

STATEMENT OF CONSIDERATIONS

REQUEST BY GED INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS FOR AN ADVANCE WAIVER OF PATENT RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DE-EE000167; W(A)-09-050 ; CH-1513

GED Integrated Solutions requests an advance waiver of domestic and foreign patent rights for all subject inventions made under the referenced cooperative agreement. The purpose of the cooperative agreement is to design, develop, and commercialize a high volume, low material, and low labor cost Insulating Glass Automation Manufacturing System (IGAMS) for production of reliable highly insulating windows. The work includes: the development and/or selection of highly insulating windows in various configurations; production engineering and tolling design; and, commercialization strategies to maximize market acceptance and penetration. PPG Industries is a subcontractor to GED under this cooperative agreement, and is submitting its own waiver petition (W(A)-2009-059). This waiver is for inventions of GED employees only.

The work under this agreement is expected to take place between June 1, 2009 and May 30, 2010. The total amount of the award is \$2,405,020, and GED is providing 50% cost sharing of \$1,202,510. DOE will provide the remaining cost share 50% or \$1,202,510.

With respect to its technical competency in the field of glass, GED states that it is the progressive system solutions provider to the global window and door industry, with its major market in North America (see attached supplemental sheet to GED petition). It develops machinery and software solutions for the fenestration industry, and has been in the business of making Insulating Glass Units (IGU) for over 30 years. GED states that it holds numerous patents practiced in the window and door industry, and a list of representative patents owned by GED is provided in response to question 5 of the waiver petition. GED has demonstrated its technical competency in the field of windows and glass.

GED states that granting this waiver will not have an adverse impact on competition. Alternatives to triple pane window production exist and are being practiced commercially. It is anticipated that the project will enhance efficiency of this production, and in addition, other highly efficient windows resulting in low energy loss are also being pursued under US Government funding. These alternatives will diminish any anti-competitive effect grant of the waiver might create. Thus grant of the waiver will not place GED in a dominant position and should have a positive effect on competition and market concentration.

This advance waiver of the Government's rights in inventions is subject to the usual advance patent waiver licensing provisions, and the government license, march-in rights, and preference for U.S. industry provisions set out in 35 U.S.C. 202-204. The advance patent waiver also includes the attached U.S. Competitiveness clause (paragraph t) which requires products embodying any waived invention or produced through the use of any waived invention be manufactured substantially in the United States unless the participant can show to the satisfaction of DOE that it is not commercially feasible to do so. The contractor further agrees to make the above condition binding on any assignee, licensee or other entity acquiring rights to any waived invention, including subsequent assignees or licensees. Should the Contractor or other

such entity receiving rights in any waived invention undergo a change in ownership amounting to a controlling interest, then the waiver, assignment, license, or other transfer of rights in the waived invention is suspended until approved in writing by DOE.

Considering the foregoing, it is believed that granting this waiver will provide Petitioner with the necessary incentive to invest its resources in the commercialization of the results of the agreement in a fashion which will make the technology available to the public in the shortest practicable time. Therefore, upon evaluation of the waiver petition and in view of the objectives and considerations set forth in 10 CFR Part 784, all of which have been considered, it is recommended that the requested waiver be granted.

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Based upon the foregoing Statement of Considerations and representations in the attached waiver petition, it is determined that the interests of the United States and the general public will best be served by a waiver of patent rights of the scope described above, and therefore the waiver is granted. This waiver will not apply to any modification or extension of the cooperative agreement, where through such modification or extension, the purpose, scope or cost of the cooperative agreement has been substantially altered.

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(t) U.S. COMPETITIVENESS

The Contractor agrees that any products embodying any waived invention or produced through the use of any waived invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States unless the Contractor can show to the satisfaction of the DOE that it is not commercially feasible to do so. In the event the DOE agrees to foreign manufacture, there will be a requirement that the Government's support of the technology be recognized in some appropriate manner, e.g., recoupment of the Government's investment, etc. The Contractor agrees that it will not license, assign or otherwise transfer any waived invention to any entity unless that entity agrees to these same requirements. Should the Contractor or other such entity receiving rights in the invention undergo a change in ownership amounting to a controlling interest, then the waiver, assignment, license, or other transfer of rights in the waived invention is suspended until approved in writing by the DOE.