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Largely the rules are already in place to encourage most of the compliance you appear to seek. What you do not consistently get are "covenants not to sue", "licenses" and the like. This could be made transparent by simply amending the CFR or USC to define the "assignment, grant or conveyance" of 35 USC 261 to include such items and amending 261 to preclude enforceability of such agreements if not recorded before suit to enforce or optionally by a date certain. You should probably require that the entirety of such agreements be recorded in order to be enforceable by law (state or federal). In this way, visibility would be provided and secrecy would become expensive.

Good luck

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