | **[Total]** |

3.2 Invoices shall be submitted to:

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| --- | --- |
| Name | [Name] |
| Address | [Address] |
| City, State Zip | [City State Zip] |
| Email | [Email Address] |

3.3 Company agrees to pay a $25.00 USD fee for any payments made by wire transfer.

# ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

Company understands that UCFRF does not have any employees, and that all personnel performing under this Agreement are employees or agents of UCF. As a result and notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereunder, UCFRF shall be able to disclose confidential information, as described in this provision, to employees of UCF who have a legitimate need to know the confidential information.

# AUDIT

All costs incurred in the performance of this Agreement will be subject to audit by any cognizant audit agency.

# PUBLICATION

Any research or research results generated in conjunction herewith shall be subject to unrestricted publication or dissemination provided that such publication or dissemination will not compromise patent rights or inadvertently divulge proprietary information of a Party.

# EQUIPMENT AND PROPRIETARY MATERIALS

UCFRF will be accountable for and hold title to all equipment purchased under this Agreement and will be responsible for employing it for the overall purpose of the project. UCFRF agrees to maintain sufficient records to enable Company to fulfill its accountability. Each Party will be accountable for and keep title to all equipment it owns and utilizes under this Agreement.

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

8.1 “Intellectual Property” means individually and collectively all inventions, improvements and/or discoveries, patentable or unpatentable, copyrightable or uncopyrightable, including but not limited to mask works, computer software, both object and source code, data, data bases and works of authorship.

8.2 Intellectual Property developed solely by UCFRF shall be solely and exclusively owned by UCFRF. Intellectual Property developed solely by Company shall be solely and exclusively owned by Company. “Joint Intellectual Property” means any Intellectual Property developed jointly by Company and UCFRF under this Agreement. Joint Intellectual Property will be owned jointly by Company and UCFRF, who agree to jointly determine proper inventorship and authorship subject to Title 35 of the United States Code for inventions and Title 17 of the United States Code for works of authorship.

8.3 “Background Intellectual Property” means Intellectual Property which was in existence prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement, or which is created or developed by a Party outside the course of the SOW. The Parties agree that Background Intellectual Property of Company and UCFRF is their separate property, respectively, and is not affected by this Agreement. Neither Party shall acquire any claims to or rights in the Background Intellectual Property of the other Party by this Agreement or performance hereunder.

8.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall circumvent or restrict either Party’s pre-existing obligations with the United States Government pertaining to any kind of Intellectual Property, including but not limited to such pre- existing obligations contained in grants, contracts and other types of agreements or arrangements between either Party and the U.S. Government. These obligations may include granting licenses to the U.S. Government for certain Intellectual Property which is being developed.

8.5 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Agreement, UCFRF shall retain the right to practice any Intellectual Property developed hereunder for its own academic, non-commercial research and teaching purposes.

# EXPORT CONTROL

Each Party acknowledges that it is subject to and agrees to abide by the United States laws and regulations controlling the export or transfer of information, technical data, software, items, materials, mockups/prototypes, biological materials and other items, (including the Arms Export Control Act (“AECA”), as amended, and enumerated in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (“ITAR”) 22 CFR Parts 123 – 130, and the Export Administration Act (“EAA”) of 1979 enumerated in the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR”) 15 CFR Parts 300 – 799). The transfer of such items and technical data may require a license from the cognizant agency of the U.S. Government or written assurances by Company that it shall not export such items to certain foreign countries and/or foreign persons without prior approval of the cognizant agency. UCFRF neither represents that a license is or is not required or that, if required, it shall be issued.

# ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Each Party assumes any and all risks of personal injury and property damage attributable to the negligent acts or omissions of that party and its officers, employees, servants, and agents thereof while acting within the scope of their employment. UCFRF and UCF expressly retain all rights, benefits, and immunities of sovereign immunity in accordance with Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of sovereign immunity or limits of liability beyond any statutory waiver. The Parties acknowledge and agree that UCFRF is a direct support organization acting on behalf of and as an instrumentality of UCF and that the cap on the amount and liability of UCFRF and UCF for damages regardless of the number or nature of claims in tort, equity, or contract shall not exceed the lesser of the (i) dollar amount set by the legislature for tort in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes or (ii) policy limits of UCFRF’s insurance coverage.

# CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

11.1 Should it be necessary for either Party to receive confidential information, the disclosing Party agrees to label in writing at the time of delivery that such information is confidential, or if given orally, reduce to writing, clearly marked as confidential, within thirty (30) days of the oral disclosure. The receiving Party and its personnel agree to safeguard the confidential material to the same extent it safeguards its own.  The limitations on use or disclosure by the receiving Party shall not apply to Confidential Information that: (i) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by the receiving Party; (ii) is obtained by the receiving Party on a non-confidential basis from a source that is not prohibited from disclosing such information; (iii) is independently developed by the receiving Party; (iv) is released by the disclosing Party without restriction to a party other than the receiving Party; or (v) is explicitly authorized by the disclosing Party.

11.2 The receiving Party may disclose Confidential Information to the extent required to comply with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction or governmental agency, or in accordance with a statute, regulation or other law, provided that the receiving Party gives, to the extent permitted by law, the disclosing Party timely notice, where reasonably practicable, so as to give the disclosing Party an opportunity to intervene to seek to prevent or limit such disclosure.

11.3 Upon written request of the disclosing Party, the receiving Party shall promptly return all confidential information of the disclosing Party, together with all copies thereof provided, however, that receiving party may retain one (1) copy of confidential information solely for its legal and archival purposes.

11.4 The confidentiality obligations set forth in this provision shall survive for a period of three (3) years from the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this provision, any inventions disclosed under this Agreement shall be considered confidential information, whether labeled or not.

# REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

UCFRF shall render to the Company technical progress reports in accordance with Appendix A.

# NO WARRANTIES

UCFRF AND UCF MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS AND EXTEND NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WITH REGARD TO THE RESEARCH, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, AND/OR PROPRIETARY MATERIALS. THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR THAT COMPANY’S USE OF THE RESEARCH DELIVERABLES OR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WILL NOT INFRINGE ANY THIRD PARTY PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK, OR OTHER THIRD PARTY RIGHTS. UCFRF AND UCF MAKE NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE USEFULNESS OF RESEARCH DELIVERABLES, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, OR PROPRIETARY MATERIALS. IF COMPANY CHOOSES TO EXPLOIT RESEARCH DELIVERABLES, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, OR PROPRIETARY MATERIALS IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER, IT DOES SO AT ITS OWN RISK.

# FORCE MAJEURE

No default, delay, or failure to perform on the part of either Party shall be considered a default, delay, or failure to perform hereunder, if such default, delay, or failure to perform is due to causes beyond either Party’s reasonable control including, but not limited to, strike, lockouts, or inactions of governmental authorities; epidemic or pandemic; war; embargoes; fire; earthquake; acts of God; or default of a common carrier.  In the event of such default, delay, or failure to perform, any date or times by which either Party is otherwise scheduled to perform shall be extended automatically for a period of time equal in duration to the time lost by reason of the excused default, delay, or failure to perform.

# GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement is governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. The Parties shall bring any action in connection with this Agreement in courts of competent jurisdiction in Orange County, Florida. The Parties specifically waive the right to any other jurisdiction and venue, and the defense based on inconvenient forum.

# LIMITATION OF DAMAGES

In no event will UCFRF be responsible for any direct damages, indirect damages, incidental damages, consequential damages, exemplary damages of any kind, lost goodwill, lost profits, lost business and/or any indirect economic damages whatsoever regardless of whether such damages arise from claims based upon contract, negligence, tort (including strict liability or other legal theory), a breach of any warranty or term of this Agreement, and regardless of whether a Party was advised or had reason to know of the possibility of incurring such damages in advance.

# NON-USE OF NAMES

Neither Party may use each other’s name or trademarks in any promotion, statement, advertisement, press release or communications to the general public or any third party without each other’s express written consent. Any proposed public statement, advertisement, press release or communications by either Party shall be submitted to the other Party for its review and written approval at least thirty (30) days prior to the planned dissemination or publication, unless otherwise required. However, nothing shall prohibit either Party from complying with Florida Statute 1004.22(2) regarding sponsored research activities.

