

NIST Combinatorial Methods Center

PARTICIPATING MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Description: Combinatorial and high-throughput technology consists of a large number of carefully designed, multi-dimensional experiments that may be performed rapidly or in parallel, on a miniaturized scale with automated instrumentation. The NIST Combinatorial Methods Center (NMC) will develop state-of-the-art combinatorial and high-throughput methods and measurement techniques to accelerate research critical to the materials and chemical industry. NMC will facilitate collaboration between NIST and the participating organizations to develop and exploit combinatorial methods in areas and problems of common interest to accelerate the pace of knowledge discovery in materials science.

Member Benefits: NMC will help its members learn about combinatorial and high-throughput technology developed at NIST and from other sources in the public domain. Members will be invited to attend semiannual open technical meetings at NIST or other convenient venues, where recent advances in combinatorial materials science will be presented. In conjunction with these open meetings, member-fee supported meetings will be held where focused short courses, workshops or technology demonstrations will be organized by experts. Member organizations will have access to a web-site for an information bulletin board, NMC preprints, speakers information, and descriptions of NIST work in combinatorial methods. Through NMC, NIST will provide administrative support for these services and arrange cooperative research projects.

Member Terms: Annual membership is available for a fee of \$10,000 that will cover registration for up to 5 Members per Member organization to participate in the NMC meetings held at least two times per year. New members may join at any time. Fees may be reduced or waived for invited speakers at technical meetings. No proprietary information will be disclosed by NIST or Member Organizations. Technical programs will be planned by NIST project leaders in consultation with the NMC steering committee and member organizations.

The _____ agrees to join and become a Member of the NMC under the terms of the agreement described above starting from _____ for the duration of calendar year _____ ending on _____

Signed _____ Position _____