



AUTM Awarded Cooperative Agreement to Continue Collaboration with FLC

(WASHINGTON, DC – Sept. 12, 2024) AUTM, the non-profit leader in efforts to educate, promote and inspire professionals to support the development of academic research, has been awarded a five-year cooperative agreement to extend its collaboration with the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) under the Accelerating Federal Technology Transfer Program. This award will enable the FLC and AUTM to further support and promote technology transfer from federal laboratories to the private sector and academia, contributing to economic prosperity and national security.

The FLC, established by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986, plays a crucial role in translating laboratory innovations into practical products. Through its initiatives, the FLC aims to strengthen technology transfer nationwide. AUTM received a cooperative agreement to support the activities of the FLC for the first time in 2019. In the first cooperative agreement, the FLC's achievements included improving the FLC Business tool, growing the LabTech in Your Life educational feature, launching a podcast, expanding the FLC Awards program, and achieving record-breaking attendance at the FLC events.

"This award ensures that we can continue building stronger connections between federal labs, industry partners and the broader innovation ecosystem," said Paul Zielinski, Executive Director of the FLC. "We are excited to continue breaking down barriers to innovation, promoting economic growth and delivering solutions that benefit society as a whole."

Under the cooperative agreement, AUTM will leverage its decades of experience in providing outreach, professional education and meetings to support the FLC in fulfilling its congressionally mandated mission. By facilitating connections between federal laboratories, industry partners and the broader innovation ecosystem, the FLC and AUTM will continue to accelerate how laboratory research is developed into practical solutions, products and services.

"Technology transfer takes many forms and the FLC provides a critical resource in supporting the advancement of innovations developed across federal laboratories throughout the United States," said AUTM CEO Stephen Susalka. "AUTM is proud to have been selected to support the FLC in their important mission and we are excited to be given the opportunity to continue the trajectory of success the FLC has seen over the last four years."

About AUTM

AUTM is the non-profit leader in efforts to educate, promote and inspire professionals to support the development of academic research that changes the world and drives innovation forward. Its community is comprised of more than 3,000 members who work in more than 800 universities, research centers, hospitals, businesses and government organizations around the globe. Learn more at autm.net.



About the FLC

The Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) is a nationwide network of federal laboratories that promotes and facilitates the transfer of federal laboratory research and technologies to the marketplace. With more than 300 member laboratories, the FLC plays a vital role in driving innovation and economic growth.

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