

## AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY  
ENGINEERING LABORATORY, USA

AND

NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF FIRE AND DISASTER, JAPAN

### 1. PREFACE

The National Research Institute of Fire and Disaster, an agency of the Japanese government, and the Engineering Laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, an agency of the United States Government desire to strengthen the relationship between the institutes and to encourage cooperation in the area of fire research, the institutions sign the agreement given below.

### 2. INTENDED RESEARCH SUBJECT

Research on all aspects of fire research are covered by this agreement. Specific subjects of mutual interest should be planned in detail to facilitate successful collaboration, and will be described as appropriate in an Appendix to this document.

### 3. ACTIVITIES

Possible collaborative activities conducted through this Agreement shall include the following:

- (1) Exchange of researchers
- (2) Exchange of research information
- (3) Workshops

While both institutions intend to cooperate with respect to the foregoing activities, neither institution is obligated to commit funds or resources, nor will either institution grant any rights with respect to intellectual property, unless a legally binding agreement has been executed. This Agreement of Cooperation does not itself establish any legally binding obligations, financial or otherwise on the part of either institution.

### 4. REVISION

Whenever necessary, this agreement and the topics of cooperation in Appendix can be revised or repealed under the agreement of the institutions.

5. DURATION

The institutions intend to explore these areas of potential collaboration during the five year period commencing on the date of the last signature below. Unless renewed by the institutions, this agreement of cooperation will expire at the end of this period.

6. DISPUTES, TERMINATION

Disagreements or disputes arising under this Agreement, if any, shall be resolved through amicable discussion between the parties. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon 30 days written notice to the other party.

7. FACILITIES, APPARATUS

When one party utilizes the facilities of the other party, the rules and procedure of the other party should be obeyed. When experimental apparatus are brought to the other party, the cost will be borne by the party owning the apparatus.

8. PARTICIPATION BY THIRD PARTIES

When beneficial for the purpose of this agreement, the participation of a third party can be accepted as agreed to by the institutions.

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