

Technology Administration, Commerce

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§ 1160.2 Definitions.

(a) *Industrial Technology Partnerships (ITPs)*. As used in this subpart, ITPs include research and development limited partnerships (RDLPs) and cooperative R&D arrangements of companies, non-profit organizations, and Federal agencies or some combination thereof.

(b) *Research and Development Limited Partnership (RDLP)*. In general, the RDLP is a type of business organization to raise venture capital from the private sector to fund specified research and development projects. Additional characteristics are as follows:

(1) *Establishment in general*. An RDLP can be established by an existing firm, or by an independent entrepreneur, to finance specified research and development projects. It can effectively finance both small and large scale projects. It is established by a partnership agreement tailored to the particular projects to be funded.

(2) *Classes of partners*. In general, a partnership agreement establishing an RDLP will provide for two classes of partners, as follows:

(i) The *General Partner* or partners provide the management for the partnership, obtain funding, make arrangements for the conduct of research, and ultimately either manufacture any new products resulting from the research and development or license out the resulting technology; and

(ii) The *Limited Partners* invest in the partnership, bear most or all of the financial risk, share in the financial success from proceeds of manufacture, royalties or other paybacks, and receive tax benefits, but exercise no active management role in the partnership.

§ 1160.3 Assistance to industrial technology partnerships.

(a) *General*. The types of assistance available to Industrial Technology Partnerships (ITPs) are described in the following subsections. Additional assistance which is specific to Research and Development Limited Partnerships (RDLPs) is described in paragraph (f) of this section.

(b) *Workshops*. Upon request, the Secretary may hold workshops with representatives from the private sector and government in order to further the

objectives of this part. Such workshops are designed to explore interest in specific potential ITPs. They will be structured to avoid antitrust problems.

(c) *Clearinghouse*. The Department's experience with Industrial Technology Partnerships, notably RDLPs, indicates that numerous potential participants in RDLPs, especially General Partners, need access to specialized information. Accordingly, the Department will develop and maintain a list of specific public and private sector specialists in such categories as venture capitalists, tax accountants, legal specialists, university and non-profit laboratories, brokers, technical and economic feasibility analysts, and proprietary information specialists (especially in patents). Persons wishing to be included in the list or wishing to receive a copy of the list should write to the following address:

Industrial Technology Partnerships Program, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4816, Box B, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

Inclusion on the list is voluntary, and is free of charge to all parties, as is receipt of the list. The Department of Commerce, however, makes no representation about the qualifications, experience or ability of any individual identified in these lists.

(d) *Small business*. The Department is aware of the significant contributions of technology-related small business to the economic health of the Nation. Accordingly, the Department shall identify sources of information for them on innovation services and resources including, for example: Technologies available for licensing; markets for new technology-based products and services; financing; techniques and incentives for innovation; organizations providing feasibility testing and demonstration services; and information on production and distribution methods. This assistance may be supplemented by the list of referrals described in paragraph (c) of this section.

(e) *Patent licensing*. To assist industrial technology partnerships, the Patent Licensing Program of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS)