# INSTRUCTIONS

The content of a data management plan will vary depending upon how much information you wish to share. The following is an example of a simple DMP where the company’s intent is to share some data. The key point to remember is that you will need to submit a Data Management Plan (DMP) with your proposal to DOE. The plan does not need to be complicated in order to meet the requirements identified in the FOA. If you are working with a Federal Lab it is important to discuss the terms of a DMP with them – as the lab is likely to have its own guidelines.

Only use the following template, if you plan on sharing some data- otherwise follow the guidelines in the FOA.

# A simple data management plan

**Data Management Plan**

[Insert company name] will store all data generated as a result of this award in accordance with our company’s guidelines for data preservation. As the work resulting from this project will be a commercial product, much of the data generated as a result of this SBIR or STTR project -will not be shared during the data protection period. The reports that we will submit to the Department of Energy in accordance with our Statement of Work will enable DOE to validate our research results while keeping the data protected from public disclosure.

Some (but not all) of the data resulting from this project we may share via peer-reviewed publications in order to advance scientific knowledge. These data will be shared after appropriate intellectual property protection has been put in place by [insert company name]. The data shared will be sufficient to help advance scientific knowledge.