

**Research Administration  
Index of Commonly Used Acronyms**

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| A-21             | OMB Circular A-21 - Cost Principles for Educational Institutions                                                                                                     |
| A-110            | OMB Circular A-110 - Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals or Other Nonprofit Organizations |
| A-122            | OMB Circular A-122 - Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations                                                                                                    |
| A-133            | OMB Circular A-133 - Audits of States, Local Governments & Non-Profit Organizations                                                                                  |
| Uniform Guidance | Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements                                                                                         |
| AAALAC           | American Association of Animal Laboratory Accreditation Council                                                                                                      |
| AAAS             | American Association for the Advancement of Science                                                                                                                  |
| ARRA             | American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009                                                                                                                       |
| AAMC             | Association of American Medical Colleges                                                                                                                             |
| AAU              | Association of American Universities                                                                                                                                 |
| ABRF             | Association of Bimolecular Resource Facilities                                                                                                                       |
| ACM              | Association of American Medical Colleges                                                                                                                             |
| ACO              | Administrative Contracting Officer                                                                                                                                   |
| ADA              | Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990                                                                                                                              |
| AFAA             | Air Force Audit Agency                                                                                                                                               |
| AFARS            | Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement                                                                                                                       |
| AFOSR            | Air Force Office of Scientific Research                                                                                                                              |
| AFRL             | Air Force Research Laboratory                                                                                                                                        |
| AHRQ             | Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality                                                                                                                             |
| AIA              | America Invents Act                                                                                                                                                  |
| ANPRM            | Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking                                                                                                                                |
| APLU             | Associate of Public & Land-grant Universities                                                                                                                        |
| ARL              | Army Research Lab                                                                                                                                                    |
| ARO              | Army Research Office                                                                                                                                                 |
| ARDA             | Advanced Research & Development Activity                                                                                                                             |
| ARPA             | Advanced Research Projects Agency                                                                                                                                    |
| ASAP             | Automated Standard Application for Payments                                                                                                                          |
| ATP              | Advance Technology Program                                                                                                                                           |
| B2B              | Business to Business                                                                                                                                                 |
| BAA              | Broad Agency Announcement                                                                                                                                            |
| BPN              | Business Partner Network                                                                                                                                             |
| CAS              | Cost Accounting Standards                                                                                                                                            |
| CASB             | Cost Accounting Standards Board                                                                                                                                      |
| CBD              | Commerce Business Daily                                                                                                                                              |
| CBO              | Congressional Budget Office                                                                                                                                          |
| CCH              | Commerce Clearing House                                                                                                                                              |
| CCR              | Central Contractor Registration                                                                                                                                      |
| CDA              | Confidential Disclosure Agreement                                                                                                                                    |
| CFDA             | Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance                                                                                                                               |
| CFO              | Chief Financial Officer                                                                                                                                              |
| CFR              | Code of Federal Regulations                                                                                                                                          |
| CFS              | Committee on Fundamental Science                                                                                                                                     |
| CICA             | Competition in Contracting Act                                                                                                                                       |
| CLIN             | Contract Line Item Number                                                                                                                                            |
| CMIA             | Cash Management Improvement Act                                                                                                                                      |
| CNO              | Chief of Naval Operations                                                                                                                                            |
| CO               | Contracting Officer                                                                                                                                                  |
| COG              | Councils of Governments                                                                                                                                              |
