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Application of iPack low-energy solutions to RFID communications and positioning

• The US Army Research Laboratory

- Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) is centrally responsible for developing and integrating technology-enabled solutions for soldiers
- World's biggest user of RFID inventory is meant to be visible all of the time (including during transport in aircraft) via RFID tags
- pursuing flexible displays to be worn by soldiers and used in mobile outposts
- want to couple their RFID network to sensors to monitor soldiers' physiological
- vital signs as well as detection of pathogens, explosives, etc - want to reduce weight and make electronics more robust
- interested in iPack low-energy RFID/sensors, and in food tracking system







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Transferring Rights: Intellectual Capital Components

- Human Capital
 - Know-how
 - Creativity
 - Skills
- Intellectual Property
 - Patents
 - Copyrights
 - Trademarks
 - Trade secrets

- Intellectual Assets
 - Programs
 - Inventions
 - Documents
 - Processes
 - Drawings
 - Designs

Intellectual Capital Risks in Strategic Alliances

- Shared Facility:
 - -Exposed Trade Secrets and Sensitive Technologies
 - -Access to Confidential Information
 - -Unintended Transfer of Technologies
 - -Inconsistent Judicial Decisions or Enforcement Favoring a Country
- Conflict of Interest for Personnel
 - -Question of Employee Loyalty (e.g. to JV or partner)
 - -Potential Future Competitor
 - -Information Shared with JV, Partnerships, or Suppliers
 - -Individual risk Issues
 - -Mobility of personnel

Some of the top reasons TO partner:

- Hands: Extra R&D capacity hands
- Brains: Expertise
- Access to key technology/market
- Localized products for local markets
- Lets you focus on your competencies
- Speed to market
- Reduce costs

Some of the top reasons NOT TO partner:

- Loss of strategic control of your business
- Loss of in-house expertise
- Confidentiality of Intellectual Property
- Loss of project control
- Stability of partner

Three Phases of Open Innovation							
	Exploration		Joint (Co-)development				Commorcial
			Incubation		Development		Commercial
	$ \longrightarrow $		OPTIONAL STEPS*				
Contracts	Initial Contact Non-confidential Letter	Detailed Discussion Mutual, One-way or Two-way Confidentiality Agreements	Develop Relationship Material Transfer Agreement	Exploratory Co-Development Exploratory Research Agreement		Co-Development Detailed JDA or Alliance Agreement	Commercial License, Buy or Commercial Supply Agreement
Activity	ldentification of Interest Areas, Business and Cultural Fit	Clear Understanding of What Each Party Brings, Technology Expertise & Areas of Interest	Initial Testing to Develop Joint Technical Statement of Work	Successful Laboratory Test & Proof of Concept		Successful Field Test & Valuation Model	Market Success for Both Firms
Deliverable	Open Discussion	Agreement on Vision For Success	Joint Technical Plan	Understand Value Chain		Understand Valuation Thoroughly	Equitable Division of Profits
Better Practices for Managing Intellectual Assets in Collaborations Research and Technology Management , Feb 2010							

Trends into the 21st century...for the larger companies

- Lack flexibility to respond rapidly to technological and market changes
- Need to look outside for innovation
- Rapid market shifts and fragmentation motivate selection of small companies
- Partnering allows large company to respond to emerging technology risks











