B-TED at Georgetown NSF Notice

Attached is the Blockchain Technology & Ecosystem Design Research Center (B-TED) Affiliation Agreement. Thank you for your support for this important research collaboration at Georgetown University.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) dictates the terms of the Affiliation Agreement for all sites of a Industry/University Cooperative Research Center (I/UCRC). This is ultimately to your benefit, as it will enable collaborations with and easy sharing of results across all of the other B-TED sites in the NSF program. Moreover, it enables facile participation on the part of other government agencies in our center. Because of all of these benefits, and because we expect to establish B-TED as an I/UCRC, the NSF has encouraged us to use the standard affiliation agreement. This means that when we become an official I/UCRC, all of the benefits of membership will instantly accrue to you, our affiliate.

In 2017, the NSF encouraged Georgetown to pursue a Planning Grant to explore B-TED becoming an I/UCRC. Georgetown is now preparing a Planning Grant proposal for B-TED to the NSF. If NSF awards Georgetown a Planning Grant, there are addition steps required for B-TED to become an I/UCRC, and we do not expect to know the outcome of this process until the spring of 2019.

Irrespective of the status of the NSF designation as an I/UCRC, we will be starting your project(s) once your funds are remitted to Georgetown.

If for some reason we do not become an NSF I/UCRC, we intend to continue working on your project, per the terms of the Affiliation Agreement, subject to industry funding received. Note the NSF funds are for center operations and NSF-mandated expenses. As such, the B-TED projects at Georgetown are not dependent on NSF funding.

Please acknowledge your understanding that the B-TED site at Georgetown may not receive NSF funding and that the operation and use of funds for the B-TED site at Georgetown are independent of NSF funding by signing in the spaces indicated.
below. Please return the signed copies of this document and Affiliation Agreement to me. We look forward to working with you.

Signed:  Signed:
For Georgetown University:  For Affiliate:

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