| COFAR            | Council on Financial Assistance Reform                                                                                                                               |
| COGR             | Council On Governmental Relations                                                                                                                                    |
| COMPETES         | Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology Education and Science (PL110-69)                                                             |
| COS              | Committee on Science of the National Science and Technology Council                                                                                                  |
| COSEPUP          | Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy                                                                                                                  |
| COTR             | Contract Officer Technical Representative                                                                                                                            |
| CPSR             | Contractor Procurement/Property System Review                                                                                                                        |
| CRA              | Cooperative Research Agreement                                                                                                                                       |

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| CRADA   | Cooperative Research and Development Agreement             |
| CRS     | Congressional Research Service                             |
| CSR     | Center for Scientific Review                               |
| CTSA    | Clinical & Translational Science Award                     |
| DA      | Department Administration Costs                            |
| DA      | Department of the Army                                     |
| DARPA   | Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency                  |
| DATA    | Digital Accountability and Transparency Act                |
| D&B     | Dun and Bradstreet                                         |
| DC      | Direct Costs                                               |
| DCE     | Direct Cost Equivalent                                     |
| DCAA    | Defense Contract Audit Agency                              |
| DCASR's | Defense Contract Administration Services Regions           |
| DEAR    | Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations               |
| DEC     | Determination of Exceptional Circumstances                 |
| DED     | Department of Education                                    |
| DFAR    | Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation                     |
| DFARS   | Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement          |
| DHEW    | Department of Health, Education, and Welfare               |
| DHHS    | Department of Health and Human Services                    |
| DHS     | Department of Homeland Security                            |
| DIA     | Defense Intelligence Agency                                |
| DIPEC   | Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Council                 |
| DIS     | Defense Investigative Service                              |
| DNA     | Defense Nuclear Agency                                     |
| DOC     | Department of Commerce                                     |
| DOD     | Department of Defense                                      |
| DODGARS | DOD Grant and Agreement Regulations                        |
| DOE     | Department of Energy                                       |
| DOL     | Department of Labor                                        |
| DOT     | Department of Transportation                               |
| DSMB    | Data Safety Monitoring Board                               |
| DURC    | Dual Use Research Concern                                  |
| EAR     | Export Administration Regulations                          |
| EARS    | Electronic Approval and Routing Systems                    |
| ebXML   | Electronic Business Extensible Markup Language             |
| EC      | Electronic Commerce                                        |
| EDA     | Economic Development Administration                        |
| EDGAR   | Education Department General Administration Regulations    |
| EDI     | Electronic Data Interchange                                |
| EEOC    | Equal Employment Opportunity Commission                    |
| EFT     | Electronic Funds Transfer                                  |
| EO      | Executive Order                                            |
| EPA     | Environmental Protection Agency                            |
| ERA     | Economic Regulatory Administration                         |
| ERA     | Electronic Research Administration                         |
| ETA     | Employment and Training Administration                     |
| EVS     | Equipment Visibility System                                |
| F&A     | Facilities and Administrative (Rate or Cost)               |
| FAA     | Federal Aviation Administration                            |
| FAC     | Federal Audit Clearing House                               |
| FAIN    | Federal Award Identification Number                        |
| FAR     | Federal Acquisition Regulation                             |
| FAPIIS  | Federal Awardee Performance & Integrity Information System |
| FARS    | Financial Accounting and Reporting System                  |
| FASA    | Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act                       |
| FASAB   | Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board                |
| FASEB   | Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  |
| FBO     | Federal Business Opportunities                             |
| FCC     | Federal Communications Commission                          |
| FCST    | Federal Council for Science and Technology                 |
| FDA     | Food and Drug Administration                               |
| FDP I   | Florida Demonstration Project                              |
| FDP II  | Federal Demonstration Project                              |
| FDP     | Federal Demonstration Partnership                          |
| FEA     | Federal Enterprise Architectures                           |
| FECAI   | Federal Electronic Commerce Acquisition Instructions       |

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| FEDIX  | An on-line federal data base serving most federal agencies for on-line searches             |
| FEMA   | Federal Emergency Management Agency                                                         |
| FFATA  | Federal Financial Accountability & Transparency Act                                         |
| FFMIA  | Federal Financial Management Improvement Act                                                |
| FHWA   | Federal Highway Administration                                                              |
| FICC   | Federal Interagency Coordinating Council                                                    |
| FIMA   | Financial Management System                                                                 |
| FIPSE  | Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education                                             |
| FISAP  | Fiscal Operations Report & Application to Participate                                       |
| FMC    | Federal Management Circular                                                                 |
| FN     | Foreign National                                                                            |
| FOB    | Free-on-board                                                                               |
| FOIA   | Freedom of Information Act                                                                  |
| FR     | Federal Register                                                                            |
| FS&T   | Federal Science and Technology Budget                                                       |
| FTC    | Federal Trade Commission                                                                    |
| FTE    | Full Time Equivalent                                                                        |
| FTS    | Federal Telecommunications System                                                           |
| FWA    | Federal Wide Assurance                                                                      |
| FY     | Fiscal Year                                                                                 |
| GA     | General Administration (Costs)                                                              |
| GAAP   | Generally Accepted Accounting Principles                                                    |
| GAGAS  | Generally Accepted Government Accounting Standards                                          |
