



UMMS Proteomic Consortium

Proteomic Services Agreement

This Proteomic Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is made as of _____, 2009 (“Effective Date”) between _____, a _____ corporation, having a principal place of business at _____ (“Company”), and the University of Massachusetts (“UMass”), a public institution of higher education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, represented by its Medical School, having an address of Office of Technology Management, University of Massachusetts Medical School, 222 Maple Avenue, Higgins building, Shrewsbury, MA 01545, Attn: James McNamara.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES AND TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, COMPANY AND UMASS AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Submission Forms. This Agreement provides the terms under which UMass agrees to provide certain proteomic services to Company (“Services”). The tests or analyses to be conducted (“Project”) shall be described in a Sample Submission Form (“Submission Form”). The initial Services to be provided by UMass are described in the Submission Form attached hereto as Appendix A.

The parties may contract for further Services from time to time by completing additional Submission Forms. All Submission Forms are subject to acceptance by UMass and must be signed by authorized representatives of both parties. This Agreement shall remain in effect until the first anniversary of the Effective Date.

2. Project Management. The Project shall be directed by the Study Director identified in the Submission Form. The Study Director will consult, as needed, with the Technical Representative of Company identified in the Submission Form.

3. Delivery of Materials. Company shall deliver to UMass sufficient amounts of the materials listed in the applicable Submission Form (“Materials”) to perform the Project, as well as any information that are necessary to apprise UMass of the stability of the Materials, proper storage and safe handling requirements, including a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or equivalent documentation. Company shall deliver Materials in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

4. Reports; Ownership. Upon completion of a Project, UMass will furnish a brief report containing the test results and image analyses from the Project (“Report”). UMass acknowledges that the Materials and the Report (as well as any supporting documentation, including laboratory notebooks, original data, tissues, slides, photographs, etc.) are the property of Company. Upon expiration of the Submission Form or earlier at the request of Company, UMass shall return or dispose of any unused Materials.

5. Payments. Company agrees to pay the service fees set forth in the Submission Form in accordance with the payment schedule set forth in the Submission Form. Except as otherwise stated in the Submission Form, all payments shall be due no later than thirty (30) days from the date of invoice. All prices are exclusive of taxes. Late payments shall bear interest, to the extent permitted by law, at two (2) percentage points above the Prime rate of interest as reported in the *Wall Street Journal* on the date payment is due, with interest calculated based on the number of days that payments is delinquent. Payments shall be made to “The University of Massachusetts” and shall be sent to: UMass Medical School, Office of the Bursar, 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01655.

6. Confidentiality. The parties anticipate that they will exchange proprietary and confidential information during the term of this Agreement, which the parties will identify, in writing, as confidential or proprietary. Each party will use its reasonable efforts to maintain that information in confidence and will employ appropriate procedures to prevent its unauthorized disclosure. Neither party may use the other party’s proprietary or confidential information for any purpose other than in performance of this Agreement. The obligations of confidentiality set forth in this Section 6 survive termination or expiration of this Agreement, including any Submission Form, for a period of 5 years.

The confidentiality provisions of this Section 6 do not apply to any information, which: (a) is known to the receiving party at the time it was obtained from the disclosing party; (b) is acquired by receiving party from a third party that did not obtain the information directly or indirectly from the disclosing party under obligation not to disclose; (c) is or becomes published or otherwise in the public domain other than by violation of this Agreement by the receiving party; (d) is independently developed by the receiving party without reference to or reliance upon the information provided by the disclosing party; or (e) is required to be disclosed by the receiving party to comply with applicable laws or governmental regulations; provided that the receiving party provides prior written notice to the disclosing party to allow the disclosing party to take appropriate actions to avoid or minimize the extent of the disclosure.

7. Warranty. UMass shall perform all Services in a professional and workmanlike manner. Because the services to be performed are of an advisory or experimental nature, UMMS does not represent or warrant that the services, in whole or in part, will be successful or achieve the objectives of Company. UMass is not responsible for lost or contaminated materials. THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMINATION ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR NONINFRINGEMENT OF A PATENT OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT.