# NO ASSIGNMENT

Neither Party may assign or transfer its rights and remedies nor transfer its obligations or subcontract for any of the services to be performed under this Agreement, in whole or part, without the prior written consent of the other Party. This Agreement is binding upon the Parties and their permitted successors and assigns.

# INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

In the performance of all services under this Agreement, each Party shall be deemed to be, and shall be, an independent contractor. This Agreement shall not be deemed to create any other form of employment relationship or business organization between the Parties. Neither Party is authorized or empowered to act as agent for the other for any purpose and shall not, on behalf of the other, enter into any contract, warranty or representation as to any matter. Neither Party shall be bound by the acts or conduct of the other.

# REMEDIES

The Parties understand and agree that a Party may suffer irreparable harm in the event of breach of any of the obligations under this Agreement and that monetary damages may be inadequate to compensate for such breach. Accordingly, the Parties agree that, in the event of a breach, or threatened breach by a Party, of any of the provisions of this Agreement a Party, in addition to any other available rights, remedies or damages, a Party shall be entitled to seek a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction and permanent injunction in order to prevent or to restrain any such breach by the Party, or its employees, servants, agents and any and all persons directly or indirectly acting for the Party.

# TERMINATION

21.1 Either Party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon thirty (30) days written notification to the other. In the event of termination, UCFRF will be reimbursed for all costs incurred and any non-cancelable obligations properly incurred through the date of termination.

21.2 Either Party may terminate this Agreement in the event of failure of the other Party to fulfill any of its obligations under this Agreement. Prior to termination, the terminating Party shall provide to the other Party written notification regarding the reason(s) for termination. If the Parties cannot reach an agreement within seven (7) calendar days from notice of termination on the corrective measures to be taken and the schedule for corrective action, the terminating Party may terminate this Agreement by providing an additional seven (7) calendar days written notice to the other. Said notice shall specify the effective time and date of termination.

# WAIVER

No failure or delay by a Party hereto to insist on the strict performance of any term of this Agreement, or to exercise any right or remedy consequent to a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any breach or any subsequent breach of such term. No waiver of any breach hereunder shall affect or alter the remaining terms of this Agreement, but each and every term of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any other then existing or subsequent breach thereof.

# SEVERABILITY

If any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be in any way affected or impaired thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

# MODIFICATIONS

Modifications to this Agreement may be made only in writing signed by authorized signatories of both Parties.

# NOTICES

All notices and other communication given under this Agreement shall be addressed or sent via electronic mail to the address set forth below unless by a previous notice a different person or address has been designated.

# COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original, but which together shall constitute but one and the same Agreement.

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| UCFRF Contractual Contact: |  | Company Contractual Contact: |
| University of Central Florida Research Foundation, Inc. |  | [Company Name]  |
| 12201 Research Parkway, Suite 501 |  | [Address] |
| Orlando, Florida 32826-3246 |  | [City, State, Zip] |
| Attn: [Name] |  | Attn: [Name] |
| Email: [Email Address] |  | Email: [Email Address] |
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| UCFRF Technical Contact: |  | Company Technical Contact: |
| [University Department]  |  | [Company Name]  |
| [Technical Address] |  | [Technical Address] |
| [City, State, Zip] |  | [City, State, Zip]  |
| Attn: [Name] |  | Attn: [Name] |
| Email: [Email Address] |  | Email: [Email Address] |

# ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement consists of the following parts with the following order of precedence in the event of any conflict:

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| a. |  | Articles 1 - 27 |
| b. |  | Appendix A: | Scope of Work & Deliverables |

and constitutes the entire Agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any other understanding, purchase order, or agreement, whether written or oral, relating to the subject matter is hereby superseded.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement with the Effective Date shown herein:

University of Central Florida Research

Foundation, Inc. [Company Name]

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| By: |  |  | By: |  |
| Name | [Name] |  | Name | [Name] |
| Title | [Title] |  | Title | [Title] |
| Date | [Date] |  | Date | [Date] |

## APPENDIX A: SCOPE OF WORK & DELIVERABLES

UCFRF and/or Company shall perform the work described in:

Proposal entitled [Proposal Title] and [Proposal Date] .

Which documents are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference with the same force and effect as if set forth herein in full.

The following deliverable items are required:

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| **Due Date** | **Deliverable** |
|  [Date] | [Deliverable Description] |
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