| GAO    | General Accounting Office                                                                   |
| GASB   | Governmental Accounting Standards Board                                                     |
| GATT   | General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade                                                      |
| GMO    | Grants Management Office                                                                    |
| GOCO   | Government Owned Contractor Operated                                                        |
| GMRA   | Government Management Reform Act                                                            |
| GPG    | Grant Proposal Guide (NSF)                                                                  |
| GPO    | Government Printing Office                                                                  |
| GPRA   | Government Performance and Results Act                                                      |
| GSA    | General Services Administration                                                             |
| GUIRR  | Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable                                          |
| HBCU   | Historically Black College and University                                                   |
| HCFA   | Health Care Financing Administration                                                        |
| HEGIS  | Higher Education General Information Survey                                                 |
| HHS    | Department of Health and Human Services                                                     |
| HIPAA  | Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act                                           |
| HRSA   | Health Resources and Services Administration                                                |
| HSARPA | Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency                                         |
| HUD    | Department of Housing and Urban Development                                                 |
| IACUC  | Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee                                                 |
| IAEGC  | Inter-Agency Electronic Grants Committee                                                    |
| IBC    | Institutional Bio-safety Committee                                                          |
| IBS    | Institutional Based Salary                                                                  |
| ICC    | Interstate Commerce Commission                                                              |
| IDC    | Indirect Costs                                                                              |
| IDIQ   | Indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (type of contract)                                  |
| IG     | Inspector General                                                                           |
| IHE    | Institution of Higher Education                                                             |
| IPA    | Intergovernmental Personnel Act                                                             |
| IPASS  | Interagency Panel on Advanced Science & Security                                            |
| IPR    | Intellectual Property Rights                                                                |
| IR&D   | Independent Research and Development                                                        |
| IRAB   | FDP Initiative to Reduce Administrative Burden                                              |
| IRB    | Institutional Review Board                                                                  |
| IRIS   | An on-line search system for research opportunities developed by the University of Illinois |
| ITAR   | International Traffic in Arms Regulations                                                   |
| ITMRA  | Information Technology Management Reform Act                                                |
| JAG    | Judge Advocate General                                                                      |
| JCS    | Joint Chiefs of Staff                                                                       |
| LoB    | Line of Business                                                                            |
| LSA    | Labor Surplus Area                                                                          |
| M&O    | Maintenance and Operations or Management and Operations Contractors                         |

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| MBDA     | Minority Business Development Agency                                  |
| MBE      | Minority Business Enterprise                                          |
| MECA     | Midwest Conference on College Cost Accounting                         |
| MOU      | Memorandum of Understanding                                           |
| MTA      | Material Transfer Agreement                                           |
| MTC      | Modified Total Cost                                                   |
| MTDC     | Modified Total Direct Costs                                           |
| NACCA    | National Conference on College Cost Accounting                        |
| NACIE    | National Advisory Council on Innovation & Entrepreneurship (2010)     |
| NAS      | National Academy of Sciences                                          |
| NASA     | National Aeronautics and Space Administration                         |
| NASULGC  | National Association of State Universities<br>and Land-Grant Colleges |
| NCATS    | NIH - National Center for Advancing Translational Science (2011)      |
| NCC      | National Coordinating Committee                                       |
| NCI      | National Cancer Institute                                             |
| NCRR     | National Center for Research Resources                                |
| NCST     | National Council of Science and Technology                            |
| NCURA    | National Council of University Research Administrators                |
| NECA     | Northeast Conference on College Cost Accounting                       |
| NEH      | National Endowment for the Humanities                                 |
| NGA      | Notice of Grant Award                                                 |
| NIAID    | National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases                   |
| NIE      | National Institute of Education                                       |
| NIEHS    | National Institute of Environmental Health Services                   |
| NIH      | National Institutes of Health                                         |
| NIJ      | National Institute of Justice                                         |
| NIST     | National Institute of Standards and Technology                        |
| NLRB     | National Labor Relations Board                                        |
| NOAA     | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration                       |
| NPR      | National Performance Review                                           |
| NPRM     | Notice of Proposed Rulemaking                                         |
| NPS      | National Park Service                                                 |
| NRC      | National Research Council                                             |
| NRC      | Nuclear Regulatory Commission                                         |
| NRL      | Naval Research Laboratory                                             |
| NSA      | National Security Agency                                              |
| NSB      | National Science Board                                                |
| NSC      | National Security Council                                             |
| NSDD     | National Security Decision Directive 189 (issued 1985)                |
| NSF      | National Science Foundation                                           |
| NSF/STIS | An on-line search system of the National Science Foundation           |
| NSP      | Not Separately Priced                                                 |
| NSTC     | National Science Technology Council                                   |
| NTIS     | National Technical Information Service                                |
| NTSB     | National Transportation Safety Board                                  |
| OCR      | Office of Civil Rights                                                |
| OES      | Office of Employment Security                                         |
| OET      | Office of Employment Training                                         |
| OFAC     | Office of Foreign Assets Control                                      |
| OFCC     | Office of Federal Contract Compliance                                 |
| OFFM     | Office of Federal Financial Management                                |
| OFM      | Office of Financial Management                                        |
| OFR      | Office of the Federal Register                                        |
| OHRP     | Office of Human Research Protection                                   |
