

Subpart 242.7 - INDIRECT COST RATES

242.705 Final indirect cost rates.

See DoD Class Deviation 2012-00013, DCAA Policy and Procedure for Sampling Low-Risk Incurred Cost Proposals, issued on July 24, 2012. Effective immediately, for the purposes of satisfying the audit requirements at FAR 4.804-5(a)(12), 42.705-1(b)(2), and 42.705-2(b)(2)(i), Department of Defense contracting officers shall continue to rely on either a DCAA audit report or a DCAA memorandum documenting that, based on a risk assessment and a proposal adequacy evaluation pursuant to FAR 42.705-1(b)(1)(iii), DCAA deemed the incurred cost proposal to be low-risk and did not select it for further audit in accordance with the attached DCAA Policy dated July 6, 2012. This deviation is effective until incorporated in the DFARS or rescinded.

242.705-1 Contracting officer determination procedure.

(a) *Applicability and responsibility.*

(1) The corporate administrative contracting officer and individual administrative contracting officers shall jointly decide how to conduct negotiations. Follow the procedures at [242.705-1](#) (a)(1) when negotiations are conducted on a coordinated basis.

242.705-2 Auditor determination procedure.

(b) *Procedures.*

(2)(iii) When agreement cannot be reached with the contractor, the auditor will issue a DCAA Form 1, Notice of Contract Costs Suspended and/or Disapproved, in addition to the advisory report to the administrative contracting officer.

242.770 Reserved.

242.771 Independent research and development and bid and proposal costs.

242.771-1 Scope.

This section implements 10 U.S.C. 2372, Independent research and development and bid and proposal costs: payments to contractors.

242.771-2 Policy.

Defense contractors are encouraged to engage in independent research and development and bid and proposal (IR&D/B&P) activities of potential interest to DoD, including activities cited in [231.205-18](#) (c)(iii)(B).

242.771-3 Responsibilities.

(a) The cognizant administrative contracting officer (ACO) or corporate ACO shall—

- (1) Determine cost allowability of IR&D/B&P costs as set forth in [231.205-18](#) and FAR 31.205-18;
- (2) Determine whether IR&D/B&P projects performed by major contractors (see [231.205-18](#) (a)) are of potential interest to DoD; and
- (3) Notify the contractor promptly of any IR&D/B&P activities that are not of potential interest to DoD.

(b) The Defense Contract Management Agency or the military department responsible for performing contract administration functions is responsible for providing the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) with IR&D/B&P statistical information, as necessary, to assist DCAA in the annual report required by paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(c) DCAA is responsible for submitting an annual report to the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) (OUSD(AT&L)), setting forth required statistical information relating to the DoD-wide IR&D/B&P program.

(d) The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OASD R&E), is responsible for establishing a regular method for communication—

- (1) From DoD to contractors, of timely and comprehensive information regarding planned or expected DoD future needs; and
- (2) From contractors to DoD, of brief technical descriptions of contractor IR&D projects.