



---

### Description of caBIG Project for IP Contacts

The NCI Cancer Centers have agreed to partner with the NCI in the development of the Cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid (caBIG) (<<http://cabig.nci.nih.gov/>>). The caBIG pilot initiative seeks to integrate data from more than 50 cancer centers in ways that make it useful for clinical and basic researchers to consume of the vast array of genetic and clinical information. As a result, the caBIG will offer Cancer Centers a library of tools and resources, from clinical trial management systems to tissue bank and pathology tools, all of which are built to common standards and are interoperable. Participation in caBIG is voluntary, and the data sets submitted and supported by caBIG will be openly accessible to the caBIG community. It is recognized that not all data can be shared because of agreements with industry partners; however, caBIG participants are encouraged to share as much data as possible.

The NCI structured the caBIG project to include the Data Sharing and Intellectual Capital (DSIC) Working Group to address potential barriers to full data sharing. The DSIC Working Group in turn believes that it is very important to get the perspective of Cancer Center staff interacting with industry (e.g., technology transfer offices and legal advisors) on the various issues under its consideration. This group has requested that each member obtain a point of contact for intellectual property matters (IP POC). The DSIC Working Group would like to consult with IP POCs on an ad hoc basis for their general views and insights into issues before the group but will not seek advice concerning the negotiation of particular agreements.