National Policy Requirements

Nondiscrimination national policy requirements. (OCTOBER 2015)

Cross-cutting nondiscrimination requirements. By signing this agreement or accepting funds under this agreement, you assure that you will comply with applicable provisions of the national policies prohibiting discrimination:

1. On the basis of race, color, or national origin, in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), as implemented by DoD regulations at 32 CFR part 195.

2. On the basis of gender, blindness, or visual impairment, in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), as implemented by DoD regulations at 32 CFR part 196.


5. On the basis of disability in the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151 et seq.) related to physically handicapped persons’ ready access to, and use of, buildings and facilities for which Federal funds are used in design, construction, or alteration.

Environmental national policy requirements. (OCTOBER 2015)

Cross-cutting environmental requirements. You must:


2. Immediately identify to us, as the Federal awarding agency, any potential impact that you find this award may have on:

   a. The quality of the human environment, including wetlands, and provide any help we may need to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and assist us to prepare Environmental Impact Statements or other environmental documentation. In such cases, you may take no action that will have an adverse environmental impact (e.g., physical disturbance of a site such as breaking of ground) or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives until we provide written notification of Federal compliance with NEPA.

   b. Flood-prone areas, and provide any help we may need to comply with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 and Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et
seq.), which require flood insurance, when available, for federally assisted construction or acquisition in flood-prone areas.

c. Use of land and water resources of coastal zones, and provide any help we may need to comply with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451, et seq.).

d. Coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and Great Lakes’ shores, and provide help we may need to comply with the Coastal Barriers Resource Act (16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), concerning preservation of barrier resources.

e. Any existing or proposed component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system, and provide any help we may need to comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.).

f. Underground sources of drinking water in areas that have an aquifer that is the sole or principal drinking water source, and provide any help we may need to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300h-3).

3. Comply with applicable provisions of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821-4846), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 CFR part 35. The requirements concern lead-based paint in buildings owned by the Federal Government or housing receiving Federal assistance.

National policy requirements concerning live organisms. (OCTOBER 2015)

Cross-cutting requirements concerning live organisms. You must:

1. Human subjects. You must protect the rights and welfare of individuals that participate as human subjects in research under this award in accordance with DoD regulations at 32 CFR part 219 and DoD Instruction 3216.2.

2. Animals.

   a. You must comply with applicable provisions of Department of Agriculture rules at 9 CFR parts 1-4 and DoD Instruction 3216.1, which implement the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 2131-2156) and provide for humane transportation, handling, care, and treatment of animals used in research, experimentation, testing, or training under this award. You may not begin any animal work under the award that the awarding DoD Component has not reviewed and approved, as specified in paragraph 2.d of Enclosure 3 to DoD Instruction 3216.1.

   b. Your animal care program must meet the standards set forth in the National Academy of Sciences publication “Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals” (eighth edition, 2011, which may be found currently at http://www.nap.edu/catalog/12910/guide-for-the-care-and-use-of-laboratory-animals-eighth).
c. You must immediately identify to us, as the Federal awarding agency, any potential impact that you find this award may have on endangered species, as defined by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (“the Act,” 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543), and implementing regulations of the Departments of the Interior (50 CFR parts 10-24) and Commerce (50 CFR parts 217-227). You also must provide any help we may need to comply with 16 U.S.C. 1536(a) (2). This is not in lieu of responsibilities you have to comply with provisions of the Act that apply directly to you as a U.S. entity, independent of receiving this award.

Other national policy requirements. (OCTOBER 2015)

Cross-cutting requirements.

1. Debarment and suspension. You must comply with requirements regarding debarment and suspension in Subpart C of 2 CFR part 180, as adopted by DoD at 2 CFR part 1125. This includes requirements concerning your principals under this award, as well as requirements concerning your procurement transactions and subawards that are implemented in PROC Articles I through III and SUB Article II.

2. Drug-free workplace. You must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B of 32 CFR part 26, which is the DoD implementation of 41 U.S.C. Chapter 81, “Drug-Free Workplace.”

3. Lobbying.

   a. You must comply with the restrictions on lobbying in 31 U.S.C. 1352, as implemented by DoD at 32 CFR part 28, and submit all disclosures required by that statute and regulation.

   b. You must comply with the prohibition in 18 U.S.C. 1913 on the use of Federal funds, absent express Congressional authorization, to pay directly or indirectly for any service, advertisement or other written matter, telephone communication, or other device intended to influence at any time a Member of Congress or official of any government concerning any legislation, law, policy, appropriation, or ratification.

   c. If you are a nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(4) of title 26, United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code of 1968), you may not engage in lobbying activities as defined in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C., chapter 26). If we determine that you have engaged in lobbying activities, we will cease all payments to you under this and other awards and terminate the awards unilaterally for material failure to comply with the award terms and conditions.

4. Officials not to benefit. You must comply with the requirement that no member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or to any benefit arising from it, in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 6306.
5. **Hatch Act.** If applicable, you must comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508) concerning political activities of certain State and local government employees, as implemented by the Office of Personnel Management at 5 CFR part 151, which limits political activity of employees or officers of State or local governments whose employment is connected to an activity financed in whole or part with Federal funds.

