FACULTY/STAFF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The objectives of the Program are to stimulate foundational research and technology development that can benefit many organizations and to develop student education and skills in the development of next generation detection and information systems to assure food safety. It is expected that these efforts will lead to subsequent commercial development. Activities will identify critical technological impediments to the application of specific technologies, advance these technologies, and seek to develop technology for new products that meet market needs as defined by industrial program members.

1. The purpose of this Industrial Partnership Program is to provide for cooperation and mutual assistance between the Auburn University Detection and Food Safety Center (AUDFS) and sponsoring industry.

2. The program will be conducted through Auburn University staff and faculty.
   A. All Auburn University participants will sign this Program Participation Agreement.
   B. Auburn University personnel associated with the Partnership Program and with its projects will sign the Auburn University Intellectual Property Agreement.
   C. Rights and responsibilities of participating faculty and staff members include:
      i. All participating faculty and staff members are given the same rights and privileges as investigators conducting regularly sponsored research projects through the university.
      ii. Any intellectual property or deferred publication requirements by Industrial Partnership Members that might affect the investigator’s promotion and tenure opportunities must be formally provided to the investigator.
      iii. Care must be taken to avoid apparent or actual conflicts of interest between work conducted for the Industrial Partnership Program and that which is conducted through other sponsored agreements or consulting arrangements of the investigator.
      iv. Investigator participation in the Industrial Partnership Program must have the concurrence of his or her home department head and dean.
   D. Data affecting the national security of the United States will be treated under applicable law.

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Department Head                        Date

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Dean                                  Date