**Open Source Licensing for the DARPA XDATA Program**

**Executive Summary**

This document specifies the use of open source in the DARPA XDATA program. It is intended to serve as guidance to the performers in sharing and distributing their code bases among other performers within DARPA XDATA, within the broader DARPA, and external (non-DARPA, public/academic and existing) open source communities. In addition it specifies the procedures and policies for contributing those projects to open source, for eliciting contributions from other performers and other open source individuals or corporations.

The DARPA XDATA program supports the following two open source scenarios:

1. XDATA Performer wants to open source its software, and code grant/donate to an existing Foundation (Apache, Eclipse, OSGeo, etc.) to take advantage of the protection/marks/legal framework around that foundation.
2. XDATA Performer is already open sourcing its software and desires to have the protection of its specific institution and/or legal framework for that e.g., university or Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), for that corporation, etc.

In support of these scenarios, DARPA XDATA provides the following 2 policies:

**Approved (“Category A”) Licenses**

DARPA XDATA Performers in Scenario 1 use these licenses. Performers in Scenario 2 using existing open source software should adhere to accepted category A licenses below, even in the situation where adherence requires relicensing of an existing open source component to one of the three licenses below.

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| **License** | **Short Name** | **Description** |
| Apache License version 2 | ALv2 | <http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html> |
| Berkeley Systems Distribution (BSD) | BSD | <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BSD_licenses> |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) license | MIT | <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MIT_License> |
| Any Category A license | Category A | <http://www.apache.org/legal/3party.html#category-a> |

**Individual Contributor License Agreements (ICLAs) and Corporate Contributor License Agreements (CCLA)**

DARPA XDATA distinguishes between agreements at the individual contributor level (“Individual Contributor License Agreement” or “ICLA”), and those at the level of a corporation enacting an agreement for its employees and contributions organizationally (“Corporate Contributor License Agreement” or “CCLA”).

DARPA XDATA does **not require an ICLA or CCLA**. Performers may omit use of these forms when open sourcing their contributions developed using DARPA XDATA funds. Existing category-A licenses above provide a base specification by which to share software, to make derivative and collective works, and by which to copy and evolve the software within XDATA. If DARPA XDATA performers request a specific ICLA or CCLA with DARPA, then modify the **existing Apache ICLA[[1]](#footnote-1)** and **Apache CCLA[[2]](#footnote-2)** with the following specific modifications:

**ICLA modifications**

1. Change “for your interest in the Apache Software Foundation” to “for your interest in the DARPA XDATA program”.
2. Change “the Foundation” to “the DARPA XDATA program” throughout
3. Change [secretary@apache.org](mailto:secretary@apache.org) to [opensource@xdata.darpa.mil](mailto:opensource@xdata.darpa.mil)
4. Change address of Apache Software Foundation to snail mail for DARPA XDATA office.
5. Remove optional sections on preferred Apache ids and notify project.

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1. <http://www.apache.org/licenses/icla.txt> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.apache.org/licenses/cla-corporate.txt> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)