| OIG      | Office of Inspector General                                           |
| OIRA     | Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OMB)                      |
| OLAW     | Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare                                   |
| O&M      | Operations and Maintenance Costs                                      |
| OMB      | Office of Management and Budget                                       |
| ONR      | Office of Naval Research                                              |
| OPM      | Office of Personnel Management                                        |
| OPERA    | Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration               |
| OPRR     | Office for Protection from Research Risks                             |
| ORA      | Office of Research Administration                                     |
| ORI      | Office of Research Integrity                                          |
| OSEP     | Office of Special Education Programs                                  |

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| OSHA    | Occupational Safety and Health Administration                                                             |
| OSP     | Office of Sponsored Projects                                                                              |
| OSTP    | Office of Science and Technology Policy                                                                   |
| OT      | Office of Transportation                                                                                  |
| OTT     | Office of Technology Transfer (NIH)                                                                       |
| PCAST   | President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology                                               |
| PCC     | Policy Coordination Council                                                                               |
| PCO     | Procuring Contracting Officer                                                                             |
| PDF     | Portable Document Format                                                                                  |
| PETA    | People for the Ethnical Treatment of Animals                                                              |
| PHI     | Protected Health Information                                                                              |
| PHS     | Public Health Service                                                                                     |
| PIGABS  | Principal Investigator Grant Adminsitration Burden Survey (done by FDP)                                   |
| PII     | Personally Identifiable Information                                                                       |
| PKI     | Public Key Infrastucutre                                                                                  |
| PMS     | Payment Management System                                                                                 |
| PRD     | Presidential Review Directive                                                                             |
| PRHP    | Post retirement Health Plans                                                                              |
| PROG    | Peer Review Oversight Group                                                                               |
| PTE     | Pass-through Entity                                                                                       |
| PTO     | Patent and Trademark Office                                                                               |
| R&R     | Reseach and Related                                                                                       |
| RAC     | Recombinant DNA Committee                                                                                 |
| RBM     | Research Business Models                                                                                  |
| RCR     | Responsible Conduct in Research                                                                           |
| RDMS    | Relational Database Management System                                                                     |
| RDNA    | Recombinant DNA Research                                                                                  |
| RFA     | Request for Applications                                                                                  |
| RFP     | Request for Proposal                                                                                      |
| RFQ     | Request for Quotation                                                                                     |
| ROI     | Return on Investment                                                                                      |
| S&W     | Salaries and Wages                                                                                        |
| S&W + B | Salaries and Wages plus Benefits                                                                          |
| S2S     | System to System                                                                                          |
| SAM     | System for Award Management                                                                               |
| SAMHSA  | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration                                                          |
| SBA     | Small Business Administration                                                                             |
| SBU     | Sensitive But Unclassified                                                                                |
| SBIR    | Small Business Innovation Research                                                                        |
| SECA    | Southeast Conference on College Cost Accounting                                                           |
| SEOG    | Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants                                                                 |
| SEVIS   | Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (INS for tracking foreign students)                       |
| SFA     | Student Financial Aid                                                                                     |
| SF      | Standard Form                                                                                             |
| SNAP    | Streamline Non-competing Application Process                                                              |
| SOW     | Statement of Work                                                                                         |
| SPA     | Sponsored Project Administration                                                                          |
| SPOC    | Single Point of Contact                                                                                   |
| SPIN    | An on-line search system for research opportunities developed by the University of New York (SUNY) System |
| SRA     | Society of Research Administrators                                                                        |
| SRO     | Sponsored Research Office                                                                                 |
| STEM    | Science Technology Engineering & Mathmatics                                                               |
| STEP    | Science, Technology and Economic Policy Board                                                             |
| STP     | Science and Technology Policy                                                                             |
| T&A     | Time and attendance                                                                                       |
| TBSR    | Total Business Systems Review                                                                             |
| TDC     | Total Direct Costs                                                                                        |
| U.S.C.  | United States Code                                                                                        |
| UBIT    | Unrelated Business Income Tax                                                                             |
| UCA     | Utility Cost Adjustment                                                                                   |
| USA     | United States Army                                                                                        |
| USAF    | United States Air Force                                                                                   |
| USAID   | United States Agency for International Development                                                        |
| USCG    | United States Coast Guard                                                                                 |
| USDA    | United States Department of Agriculture                                                                   |
| USDE    | United States Department of Energy                                                                        |