



POLICY FLASH 2010-79

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TO: Procurement Directors

FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Update to M&O Contractor Model Subcontract entitled. "Standard Research Subcontract (Educational Institution or Nonprofit Organization)"

SUMMARY: The purpose of this Policy Flash is to disseminate an update to the Management and Operating (M&O) Contractor Standard Research Subcontract (Educational Institution or Nonprofit Organization) Model. The original Model was championed by the Integrated Contractor Purchasing Team and included representatives from other federally funded research facilities and DOE/NNSA. The attached update represents a similar stakeholders' collaboration. DOE/NNSA encourages M&O contractors to use this model subcontract for unclassified research and development work not related to nuclear, chemical, biological, or radiological weapons of mass destruction or the production of special nuclear material. If the proposed subcontract is for other than standard research and development work (e.g., work performed on a DOE/NNSA site, a programmatic requirement for open source software distribution, etc.), the articles and clauses in the model should be tailored to address those specific requirements.

While we understand that some M&O contractors have developed automated systems that may not be able to handle the identical sequence of the standard subcontract without major reprogramming (e.g., signature page is at the end rather than the beginning), it is NOT necessary to reprogram existing systems as long as the model text of the articles and clauses is used. Contractors may also make minor changes and/or additions to the text (e.g., change "mailed" to "e-mailed" or "faxed," require payment by electronic funds transfer, or require reports to be submitted electronically, etc.).

We believe that usage of this standardized research subcontract will benefit the DOE complex as well as the university research community and request your support and encouragement of its use.

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