

**INNOVATION PROGRAM FRAMEWORK  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Poland:

*Desiring* to enhance the bonds of friendship and spirit of cooperation and to strengthen economic relations between them;

*Recognizing* the importance of fostering an open and transparent environment for innovation;

*Recognizing* the benefits that both countries derive from increased collaboration;

*Seeking* to promote scientific and technological cooperation to support innovation and the exchange of information and best practices to foster entrepreneurial partnerships;

*Recognizing* the essential role of public leadership in private investment, both domestic and foreign, in furthering growth, creating jobs, improving technology, and enhancing economic development;

*Desiring* to ensure that innovative economic policies promote social responsibility;

*Desiring* to encourage and facilitate contacts between enterprises and other private sector groups in each other's territory;

*Expecting* to use this Framework to pursue initiatives on specific innovation projects, with a view to highlighting best practices and fostering enhanced opportunities for entrepreneurs;

*Intend* to establish a United States - Poland Innovation Program and a United States - Poland Innovation Council to manage that program, providing the necessary guidance for further development of this bilateral initiative. The above-mentioned Council is expected to start its work in the Fall of 2014 and would be chaired by the U.S. Department of State (Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs) and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland (Undersecretary of State for Research, Development and Innovation). The Council intends to meet and operate in accordance with a Statement of Intent that is expected to be completed later this year.

Signed at Warsaw, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2014, in the English and Polish languages.

  
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