8. Limitation of Liability. IN NO EVENT SHALL UMASS BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF USE, LOSS OF DATA, COST OF COVER, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THE SERVICES OR THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF UMASS HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF THOSE DAMAGES. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, IN NO EVENT SHALL ITS LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR RELATING TO THE SERVICES EXCEED THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY PAID UNDER THE APPLICABLE SUBMISSION FORM. If UMass commits a breach of the warranty set forth in Section 7, its sole responsibility, and Company’s sole remedy shall be for UMass to rerun the affected portion of the Project.

9. Indemnification. Company shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless UMass and its trustees, officers, faculty, students, employees, and agents and their respective successors, heirs and assigns (the “Indemnitees”) against any liability, damage, loss, or expense (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses of litigation) incurred by or imposed upon any of the Indemnitees in connection with any claims, suits, actions, demands or judgements (“Claims”) arising out of any theory of liability (including without limitation actions in the form of tort, warranty, or strict liability and regardless of whether the action has any factual basis) relating to the manufacture, distribution, use, sales or other disposition by Company or its distributors or customers of any Materials or Reports which are produced, purified, tested or vialled by UMass, or any Claim by a third party for infringement or misappropriation of its patents or other intellectual property rights based upon or arising out of UMass’ use of the Materials.

10. Use of Names. Company agrees that it will not use the name or logo of UMass or of any employee of UMass in any advertising, promotional material, or publicity without the prior written approval of UMass.

11. Termination. If either party defaults in the performance of any of its material obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party may give written notice of the default to the defaulting party. Unless the default is corrected within thirty (30) days after the notice, the notifying party may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice.

12. Survival. The obligations of the parties under Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 survive the termination of this Agreement.

13. Force Majeure. Neither party shall be held liable or responsible to the other party for failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any obligation to the extent such failure is caused by an event beyond the reasonable control of the affected party.

14. Export Control. Each party shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States relating to the export of products and technical information

15. Governing Law. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without regard for choice of law rules. The parties may only bring legal action that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement in the Massachusetts Superior Court in Suffolk County.

16. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with any Submission Forms, constitutes the entire agreement between parties with respect to the Services and can be modified only by a written instrument signed by both parties which references this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, this Agreement shall not be amended or superseded by terms or conditions on any purchase order or other business form used by Company. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any Submission Form, the terms of this Agreement control.

UMass and Company have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

[company name]

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

BY: _____

BY: _____

NAME _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

TITLE: _____



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APPENDIX A SAMPLE SUBMISSION FORM

This Sample Submission Form is governed by the terms of the Proteomic Services Agreement, dated _____, 2009, between _____ (“Company”) and the University of Massachusetts.

Company Name:

Project Name:

Project Number:

Technical Representative:

Contact Information:

Study Director:

Contact Information:

Purpose:

Sample Information

The following materials are to be provided by Company:

[list materials]

[specify type of gel, solution, staining]

Project Design:

Company will provide sample from the study design described below:

Species:

Matrix:

Groups:

Sample Concentration

Total Number of Samples:

Sample storage:

Regulatory:

Proteomic Sample Preparations

Sample Treatment:

Sample Enrichment:

Sample Separation:

Image and Data Analysis Pre-Protein Identification

Staining:

Image Analysis:

Protein Identification by Mass Spectrometry

Mass spectrometry analysis to be provided:

____ MALDI

____ ESI MS/MS

____ None

Bioinformatics Services

Analysis will be performed to provide protein annotation information based on database searching, sequence alignment, and feature prediction and unique peptide list (signature) of each protein target, at an additional charge of _____.

Deliverables

- Report containing test results, image analyses and general methodology/protocols employed for sample preparation
 - All 2D gel images generated
 - Statistical summaries, averaged across samples, using the following criteria:

 - Tabular summary of proteins identified
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Prices and Payment Terms

Project Costs and Prices:

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Payment Schedule:

___% shall be invoiced upon execution of this Submission Form

___% shall be invoiced during the study

___ % shall be invoiced upon delivery of Report containing image analysis

Payments shall be made to:

“The University of Massachusetts” and shall be sent to: UMass Medical School,
Office of the Bursar, 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01655.

Disposal of Materials

Upon completion of Project, the Materials will be:

___ Returned to Company (Company pays shipping costs)

___ Stored by UMass for ___ days and disposed of by UMass thereafter

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BY: _____ BY: _____

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

TITLE: _____ TITLE: _____