

BBF RFC 107: Copyright and Licensing of BBF RFCs

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1. Purpose

In this BioBricks Foundation Request for Comments (BBF RFC), we update and clarify the copyright and licensing notice of BBF RFC documents.

2. Relation to other BBF RFCs

BBF RFC 107 UPDATES BBF RFC 0.

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