

ITEM 225-2001-R0726**Request for Approval of University System/Employee Intellectual Property Joint Participation under MUSP 407-McCrory, Westlund and Poplin; Montana State University**

THAT

The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves MSU employees Dr. Bernadette McCrory, Alexander Westlund, and Michael Poplin to have an equity interest in and to serve as employees of Coincident Systems, LLC. The Board of Regents of Higher Education further authorizes Montana State University to enter into licensing agreements and contractual arrangements with Coincident Systems, LLC.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Bernadette McCrory, an Associate Professor in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Alexander Westlund, a graduate student in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and Michael Poplin, a graduate student in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, have started a company, Coincident Systems, LLC. that builds coordination, routing, and planning infrastructure for rural healthcare systems. The company's mission is to reduce preventable mortality and improve coordination of time-sensitive care in rural and frontier geographies, beginning with use cases for sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) dispatch and supply logistics, and expanding into broader interfacility transfer coordination as the data network and compliance posture mature.

The IP being developed at MSU and licensed to Coincident through the MSU Technology Transfer Office covers the SANE Dispatch Coordination Module (the SAFE TRAILS application) and the Kairos Routing and Optimization Engine.

Coincident Systems, LLC. would like to license the technology from MSU. Dr. McCrory will serve on the Advisory Board of the company, while Alexander Westlund and Michael Poplin are part owners. Dr. McCrory, Alexander Westlund and Michael Poplin seek approval to hold either an advisory role or an equity interest in Coincident Systems, LLC, established to further develop intellectual property.

The three named individuals will work in accordance with a Conflicts Management Plan developed by the MSU Office of Research Integrity and Compliance. Under Policy 407 and MCA 20-25-109, university employees must have board approval to serve as officers, employees, or members of a governing board of a business entity, or to hold an equity interest in a business entity which has an agreement with, or share ownership of intellectual property with, the university, relating to the development, licensing or commercial exploitation of that intellectual property. All License Agreements (and possible future licenses as provided for by Option Agreements) issued by the MSU Technology Transfer Office are contingent upon BOR 407 approval.

MSU and MUS will benefit from this approval, including in-state economic development, technical advancements, and collaborative research opportunities for the University and its students.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment #1: Submission Form