



**MISSISSIPPI STATE
UNIVERSITY.**

Director of the Office of Sponsored Projects
Mississippi State University
Mississippi State, MS 39762


Re: Signature Authority Delegation

Authority to execute agreements emanating from and through the Office of Sponsored Projects with a third party that bind the university to obligations whether monetarily or otherwise (contracts) and to sign other documents emanating from and through the Office of Sponsored Projects for and on behalf of Mississippi State University, including material transfer and non-disclosure agreements entered into for confidential collaborative purposes between the university and third parties, is hereby delegated to the position of Director of the Office of Sponsored Projects. This authority specifically excludes authority to sign contracts to transfer, license or otherwise handle intellectual property of the university except that authority is granted to execute agreements concerning ownership of potential intellectual property and background intellectual property.

All actions taken pursuant to this delegation of authority must be in compliance with the policies of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and Mississippi State University in addition to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

This authority delegated hereby cannot be further delegated except for temporary, time-limited authority of no more than ten (10) consecutive working days during which the above authorized individual is absent from office or otherwise unable to perform the functions of the office. Any such further delegation must be in writing with copies actually received by the President and the General Counsel before such delegation is effective.

All authority delegated by this letter requires the personal attention of and the personal signature of the Director of the Office of Sponsored Projects.



Mark E. Keenum 7-5-16
President Date

cc: General Counsel
 Director of Internal Audit
 Vice President for Research and Economic Development

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