



*The Only
Government-wide
Forum for Technology
Transfer*

Town Hall Meeting

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Some program topics

- **America Invents Act**
 - *Implications to federal tech transfer strategies and programs*
- **Presidential Memorandum**
 - “... by committing **each department or agency that conducts R&D** to improving the results from their **technology commercialization activities**. *The aim is to increase the successful outcomes of these activities significantly over the next five years while simultaneously achieving excellence in our basic and mission-focused research activities.*”
 - *There are no new tools (e.g., limited software copyright)*
 - *Tech transfer continues to be an unfunded mandate (diminishing R&D budgets risks further marginalization of T2 activities)*
 - *Gives Federal technology transfer professionals the role of defining and implementing enhancements*
 - *Each agency to develop plans within 180 days*
- **How will we operate w/ less resources?**