§ 37.1020 What must I document in my award file?

You should include in your award file an agreements analysis in which you:

(a) Briefly describe the program and detail the specific military and commercial benefits that should result from the project supported by the TIA. If the recipient is a consortium that is not formally incorporated, you should attach a copy of the signed articles of collaboration.

(b) Describe the process that led to the award of the TIA, including how you and program officials solicited and evaluated proposals and selected the one supported through the TIA.

(c) Explain how you decided that a TIA was the most appropriate instrument, in accordance with the factors in Subpart B of this part. Your explanation must include your answers to the relevant questions in §37.225(a) through (d).

(d) Explain how you valued the recipient’s cost sharing contributions, in accordance with §§37.530 through 37.555. For a fixed-support TIA, you must document the analysis you did (see §37.560) to set the fixed level of Federal support; the documentation must explain how you determined the recipient’s minimum cost share and show how you estimated the expenditures required to achieve the project outcomes.

(e) Document the results of your negotiation, addressing all significant issues in the TIA’s provisions. For example, this includes specific explanations if you:

   (1) Specify requirements for a participant’s systems that vary from the standard requirements in §§37.615(a), 37.625(a), 37.630, or 37.705(a) in cases where those sections provide flexibility for you to do so.

   (2) Provide that any audits are to be performed by an IPA, rather than the DCAA, where permitted under §37.650. Your documentation must include:

      (i) The names and addresses of business units for which IPAs will be the auditors;

      (ii) Estimated amounts of Federal funds expected under the award for those business units; and

      (iii) The basis (e.g., a written statement from the recipient) for your judging that the business units do not currently perform under types of awards described in §37.650(b)(1) and (2) and are not willing to grant the DCAA audit access.

   (3) Include an intellectual property provision that varies from Bayh-Dole requirements.

   (4) Determine that cost sharing is impracticable.

§ 37.1025 Must I report information to the Defense Assistance Awards Data System?

Yes, you must give the necessary information about the award to the office in your organization that is responsible for preparing DD Form 2566, “DoD Assistance Award Action Report,” reports for the Defense Assistance Award Data System, to ensure timely and accurate reporting of data required by 31 U.S.C. 6101–6106 (see 32 CFR part 21, subpart E).

§ 37.1030 What information must I report to the Defense Technical Information Center?

(a) For any TIA, you must give your answers to the questions in §37.225(a) through (d) to the office in your DoD Component that is responsible for providing data on TIAs to the DTIC. Contact DTIC staff either by electronic mail at aq@dtic.mil, by telephone at 1–800–225–3842, or at DTIC-OCA, 8725 John J. Kingman Rd., Suite 0944, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060–6218, if you are unsure about the responsible office in your DoD Component. The DTIC compiles the information to help the Department of Defense measure the Department-wide benefits of using TIAs and assess the instruments’ value in helping to meet the policy objectives described in §37.205(b) and appendix A to this part.

(b) If the TIA uses the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2371, as described in §37.1035, your information submission for the DTIC under paragraph (a) of this section must include the additional data required for the DoD’s annual report to Congress.

(c) If, as permitted under §37.650, the TIA includes a provision allowing a for-
profit participant to have audits performed by an IPA, rather than the DCAA, you must report that fact with the other information you submit about the TIA. Note that you also must include information about any use of IPAs permitted by subawards that participants make to for-profit firms, as provided in §37.670. Information about a subaward under the TIA must be reported even if you receive the information in a subsequent year, when information about the TIA itself does not need to be reported.

(d) The requirements in this section to report information to the DTIC should not be confused with the post-award requirement to forward copies of technical reports to the DTIC, as described at §§37.890 and 37.895. The reporting requirements in this section are assigned the Report Control Symbol DD-AT&L(A) 1936.

§ 37.1035 How do I know if my TIA uses the 10 U.S.C. 2371 authority and I must report additional data under §37.1030(b)?

As explained in appendix B to this part, a TIA uses the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2371 and therefore must be included in the DoD’s annual report to Congress on the use of 10 U.S.C. 2371 authorities if it:

(a) Is an assistance transaction other than a grant or cooperative agreement, by virtue of its patent rights provision; or

(b) Includes a provision to recover funds from a recipient, as described at §37.580.

§ 37.1040 When and how do I report information required by §37.1035?

Information that you report, in accordance with §37.1030, to the office that your DoD Component designates as the central point for reporting to the DTIC must be:

(a) Submitted by the dates that your central point establishes (which is consistent with the schedule DTIC specifies to DoD Components).

(b) In the format that your central point provides (which is consistent with the format that the DTIC specifies to DoD Components).

§ 37.1045 To whom must I send copies of the award document?

You must send a copy of the award document to the:

(a) Recipient. You must include on the first page of the recipient’s copy a prominent notice about the current DoD requirements for payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT).

(b) Office you designate to administer the TIA. You are strongly encouraged to delegate post-award administration to the regional office of the Defense Contract Management Agency or Office of Naval Research that administers awards to the recipient. When delegating, you should clearly indicate on the cover sheet or first page of the award document that the award is a TIA, to help the post-award administrator distinguish it from other types of assistance instruments.

(c) Finance and accounting office designated to make the payments to the recipient.

Subpart I—Post-Award Administration

§ 37.1100 What are my responsibilities generally as an administrative agreements officer for a TIA?

As the administrative agreements officer for a TIA, you have the responsibilities that your office agreed to accept in the delegation from the office that made the award. Generally, you will have the same responsibilities as a post-award administrator of a grant or cooperative agreement, as described in 32 CFR 22.715. Responsibilities for TIAs include:

(a) Advising agreements officers before they award TIAs on how to establish award terms and conditions that better meet research programmatic needs, facilitate effective post-award administration, and ensure good stewardship of Federal funds.

(b) Participating as the business partner to the DoD program official to ensure the Government’s substantial involvement in the research project. This may involve attendance with program officials at kickoff meetings or post-award conferences with recipients.