COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RATE AGREEMENT

EIN: 156600040AL
ORGANIZATION:
Western Carolina University
317 HF Robinson Office of the Controller
Cullowhee, NC 28723-

DATE: 04/12/2012
FILING REF.: The preceding agreement was dated 01/21/2011

The rates approved in this agreement are for use on grants, contracts and other agreements with the Federal Government, subject to the conditions in Section III.

SECTION I: INDIRECT COST RATES

<table>
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<tr>
<th>RATE TYPES:</th>
<th>FIXED</th>
<th>FINAL</th>
<th>PROV. (PROVISIONAL)</th>
<th>PRED. (PREDETERMINED)</th>
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EFFECTIVE PERIOD

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<th>TYPE</th>
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<td>PRED.</td>
<td>07/01/2012</td>
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<td>31.60</td>
<td>On-Campus</td>
<td>All Programs</td>
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<td>PROV.</td>
<td>07/01/2016</td>
<td>Until Amended</td>
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<td>Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.</td>
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BASE

Total direct costs excluding capital expenditures (building, individual items of equipment, alterations and renovations), and that portion of each subaward in excess of $25,000.
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SECTION II: SPECIAL REMARKS

TREATMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS:
The fringe benefits are specifically identified to each employee and are charged individually as direct costs. The directly claimed fringe benefits are listed below.

TREATMENT OF PAID ABSENCES
Vacation, holiday, sick leave pay and other paid absences are included in salaries and wages and are claimed on grants, contracts and other agreements as part of the normal cost for salaries and wages. Separate claims are not made for the cost of these paid absences.

OFF-SITE DEFINITION: For all activities performed in facilities not owned by the organization and to which rent is directly allocated to the project(s), the off-site rate will apply. Grants or contracts will not be subject to more than one indirect cost rate. If more than 50% of a project is performed off-site, the off-site rate will apply to the entire project.

Fringe Benefits include: FICA, Disability Insurance, Health Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance, Retirement, Tax Deferred Investment Programs, Tuition Assistance, and Worker’s Compensation.

Equipment means an article of nonexpendable and tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of $5,000 or more per unit.
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SECTION III: GENERAL

A. LIMITATIONS:
The rates in this Agreement are subject to any statutory or administrative limitations and apply to a given grant, contract or other agreement only to the extent that funds are available. Acceptance of the rates is subject to the following conditions: (1) only costs incurred by the organization were included in its facilities and administrative cost pools as finally audited; such costs are legal obligations of the organization and are allowable under the governing cost principles; (2) the rates are consistent with the accounting treatment used by the organization; and (3) the information provided by the organization was used to establish the rates is not later found to be materially incomplete or inaccurate by the Federal Government. In such situations the rate(s) would be subject to renegotiation at the discretion of the Federal Government.

B. ACCOUNTING CHANGES:
This Agreement is based on the accounting system purported by the organization to be in effect during the Agreement period. Changes to the method of accounting for costs which affect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of this Agreement require prior approval of the authorized representative of the cognizant agency. Such changes include, but are not limited to, changes in the charging of a particular type of cost from facilities and administrative to direct. Failure to obtain approval may result in cost disallowances.

C. FIXED RATES:
If a fixed rate is in this Agreement, it is based on an estimate of the costs for the period covered by the rate. When the actual costs for this period are determined, an adjustment will be made to a rate of a future year(s) to compensate for the difference between the costs used to establish the fixed rate and actual costs.

D. USE BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES:
The rates in this Agreement were approved in accordance with the authority in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21 Circular, and should be applied to grants, contracts and other agreements covered by this Circular, subject to any limitations in A above. The organization may provide copies of the Agreement to other Federal Agencies to give them early notification of the Agreement.

E. OTHER:
If any Federal contract, grant or other agreement is reimbursing facilities and administrative costs by a means other than the approved rate(s) in this Agreement, the organization should (1) credit such costs to the affected programs and (2) apply the approved rate(s) to the appropriate base to identify the proper amount of facilities and administrative costs allocable to those programs.

BY THE INSTITUTION,

Western Carolina University

(SIGNATURE)
Robert Sommers
(NAME)
VICE CHANCELLOR - ADMINISTRATION/SAFETY
(TITLE)

04/12/2012
(DATE)

ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(AGENCY)

(DAVID L. MCLAUGHLIN)
(SIGNATURE)

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DIRECTOR, MID- ATLANTIC FIELD OFFICE
(TITLE)

4/12/2012
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