Wave Energy Prize Judging Panel Member Agreement



1 AGREEMENT

I, _____, agree to participate as Judge on the Judging Panel for the Wave Energy Prize. As part of acceptance of this role, I agree:

- 1) to support the Prize Administration Team and other technical support experts by providing my time and technical knowledge;
- 2) to abide to all Prize's rules and data rights;
- 3) that my appointment as a Judge is public information;
- 4) to report any issues or potential wrongdoing to the Prize Administration Team;
- 5) that I am unaware of any current or potential conflicts of interest—delineated in the American COMPETES Act as a personal or financial interest in, or being an employee, officer, director, or agent of any entity that is a registered participant in a competition; or have a familial or financial relationship with an individual who is a registered participant—which would prevent me from providing the services described in this agreement on an impartial basis and should any arise I will immediately disclose them to Ricardo, Inc., and will will perform no more duties related to Prize judging until I receive instructions on the matter;
 - a. In making the above statement, I have considered all the following factors that might place me in a position of conflict, real or apparent, regarding the Prize:
 - i. All my stocks, bonds, other outstanding financial interests or commitments;
 - ii. All my employment arrangements (past, present, and under consideration);
 - iii. All my close personal and professional relationships; and
 - iv. All financial interests and employment arrangements of my spouse, minor children, and other members of my immediate household as well as my general partners, or any organization in which I serve as an officer, director, or trustee, or with whom I am negotiating for employment.
- 6) that I will obtain access to confidential or proprietary business, technical, or financial information belonging to the to Prize participants, including data that has not been released or otherwise made available to the public; information relating to the submissions of applications and other information in connection with the Prize and Prize applications; and I agree to treat and hold all information (including electronic information) received as confidential in accordance with the requirements of the competition, and the applicable rules, other than to the Prize Administrators and other members of the Judging Panel; and further that I will not disclose or share any information that I am provided in the course of the competition to anyone, except employees of DOE, for any purpose after the competition has concluded and my service as a judge is complete;
- 7) that when the Prize Administrators furnish any participant data to me, I agree to use such information only for the purposes stated in a task or subtask assignment; to treat the information obtained in confidence; and will not use such information for my own private gain or the private gain of others;
- 8) that I shall not accept any invitations or gratuities (e.g., meals, gifts, favors, etc.) from any Prize participant, and if I am offered any invitations, gratuities, or job offers by or on behalf of any applicant, I will immediately report the incident to the Prize Administrators;
- 9) that this document is a binding membership contract between the PAT and myself.

Signature:	
Title:	
Company/Organization Name:_	
Date:	

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2 INTRODUCTION

The US Department of Energy's Wave Energy Prize (Prize) is a new prize competition to stimulate the development of innovative Wave Energy Convertor (WEC) technologies. More information on the Prize can be found here: www.waveenergyprize.org

The Prize is administered for the DOE by a consortium, led by Ricardo Inc., JZ Consulting and Polaris Strategic Communications (the Prize Administration Team, PAT), with specialist technical support provided by Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

The winner(s) of the Prize will be determined through wave tank testing in the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division's Maneuvering and Seakeeping (MASK) Basin, during 2016. Winner(s) will be determined by a Judging Panel that will evaluate the performance of each WEC device rigorously, objectively, fairly, and equitably. The Judging Panel will consist of select individuals with unique technical and engineering knowledge about WEC devices, who will conduct unbiased assessments of the materials provided by participants and generated during the Prize.

This agreement outlines the DOE's PAT's expectations for participation as a Judge on the Judging Panel, and serves as the individual's acceptance of being a judge for the successful execution of the Wave Energy Prize over its entire duration.

3 PRIZE TIMING

The Prize execution consists of several phases. These phases include a Design (27Apr2015 to 29Feb2016), Build (01Mar2016 to 29Jul2016), and Test and Evaluation (01Aug2016 to 31Oct2016). The Prize winner(s) will be announced post these phases of work in mid-November. A full copy of the wave Energy Prize Schedule can be found in the official Rules on the Wave Energy Prize website http://waveenergyprize.org/

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4 JUDGING PANEL MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

As a member of the Wave Energy Prize Judging Panel, the individual will be responsible to support the Prize as defined during each phase as shown in the below table, with the expectation that the individual provides their support for the duration of the Prize.

Period	Description	Est. level of Effort (Hrs)
27Apr2015 - 15Jul2015	Prepare for Assessment #1.	32
16Jul2015 – 14Aug2015	Assessment #1: Judge/define the qualified teams / technologies based on the received detailed technical data.	160
15Aug2015 - 01Dec2015	Prepare for Assessment #2.	40
01Dec2015 - 29Feb2015	Assessment #2: The Judges will judge/define the Finalists and Alternates based on the received a). Small Scale M&S results, b). Small Scale Test results, MASK Scale M&S results, updated Technical Submission and Readiness for 1/20th scale testing.	252
01Mar2016 – 01Aug2016	Prepare for Final Testing.	50
16Jun2016 – 30Jun2016	Assessment #3: No involvement from the Judges expected	0
01Aug2016 – 15Oct2016	Prepare for the Final Test results review.	50
15Oct2016 – 08Nov2016	Assessment #4: Review the test results and confirm that all data was recorded correctly and assessed properly thus defining the objective Winner(s)	64

The decisions of the Judging Panel are binding, and no person or agency can overrule or change the decisions made by the Judging Panel that are related to rigorously, objectively, fairly, and equitably assessing, evaluating and ranking Prize participants in all phases of the Prize, including the Test and Evaluation Phase, which will determine the winner(s) of the Prize.

5 PUBLICITY

Transparency in the evaluation process and of the results from it is in the nature of prizes. Therefore, all Judges on the Judging Panel will be publicly known. Therefore, any inquiries to the Judges regarding the Prize and their participation in it will be mediated by the Prize Administration Team. It is expected that there is no direct interaction between Judges and Teams/press until/unless they unexpectedly cross paths in one of the testing phases.

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