



## ENGINEER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER EVALUATION LICENSE INFORMATION SHEET

The Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) has over 75 pieces of intellectual property (IP) available for licensing. ERDC offers evaluation licenses for its IP so that organizations can “test drive” the commercial viability of ERDC technologies with minimal risk and up-front commitment. Evaluation licenses are non-exclusive, short-term (one year), and low-cost. This license provides the means for companies to explore a technology’s potential and learn how it will fit into your business development goals.

**What’s in it for you?** This license vehicle is a low-risk opportunity to access ERDC’s technologies and develop a relationship with ERDC. Because it requires a minimal up-front commitment of time and resources, it is especially valuable to small businesses. The streamlined licensing process means organizations can “test drive” a technology and assess its potential before moving forward with a commercial license. In addition, an evaluation license with ERDC provides a good foundation upon which companies can plan for advanced product development and build their commercial business plan.

**What’s in it for ERDC?** An evaluation license benefits the ERDC Technology Transfer Program by making ERDC’s technologies easier to access, especially for small businesses (although any organization can seek an evaluation license). In addition, because ERDC develops a relationship with licensees, it is easier, when and if appropriate, to transition to a more formal commercial license agreement.

### **Key parameters of an evaluation license:**

- All terms within evaluation licenses are non-negotiable and non-exclusive.
- No revenues, sales, or transfers of any products or services embodying the ERDC technology can be generated under an evaluation license agreement.
- A separate traditional commercial license agreement must be executed before any sales can occur.
- If another company submits a complete commercial license application for the same technology, all evaluation licensees will receive notice.
- If the evaluation licensee wishes to utilize ERDC’s expertise, support from researchers, and/or facilities, a fully reimbursable Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) must be executed separate from the evaluation license.
- An evaluation license cannot be sublicensed.
- A final report is required at the end of the license period describing the technical developments and/or challenges identified in the commercial evaluation of the IP.

### **Requirements for the evaluation license application:**

- Completion of streamlined license application.
- Payment of one-time initial \$2,500 evaluation license fee.
- No commercialization plan is required.

If an evaluation license sounds right for you, please contact us at [IP@erdcwerx.org](mailto:IP@erdcwerx.org) to discuss next steps.