Greetings from the Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization

Alaska's Innovation Pipeline

The Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization builds bridges between UAF researchers and business partners to innovate and develop the Alaskan economy. Through these quarterly newsletters we want to demonstrate how our office is engaging with the community and promote innovation efforts within the university. Please visit our website at www.uaf.edu/oipc for more information on how OIPC can assist you.
**Seed Fund Award**

On May 1st of this year, OIPC held a competition for inventors to submit proposals to the Intellectual Property Advisory Committee. UAF faculty and staff submitted proposals to receive an innovation seed grant for up to $10,000. Innovation seed awards are intended to aid inventors in the mid to late stages of technology development to prepare their inventions for the final stages of development and to be launched in the industry. Each application was judged based on the clarity of the invention proposal, its patentability and its commercial viability. Of the 12 applicants, 4 were chosen to receive the award: Tom Green, Peter Webley, Tom Johnson, and Xiong Zhang.

**Research Foundation**

On Thursday, September 27, 2012, The Board of Regents approved a resolution for the creation of a research foundation, and the subsequent creation of startups. A research foundation is a vehicle that allows us to streamline the path to commercialization. The foundation will be a separate entity from the University of Alaska with its own board of directors and will be commercializing certain technologies from the university. OIPC will be working with the research foundation to assist in the commercialization process. We believe that this foundation will be a better and faster way to achieve deal flow in a manner that mitigates risk to the university and supports the inventors in our community. We encourage all UAF faculty, staff and student inventors to engage with the research foundation and OIPC in order to develop their technologies and see them flourish within the industry.

**Inventor’s Forum**

OIPC held its first Inventor’s Forum on May 16, 2012 in the Denali Building. The purpose of this event was to feature innovators at UAF as well as a local industry partner from the fields of Unmanned Autonomous Systems, Remote Sensors, & Computer Models. Dale Nash from the Alaska Aerospace Corporation gave a short presentation that discussed the use of Global Hawks in Alaska. Global Hawks are high-altitude, long-endurance unmanned aircraft systems that fly at over 60,000 feet, and can carry a payload up to 3,000 pounds. The innovators discussed potential research uses for the aircraft, and potential areas for collaboration. As a result of the discussion, Jessie Cherry and Keith Cunningham received $20,000 to collaborate with Alaska Aerospace Corporation for further development of the project.

The next inventor’s forum is scheduled for the end of October, and will focus on innovators and an industry partner in the field of Hydrokinetics.

If you are interested in future forums, please contact Adam Krynicki at akrynicki@alaska.edu.

**Call to Action**

Attention all inventors! If you have an idea or invention you would like to submit, please visit our website and complete the invention disclosure form or contact our office at 907-474-2605.

To give to UAF please visit us at http://www.uaf.edu/giving/gift/giving-form/

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