

## Department of the Army, DoD

## § 555.6

(1) The work is performed on a cost reimbursable basis; or on a cooperative basis with the Department of Energy (DOE), utilizing the resources of both DOE and the Corps; or as a part of direct funded programs for the Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM) or the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA), as provided for in §§ 555.6(a)(1), 555.6(a)(2), 555.7, and 555.9 of this part.

(2) Performance of the work will not interfere with performance of services essential to the mission of the Corps.

(3) Performance of the work will not require an increase in the permanent staff of the facility.

(4) Performance of the work will not require expansion of normal facilities.

(5) The work is within the scope of authorized activities of the laboratory at which the work is to be performed.

(6) Performance of the work will not be adverse to the public interest.

(7) Work will not be performed for foreign government or private firms unless it is firmly established that other laboratory facilities capable of performing the services are not available, or because of location or for other reasons it is clearly impractical to utilize other laboratory services.

(8) Prior to performing any research and development or tests for private firms, CE laboratories will obtain a written certification from such firms stating that the results of the work to be performed will not be used in litigation or for promotional purposes.

### § 555.5 Terms of providing reimbursement for work performed.

(a) *Federal Agencies.* Reimbursement for work for the Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, and other Federal Agencies will be in accordance with the procedures prescribed in AR 37-27.

(b) *Private firms and Foreign Governments.* Funds to cover the total estimated cost of the work or an initial increment of the estimated cost based on an approved schedule of payment will be deposited with the installation performing the work before any obligations or expenses in connection with the work are incurred; and when funds are being deposited on an approved schedule, no obligations or expenses

will be incurred in connection with the work in excess of funds on deposit. Charges shall include a surcharge of 15% of all applicable costs, except under the following conditions:

(1) When the final product will directly contribute to planning, design, research, or construction activities in which Federal funds are involved by grant or otherwise.

(2) Where an exception is granted based on a direct benefit to the Government. Adequate justification, outlining the direct benefits which are expected to accrue to the Government, will be forwarded to HQDA (DAEN-RD) WASH DC 20314, for review and approval prior to deletion of the surcharge.

(c) *State and Local Governments.* Work for State and local governments will be performed only to the extent that cash has been received and deposited with the U.S. Treasury in advance of actual expenditures. When the work for State and local governments is to be performed as part of an authorized Civil Works Project, reimbursement may be made in annual installments during the period of performance in accordance with Section 40 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974.

### § 555.6 Authority.

The following delegations of authority to perform research and development and tests apply.

(a) *Major Corps of Engineers Research and Development Laboratories.* The major Corps of Engineers research and development organizations are identified as WES, CERL, ETL, CERC, and CRREL. While not major CE R&D Laboratories, FESA, IWR, and HEC are responsible for performance of specific R&D functions.

(1) Subject to the provisions of § 555.8 of this regulation, the Commanders and Directors of WES, ETL and CRREL are authorized to perform direct funded work for DARCOM and DMA in accordance with the applicable memorandums of understanding.

(2) Subject to the provisions of §§ 555.7 and 555.9, the Commanders and Directors of CERL, CRREL, WES and FESA, for specific research and development functions, are authorized to perform work for DOE in accordance with the

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applicable memorandum of understanding.

(3) Except as provided for in paragraphs (a) (5) and (6) of this section, the Commanders and Directors of WES, CERL, CERC, CRREL, ETL and FESA are authorized to perform reimbursable work without OCE prior approval for Army agencies, Federal, State and local governmental agencies where the total estimated cost of each request for research and development or test is \$50,000 or less. The Research and Development Office will be advised of each request for research and development or test having an estimated cost exceeding \$20,000 (excluding cement sampling and testing work covered in § 555.6(a)(5) herein). Reimbursable research and development and test work for which the cost is estimated to be in excess of \$50,000 will not be initiated until authorization is received. Written requests for authorization to conduct work beyond the \$50,000 limit and notification of all scheduled work costing between \$20,000 and \$50,000 shall be submitted to DAEN-RD. These requests should accompany the technical proposal copy required by § 555.7(a) herein. It should include an explanation of the proposed work including how the work complements or impacts on-going research.

(4) Except as provided for in § 555.6(a)(5), the Commanders and Directors of WES, CERL, CERC, CRREL, ETL and FESA are delegated authority to perform reimbursable research and development for U.S. private firms and foreign governments when the total estimated cost of each request for research and development or test is \$20,000 or less. Approval is required when estimated costs exceed this authority. Written requests for approval shall be addressed to DAEN-RD.

(5) Corps R&D Laboratories are authorized to participate in the Department of Defense Technology Transfer Consortium. Participation in and effort undertaken to adapt existing technology or on-going research for transfer to the civil sector as a result of participation in this consortium shall be subject to the provisions of appendix A.

(6) The Director of WES is authorized to perform sampling and testing of cement and pozzolan for Federal, State,

and local governmental agencies without limitation on cost. Approval is required prior to performance of sampling and testing of cement and pozzolan for private firms and foreign governments when the total estimated cost of sampling and testing services exceeds \$2,500. Requests for approval shall be addressed to DAEN-RD.

(7) The Director of CERL is authorized to perform compliance testing of paint for Federal, State and local governmental agencies without limitation on cost.

### § 555.7 Submission of technical proposals.

(a) Corps of Engineers research and development laboratories are authorized to submit technical proposals directly to other Federal agencies covering proposed work in their assigned fields except that proposals submitted to DMA must be submitted through DAEN-RD for approval. Proposals for cooperative effort projects under the DOD-DOE Memorandum of Understanding utilizing DOD and DOE resources, will be forwarded to DAEN-RD for securing prior approval from the DA and DOD Program Coordinators. Copies of proposals which exceed the delegation of authority contained in this ER will be submitted to the Chief of Engineers marked for the attention of DAEN-RD.

(b) The above authority for direct submission of technical proposals does not include authority to perform work when proposals are accepted if the estimated cost exceeds the limits stated before. Authority to proceed will be as outlined in § 555.6.

### § 555.8 Program documentation.

Program documentation will be submitted in accordance with instructions provided by the sponsoring agency with two copies to HODA (DAEN-RD) WASH DC 20314.

### § 555.9 Reporting requirements for work in support of DOE.

The following reports are to be submitted to HODA with a copy to Commander and Director, CERL. CERL has been assigned the responsibility of Principal Laboratory for Energy R&D.