U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Argonne Site Office ASO
UChicago Argonne, LLC (UChicago)
Argonne National Laboratory

Partnership Agreement

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U. S. Department of Energy has entrusted its national assets at Argonne National Laboratory to UChicago Argonne, LLC to serve the public interest in delivering world-class science and engineering in a safe, effective and efficient manner, while protecting the environment, its workers, and the public. Prime Contract DE-AC02-06CH11357 between DOE and UChicago establishes the overall commitments, responsibilities and legal obligations of the parties. The leadership of the Argonne Site Office, UChicago and Argonne national laboratory strongly believe that mission outcomes and stewardship of public assets can be enhanced by nurturing a spirit of partnership based upon shared values, including mutual trust, open communication, and transparency, thereby facilitating excellence in contract execution. Accordingly, the leadership of ASO, UChicago, and Argonne fully commit to the following principles in managing and operating Argonne, National Laboratory:

1. UChicago and Argonne are fully responsible and accountable for the sound and safe execution of all Laboratory programs, functions, and deliverables, consistent with the prime contract. UChicago and Argonne are fully engaged in and committed to achieving excellence in all aspects of the Laboratory's science, technology, operational, and business functions.

2. UChicago and Argonne remain committed to performance-based management processes and implementation of a robust contractor assurance system for all mission support functions at the Laboratory.

3. ASO is responsible for performance-based contract management and federal stewardship for the safe, secure, effective and efficient operation of Argonne. Accordingly, a robust and efficient functioning contractor assurance system will allow ASO to revise its oversight function to better leverage the process and outcome of the contractor.

4. Argonne, UChicago, and ASO will balance the risk with available resources in setting performance objectives with the goal of achieving outcomes more effectively and efficiently.

5. Argonne, UChicago, and ASO leadership will mutually respect and honor each other's management structures and decision-making process and will assure the partners provide contract direction via proper channels, while striving to solve problems at the lowest appropriate management level.

6. Argonne, UChicago, and ASO will work together in the spirit of cooperation, with communications that are open, honest, transparent, timely, and appropriate.

7. Argonne, UChicago, and ASO mutually embrace a system of self-assessment and continuous improvement in which the parties constructively raise issues, identify shortcomings and consistently develop efficient effective solutions to problems that could affect performance and/ or contract compliance.

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