

## What is BayhDole25?

BayhDole25, Inc. is a New York not-for-profit corporation with a pending application for federal 501(C)(3) status. We are a non-governmental organization that will provide educational resources, relating to the U.S. Bayh-Dole Act of 1980 and related United States and international technology transfer legislation. The primary goal is education. BayhDole25 seeks to promote an understanding of the changes the law instituted and continues to inspire as it begins its second quarter-century. Through the educational materials it creates, BayhDole25 will both look back at the first 25 years of implementation and inspiration and also look forward to identify opportunities for the future and overcome potential obstacles.

### What is our mission?

BayhDole25 is dedicated to providing educational resources on the Bayh Dole Act of 1980 and related legislation that revolutionized technology transfer through licensing of government-owned patent rights and other intellectual property. The Bayh Dole Act of 1980 jump started commercialization of formerly neglected federally funded research, providing high return on the taxpayer's investment in basic science and benefiting society as a whole through the actual creation of high-technology and biotechnology sectors.

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### Why is this mission important?

Despite 25 years of documented success, there is a profound lack of awareness of the Bayh-Dole Act and its impact on technology transfer and the biotechnology revolution world-wide. In part because of this, the three pillars that contributed to the positive results of Bayh-Dole are under unprecedented levels of attack, threatening the architecture that has led to the continued technological prowess and economic success of the United States over the past twenty five years.

The documented success of the Bayh-Dole Act and related technology transfer legislation rests on three inter-related American traditions: **reliance on market forces for growth** and development instead of using government to try to impose a pre-determined value on new ideas, **strong rule-of-law protections**, including intellectual property protection like patents, data exclusivity, copyrights and trademarks), and a **durable government commitment to education and financing of scientific research** in universities and institutions.