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**Agricultural Research Service**  
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT FOR ARS PROVIDING INFORMATION

It is necessary for  
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employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service  
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to disclose certain confidential or proprietary information  
(hereinafter referred to as Confidential Information) to

Name of Company Representative,  
employed by Name of Company  
(hereinafter referred to as Recipient),

to determine if there is sufficient mutual interest to pursue a Patent License  
and/or a cooperative research agreement.

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The parties agree that:

1. The party providing the Information (“Provider”) shall mark tangible embodiments of the Information as confidential. Information provided verbally shall be summarized in writing and marked confidential by the provider within 30 days of initial disclosure.
2. The party receiving the Information (“Recipient”) shall not disclose the Information to others or use the Information for any purpose other than above, and shall use the same degree of care to protect the Information as it uses to protect its own information, but in no less than reasonable care under the circumstances.
3. The Information shall be excluded from confidentiality if Recipient can demonstrate that (a) it had possession of the Information prior to disclosure, or (b) the Information generally is available to the public at the time of disclosure, or becomes generally available, after disclosure, through no fault of Recipient; or (c) Recipient receives the Information from a third party having the right to the Information and who does not impose confidentiality.
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5. This Agreement shall remain in effect for (2) years unless superceded by future agreements between the parties.

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