6. **Native American graves protection and repatriation.** If you control or possess Native American remains and associated funerary objects, you must comply with the requirements of 43 CFR part 10, the Department of the Interior implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C., chapter 32).

7. **Fly America Act.** You must comply with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 40118), commonly referred to as the “Fly America Act,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR 301-10.131 through 301-10.143. The law and regulations require air transport of people or property to, from, between or within a country other than the United States, the cost of which is supported under this award, to be performed by or under a cost-sharing arrangement with a U.S. flag carrier, if service is available.

8. **Use of United States-flag vessels.** You must comply with the following award term specified by the Department of Transportation at 46 CFR 381.7, in regulations implementing the Cargo Preference Act of 1954:

   a. Pursuant to Pub. L. 83-664 (46 USC 55305), at least 50 percent of any equipment, materials or commodities procured, contracted for or otherwise obtained with funds under this award, and which may be transported by ocean vessel, must be transported on privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels, if available.

   b. Within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, “on-board” commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph 98.a of this section shall must be furnished to both our award administrator (through you in the case of your contractor’s bill-of-lading) and to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590.

9. **Research misconduct.** You must comply with requirements concerning research misconduct in Enclosure 4 to DoD Instruction 3210.7, “Research Integrity and Misconduct.” The Instruction implements the Government wide research misconduct policy that the Office of Science and Technology Policy published in the Federal Register (65 FR 76260, December 6, 2000), available through the U.S. Government Printing Office web site:


10. **Requirements for an Institution of Higher Education Concerning Military Recruiters and Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).**
a. As a condition for receiving funds available to the DoD under this award, you agree that you are not an institution of higher education (as defined in 32 CFR part 216) that has a policy or practice that either prohibits, or in effect prevents:

(1) The Secretary of a Military Department from maintaining, establishing, or operating a unit of the Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)—in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 654 and other applicable Federal laws—at that institution (or any subelement of that institution);

(2) Any student at that institution (or any subelement of that institution) from enrolling in a unit of the Senior ROTC at another institution of higher education.

(3) The Secretary of a Military Department or Secretary of Homeland Security from gaining access to campuses, or access to students (who are 17 years of age or older) on campuses, for purposes of military recruiting in a manner that is at least equal in quality and scope to the access to campuses and to students that is provided to any other employer; or

(4) Access by military recruiters for purposes of military recruiting to the names of students (who are 17 years of age or older and enrolled at that institution or any subelement of that institution); their addresses, telephone listings, dates and places of birth, levels of education, academic majors, and degrees received; and the most recent educational institutions in which they were enrolled.

(5) If you are determined, using the procedures in 32 CFR part 216, to be such an institution of higher education during the period of performance of this award, we:

(a) Will cease all payments to you of DoD funds under this award and all other DoD grants and cooperative agreements; and

(b) May suspend or terminate those awards unilaterally for material failure to comply with the award terms and conditions.

11. **Historic preservation. You must identify to us any:**

a. Any property listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this award, and provide any help we may need, with respect to this award, to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f), as implemented by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations at 36 CFR part 800 and Executive Order 11593, “Identification and Protection of Historic Properties,” [3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp., p. 559].

b. Potential under this award for irreparable loss or destruction of significant scientific, prehistorical, historical, or archeological data, and provide any help we may need, with respect to this award, to comply with the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1, et seq.).
12. **Relocation and real property acquisition.** You must comply with applicable provisions of 49 CFR part 24, which implements the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601, et seq.) and provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced by federally assisted programs or persons whose property is acquired as a result of such programs.

13. **Confidentiality of patient records.** You must keep confidential any records that you maintain of the identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any patient in connection with any program or activity relating to substance abuse education, prevention, training, treatment, or rehabilitation that is assisted directly or indirectly under this award, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2.

14. **Pro-Children Act.**

   You must comply with applicable restrictions in the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Title 20, Chapter 68, Subchapter X, Part B of the U.S. Code) on smoking in any indoor facility:

   a. Constructed, operated, or maintained under this award and used for routine or regular provision of kindergarten, elementary or secondary education or library services to children under the age of 18.

   b. Owned, leased, or contracted for and used under this award for the routine provision of federally funded health care, day care, or early childhood development (Head Start) services to children under the age of 18.

15. **Constitution Day.** You must comply with Public Law 108-447, Div. J, Title I, Sec. 111 (36 U.S.C. 106 note), which requires each educational institution receiving Federal funds in a Federal fiscal year to hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17th during that year for the students served by the educational institution.

16. **Trafficking in persons.** You must comply with requirements concerning trafficking in persons specified in the award term at 2 CFR 175.15(b), as applicable.

17. **Whistleblower protections.** You must comply with 10 U.S.C. 2409, including the:

   a. Prohibition on reprisals against employees disclosing certain types of information to specified persons or bodies; and

   b. Requirement to notify your employees in writing, in the predominant native language of the workforce, of their rights and protections under that statute.