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Subpart A—General Information

§ 841.0 Purpose.

This regulation prescribes the policies, administrative requirements, procedures, terms, and conditions for licensing of rights in federally owned patents and patent applications vested in the United States of America in the custody of the Department of the Air Force. It is consistent with General Services Administration Licensing of Federally Owned Inventions, 41 CFR

101-4, which implements Pub. L. 96-517. It applies to all requests for a license under an Air Force invention.

§ 841.1 Air Force policy.

Federally owned inventions in the custody of the Department of the Air Force normally will best serve the public interest when they are developed to the point of practical application and made available to the public in the shortest possible time. Nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or exclusive licenses for the practice of these inventions may be granted to applicants who agree to develop and/or market the inventions. All Air Force inventions normally will be made available for the granting of licenses to responsible applicants.

§ 841.2 Execution of licenses.

Nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or exclusive licenses will be executed on behalf of the Department of the Air Force by the Secretary or by anyone to whom this authority is delegated.

§ 841.3 Delegation of authority.

The administration of this part is delegated to The Judge Advocate General, who may redelegate the administration of this part to the Chief, Patents Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General. All communications received in any Air Force activity requesting information regarding the licensing of a Government invention will be acknowledged and sent without further action directly to HQ USAF/JACP, Washington DC 20324.

§ 841.4 Definitions.

(a) *Air Force invention* means an invention, plant, or design which is covered by a patent or patent application in the United States, or a patent, patent application, plant variety protection, or other form of protection in a foreign country, title to which has been assigned to or otherwise vested in the United States Government and in the custody of the Department of the Air Force.