iEdison Report Lite (ERL)

What is the purpose?

Edison (ERL) allows government agencies (staff involved in the administrative management or program oversight of Federal Funding Agreements for research, development, or experimental work) to verify reports of government-funded inventions, patents, and requested utilization reports to the government agency that made the award, as required by the federal Bayh-Dole Act, its implementing regulations, and any related funding agreement terms and conditions.

What are the features?

- Once the user has received an account, the Funding Agency staff will be able to verify the reporting of inventions, patents, and utilization reports made under their own respective extramural funding agreements
- The funding recipient's confidential, written description of the invention [Extramural Invention Report (EIR)] can be securely viewed via the web
- Discrepancies between the Grant/Contract Progress Reports discovered at budget funding periods can be recorded for reconciliation to ensure the Grant/Contract information corresponds with Grantee/Contractor-reported data in Edison

What are the benefits?

iEdison provides a unified electronic data system that receives, stores, tracks, sorts, monitors, and, as appropriate, generates reports of inventions and patents that have been awarded extramural grant or contract funding. New technology now provides the following:

- Real-time invention/patent information is easily available to both federal agency staff and grantee and contractor organizations for their own information
- Records for grantee or contractor organizations are accessible to authorized use users only
- Users may add/modify existing data and query the database to generate reports
- Users can view a graphical representation of an invention and its related patents
- With no required paper submissions, users may upload all aspects of invention and patent reports and fully comply with the relevant reporting statutes and regulations electronically
- Data delivery is in a secure Web-based environment with data validation, reminders to users on what information is still needed, and on-screen to-do lists

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Who can use the iEdison module?

Internal users (Government users, i.e. participating federal agencies)

- Invention reporting policy/compliance offices
- Staff responsible for managing funding agreements (e.g., Grants Management Specialists,   Contracting Officers) and staff responsible for programmatic management of funding agreements (e.g., Project Officers, Contracting Officer's Technical Representatives, Extramural Program Health Scientist Administrators, Medical Officers, Program Managers, etc.)

The application is limited to authorized users. Grantee and contractor organizations are permitted to access their own records after they complete an authorization process requiring user name and password and matching values in an authorization table. Additionally, information transmitted on the Internet is encrypted. Data is partitioned within the iEdison database so that each federal agency can oversee reports made under its own respective funding agreements.