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will provide ITPs with current announcements of the availability of licenses to use government-owned technology (on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis). Write to:

David T. Mowry, Director, Center for the Utilization of Federal Technology, NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22101.

(f) *Additional assistance for Research and Development Partnerships (RDLPs)*. The Department has no funds available for direct financial support for the establishment or operation of any ITP. Anyone wishing to apply for any of the services listed below should direct their inquiry to:

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

(1) *Introductory training*. The Department will accept a limited number of businesspersons, academicians and other persons for purposes of providing introductory training in the concept of RDLPs. Such training will be tailored to the needs of the trainee, wherever possible. Travel and other expenses of the trainees will be borne by the trainees.

(2) *Information on RDLPs*. The Department will make available information on research and development limited partnerships. A fee may be charged for the printing costs of Departmental publications.

(3) *Data bases*. The Department will provide after May, 1984 as available, technical and marketing data on specific technologies, which may be useful to potential general partners in drafting business plans.

#### § 1160.4 Antitrust considerations.

The Department of Commerce will offer no opinion on the antitrust merits of the formation of any industrial technology partnership. The Secretary, upon request, may seek the Attorney General's opinion as to whether proposed joint research activities would violate any of the antitrust laws.

#### § 1160.5 Coordination/cooperation with other Federal agencies.

Where relevant, the Department may seek the cooperation of other Federal

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agencies and laboratories that may be of assistance to industrial technology partnerships.

#### § 1160.6 Proprietary data.

All persons making a request under this part are cautioned that data submitted to the Department may be available for dissemination under the Freedom of Information Act. The Department would, however, withhold any information it deemed proprietary on the basis of the provision of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4). The Department will consult with the submitter of any data requested under the Freedom of Information Act prior to the release of such information, if the data is clearly marked "Proprietary" or "Company-Confidential."

#### § 1160.7 Amendment of procedures.

The right to amend or withdraw these procedures is expressly reserved.

### Subpart B—Strategic Partnership Initiative

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#### § 1160.20 Purpose.

The purpose of this notice is to notify interested parties of procedures under which the Department of Commerce provides a forum for discussion by private sector interests on the feasibility of establishing strategic partnerships, especially for the development and exploitation of large scale enabling technologies.

#### § 1160.21 Definitions.

(a) *Strategic Partnerships*. *Strategic Partnerships* are multi-industry teams of firms and others formed to create and commercialize proprietary technologies, especially large scale enabling technologies, using a systems management approach. The design of and participants in a specific partnership will be solely at the discretion of the private sector. However, since these partnerships will be most effective when comprised of firms which can share proprietary information, it will probably be most useful if there are no competitors in the venture.