iEdison

What is the purpose?

Interagency Edison (iEdison) allows government grantees and contractors to report government-funded inventions, patents, and utilization data 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 of iEdison?

- Once the registration process is complete, the funding recipient will be able to create and submit invention, patent, and utilization reports
- The funding recipient's confidential, written description of the invention [Extramural Invention Report (EIR)] can be securely reported via the web and assigned an EIR number
- Once the invention has been reported, patents can be created and added to the invention record, such that, the source(s) of federal funding, legal status, inventor name(s), government confirmatory license, and the statement of government support are accounted for

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 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

Who can use the iEdison module?

Internal users

- Participating federal agencies
- Invention reporting policy/compliance offices
- Staff responsible for managing funding agreements (e.g., Grants Management Specialists, Contracting Officers)

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.)

Who can use the iEdison module? (continued)

External users

- Extramural funding agreement recipients (grantee or contractor organizations) receiving either an award or sub-award for research, development, or experimental work

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.