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Subject: Report of open contracts entered into subject to the Code of Virginia “State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act” (“the Act”) § 2.2-3106 C. 8.

There were three contracts entered into at the time of this report (from 7/16/2020 – 10/9/2020) subject to the Act’s exception for prohibited contracts involving research and development or commercialization of intellectual property. Details as per the Act § 2.2-3106 E. are included below.

Contract	#1	#2
Open contract number	PIEZXCJW	PXQCFQTH
Names of parties	Virginia Tech and Burton-Le Roy LLC	Virginia Tech and Acomhal Research Inc.
Date contract executed	7/14/20	7/28/20
Contract term	1/1/20-12/31/20	7/1/20-9/30/20
Subject of contract	"The Commonwealth Center of Innovation for Autonomous Systems (C2IAS)"	"Inhibition of breast cancer cell metastases using a connexin43 mimetic peptide"

<p>Nature of COI</p>	<p>Matthew Burton, Flight Operations Manager with the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership, has reported an equity interest in Burton-Le Roy LLC. He serves as a co-founder, manager, and technical contributor for the company. Virginia Tech has received an award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia that includes a subcontract to Burton-Le Roy LLC. Matthew Burton will serve as a co-Investigator for Burton-Le Roy LLC and will not participate on the Virginia Tech side of the project. Matthew Burton has a financial conflict of interest with state law implications that requires management in order to promote research objectivity.</p>	<p>Robert Gourdie, Professor at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute (FBRI), has reported an equity interest in Acomhal Research Inc. where he serves as Chief Science Officer. The company has subcontracted to Virginia Tech after receiving a Small Business Technology Transfer Phase I award from the National Institutes of Health. Robert Gourdie will serve as the Principal Investigator (PI) Virginia Tech. At his previous institution, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Robert Gourdie developed a novel peptide called JM2 (or connexin43 mimetic peptide juxtamembrane 2). Acomhal Research Inc. holds an option on the intellectual property and is negotiating for a license from MUSC. Samy Lamouille, Assistant Professor at FBRI, also has an equity interest in Acomhal Research Inc. and serves as Chief Executive Officer for the business. Samy Lamouille will serve as the PI for Acomhal Research Inc. and will not be participating on the Virginia Tech side of the project. Jamie Smyth, Assistant Professor at FBRI, is Samy Lamouille's spouse. Jamie Smyth holds the same equity interest described above but does not have an active role in the business. Jamie Smyth will serve as a co-Investigator for Virginia Tech on the project. Sherri Cook is Associate Vice President for Virginia Tech Health Sciences and Technology, Finance, and Operations at FBRI. As Robert Gourdie's spouse, Sherri Cook holds the same equity interest described above but is not involved</p>
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Institution employee responsible for administering contract	Trudy Riley, contract administration signatory Director, Virginia Tech Office of Sponsored Programs	Trudy Riley, contract administration signatory Director, Virginia Tech Office of Sponsored Programs
The institution's commitment of resources or finances for the contract	N/A	N/A
Details of how revenues are to be dispersed	N/A (no revenues will be generated)	N/A (no revenues will be generated)

Contract	#3
Open contract number	PWBAOD5Q
Names of parties	Virginia Tech and Prime Photonics LC
Date contract executed	10/6/20
Contract term	9/11/20-2/28/21
Subject of contract	“SBIR: TAP WADR: Temperature And Phase of Water via AI-based Detection using Raman scattering”
Nature of COI	Anbo Wang, Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has disclosed an equity interest in Prime Photonics LC. The company has received an award from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which includes a subaward to Virginia Tech. Todd Lowe, Associate Professor in the Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, will carry out the scope of work as the Principal Investigator for Virginia Tech. Anbo Wang will not be involved in this research. As defined by state law, Anbo Wang has a personal interest in a contract.
Institution employee responsible for administering contract	Trudy Riley, contract administration signatory Director, Virginia Tech Office of Sponsored Programs
The institution's commitment of resources or finances for the contract	N/A

Details of how revenues are to be dispersed	N/A (no revenues will be generated)
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