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# *2007 AUTM Licensing Survey Shows a Statistical Progress Report in Academic Technology Transfer*

**Deerfield, IL** — The Association of University Technology Managers, a nonprofit group for academic technology transfer professionals, announces the release of the summary report of the *AUTM U.S. Licensing Activity Survey: FY 2007*. This summary report contains quantitative information and real-world examples about licensing activities at U.S. universities, hospitals and research institutions across North America.

The statistical report illustrates the work of academic transfer offices and their benefit to our society through innovative technologies, products and resulting startup companies. The report include success stories that detail real-world contributions from academic and research institutions – from a new *TB vaccine* to a new, 100% green *biofuel technology* that has the potential to turn any fat source-algae-into fuel to power jet airplanes.

Highlights from the *2007 U.S. Licensing Activity Survey*™ include:

- Research expenditures at U.S. institutions increased by $3.4 billion in 2007 to $48.8 billion. This was the largest absolute increase since 2003($3.54 billion)
- $3.4 billion in industry research performed at U.S. institutions, a 15% increase over 2006 and 5% more than the increase in federal expenditures over the same period.
- Invention disclosures received rose to 19,827 from 194 respondent institutions, an increase of 953 or 6% from FY2006 which was 18,874 disclosures received from 189 respondents.
- U.S. Patents Issued increased by 367 or 11.3% to 3622 in 2007, while the staff increase in 2007 was 91.2 which compares favorably with all but the larger increases (192.9 in 2002 and 139.7 in 2006).
- In 2007,191 respondents reported the formation of 555 new Startups companies based on university technology, which is almost equivalent to the 554 formed in 2006 by 183 reporting institutions.

The FY2007 *U.S. Licensing Activity Survey Summary* is available via a free download *through* the AUTM Web site. AUTM members also have free access to Statistics Access for Tech Transfer (STATT), a searchable, exportable database of more than 10 years of academic licensing data collected by AUTM from participating academic institutions. Journalists may obtain temporary access to this database by contacting AUTM Headquarters.

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