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The Lake Superior State University Prototype Development Center (PDC) offers this project proposal contingent upon requirements outlined on this page.

The PDC undertakes projects with the understanding by the client that students, faculty and PDC staff may perform the work. The client will be responsible to verify the safety, fitness for purpose, and any required registrations, licenses, or certifications of the resulting design or prototype. Before selling or producing products derived from the project, the client is encouraged to obtain appropriate product liability insurance and perform other work as would be required by due diligence.

The PDC will not, as part of this project, perform patent or prior art research nor will the PDC verify that the concept, design or specific implementation does not infringe on the intellectual property rights of any other party. The PDC can not guarantee that the client will be able to secure a patent based upon the results of the project. Once work on a project has been started and materials purchased or labor applied, the minimum payment can not be refunded. This applies generally as well as specifically for the situation when existing products or patents are discovered during the completion of the project. The PDC can recommend resources for prior art search before commencing the project if the client requests.

To begin work on a project the PDC must have

- a signed copy of the document entitled “**NON-DISCLOSURE, CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROJECT AGREEMENT**” along with an Intellectual Property agreement,
- a signed copy accepting this proposal
- and, unless otherwise detailed in the following project description, a minimum payment of fifty percent of the proposed cost.

By signing and returning a copy of this proposal, the client agrees to the various terms and instructs the PDC to commence work on the project as defined in this proposal.

Proposal accepted by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ day of 200\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Project proposal details are on following page(s).

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