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970.3501 Federally funded research and development centers.

970.3501–1 Sponsoring agreements.

(a) The contract award document constitutes the sponsoring agreement between the Department of Energy and the contractor operating an FFRDC.

(b) The contract statement of work shall define the purpose and mission of the FFRDC.

(c) Other elements of the sponsoring agreement which shall be incorporated into the contract include:

(1) The appropriate termination clause of the contract (as prescribed in 48 CFR subpart 49.5).

(2) The plan for the identification, use, and disposition of retained earnings developed pursuant to 970.1504–1–3(c)(6), if applicable;

(3) The clause entitled “Federally Funded Research and Development Center Sponsoring Agreement,” which, in part, prescribes limitations on the FFRDC competing with the private sector, and requirements for the FFRDC’s acceptance of work from a nonsponsor; and

(4) Other terms and conditions considered necessary for the particular circumstances of the FFRDC (e.g., advance understandings on particular cost items).


970.3501–2 Using an FFRDC.

The contractor may only accept work from a non-sponsor (as defined in 48 CFR 35.017) in accordance with the requirements of DOE Order 481.1, Work for Others (Non-DoE Funded Work).


970.3501–3 Reviewing FFRDC’s.

(a) All Department of Energy sponsored FFRDC’s are operated by management and operating contractors.

(b) Coincident with the review required by 48 CFR 17.605(b) and 970.1706–1(b) regarding the decision to extend or compete a management and operating contract, the contracting officer shall, in accordance with internal Departmental procedures:

(1) Conduct the review required by 48 CFR 35.017–4 concerning the use and need for the FFRDC; and

(2) Recommend for Secretarial approval, the continuation or termination of the Department’s sponsorship of an FFRDC at the time authorization is required to extend or compete a management and operating contract.


970.3501–4 Contract clause.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 970.5235–1, Federally Funded Research and Development Center Sponsoring Agreement, in all solicitations and contracts for the management and operation of an FFRDC sponsored by the Department of Energy.


Subpart 970.36—Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts

970.3605 Contract clauses.

970.3605–1 Other contracts.

The clause at 48 CFR 52.236–8, Other Contracts, shall be used in all management and operating contracts.


970.3605–2 Special construction clause for operating contracts.

The clause at 48 CFR 970.5236–1, Government Facility Subcontract Approval, shall be used in management and operating contracts when the contractor will not perform covered work with its own forces but may procure construction by subcontract.