

**CNST NANOFAB  
FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT # \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR NON-PROPRIETARY RESEARCH  
BETWEEN  
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY  
AND**

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The National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("USER"), do hereby enter into this Facilities Use Agreement under the terms and conditions set out below, and NIST policies on the use of NIST equipment and facilities.

Pursuant to this Agreement, USER is authorized to undertake certain non-proprietary research through the use of the NIST CNST Nanofabrication Facility located in Gaithersburg, MD. This is a Director-Designated facility.

- (1) USER shall be allowed use of the above-described Facility during the period commencing \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, subject to a schedule of use agreed to by NIST.
- (2) NIST reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time and USER agrees to discontinue its use of the Facility upon receipt of written notice from NIST.
- (3) USER agrees to pay in NIST US currency for the use of the above-described facility according to the fee schedule dated current at the time of use. These fees include assistance by NIST staff in training USER personnel in the use and maintenance of that Facility.
- (4) USER agrees to pay for all damages and injuries that may arise out of its use and operation of the Facility to the extent USER is responsible for such damages and injuries. USER agrees to obtain and maintain appropriate public liability and casualty insurance, or adequate levels of self insurance, to insure against any liability caused by its use of NIST facilities under this Agreement.
- (5) USER agrees to hold NIST, the Department of Commerce, and its officers and employees harmless from all liability that may arise solely out of USER's use and operation of the Facility.
- (6) If, in connection with the use and operation of the FACILITY, USER discloses information to NIST which USER deems confidential and proprietary, USER understands that NIST and the Department of Commerce (DoC) are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and understands that NIST and DoC will not be held liable for the disclosure and/or copying of data or information which NIST and DoC determine cannot be withheld lawfully, or which a court of competent jurisdiction requires disclosed.
- (7) USER agrees that the personnel it has selected to use or assist in the use of the above-described Facility will abide by all regulations applicable to NIST personnel relating to conduct while on NIST premises, and will adhere to applicable building and restricted area access controls. The names of such personnel with their titles and signatures must be provided to NIST prior to their use of the Facility.

- (8) USER agrees not to use the name of NIST or the Department of Commerce on any advertisement, product or service that is directly or indirectly related to this Agreement, nor imply in any way that NIST or the Department endorses its products or services.
- (9) USER agrees to acknowledge the CNST in publications resulting from this work with the following statement: "Research performed in part at the NIST Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology".
- (10) Payment Terms: Payment is required in advance of performance of all Facilities Use Agreements (FUA) and will be billed at the time the agreement is fully executed. For amendments to the FUA, any additional funds costs will be billed at the time the amendment is fully executed.

Advance payment in full and/or a schedule of payments is required. Advance payment in full will be billed at the time the agreement is fully executed. Payment schedules must provide for the payment to be made before costs associated with the NIST work under this FUA are incurred. Acceptable payment terms include advance payment on a quarterly, bi-annual or annual basis. Please state the reason an advance payment schedule is required along with the proposed amounts and billing dates below. A minimum of one payment period must be paid prior to the start of the project. An advance payment schedule is not available for projects with a duration of less than three months.

Any excess funds will be returned after the completion of the project.

**SIGNATURE FOR USER**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation and Mailing Address:  
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**SIGNATORIES FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY**

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Director, NIST Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology

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Date