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(d) Progress payments based on costs. The customary progress payment rate for all NASA contracts with small disadvantaged businesses is 95 percent. This customary progress payment rate for small disadvantaged businesses may be used by prime contractors;

(e) Advance payments. While a mentor can make advance payments to its protégés who are performing as subcontractors, the mentor will only be reimbursed by NASA for these costs if advance payments have been authorized in accordance with 1832.409-170;

(f) Loans;

(g) Rent-free use of facilities and/or equipment; and

(h) Temporary assignment of personnel to the protégé for purpose of training.

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1819.7215 Obligation.

(a) The mentor or protégé may voluntarily withdraw from the Program as mutually agreed by both mentor and protégé.

(b) Mentor and protégé firms will submit a "lessons learned" evaluation to the NASA OSDBU at the conclusion of each NASA contract subject to the approved Mentor-Protégé agreement.

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1819.7216 Internal controls.

(a) The NASA OSDBU will manage the Program. Internal controls will be established by the OSDBU to achieve the stated program objectives (by serving as checks and balances against undesired actions or consequences) such as:

(1) Reviewing and evaluating mentor applications for realism, validity and accuracy of provided information;

(2) Reviewing any semi-annual progress reports submitted by mentors and protégés on protégé development to measure protégé progress against the master plan contained in the approved agreement.

(3) Site visits to NASA installation where mentor-protégé activity is occurring.

(b) NASA may terminate mentor-protégé agreements for good cause and

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exclude mentor or protégé firms from participating in the NASA program. These actions shall be approved by the NASA OSDBU. NASA shall terminate an agreement by delivering to the contractor a Notice specifying the reason for termination and the effective date. Termination of an agreement does not constitute a termination of the subcontract between the mentor and the protégé. A plan for accomplishing the subcontract effort should the agreement be terminated shall be submitted with the agreement as required in NFS 1819.7213(h).

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1819.7217 Reports.

(a) Semi-annual reports shall be submitted by the mentor to the NASA Mentor-Protégé program manager, the NASA OSDBU, to include information as outlined in 1852.219-79(b).

(b) Protégés are encouraged to submit semi-annual reports to the OSDBU on Program progress pertaining to their mentor-protégé agreement. However, costs associated with the preparation of these reports are unallowable costs under Government contracts and will not be reimbursed by the Government.

(c) The NASA technical program manager shall include an assessment of the prime contractor's (mentor's) performance in the Mentor-Protégé Program in a quarterly 'Strengths and Weaknesses' evaluation report. A copy of this assessment will be provided to the OSDBU and the contracting officer.

(d) The NASA Mentor-Protégé program manager will submit semi-annual reports to the cognizant contracting officer regarding the participating prime contractor's performance in the Program for use in the award fee determination process.

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1819.7218 Program review.

At the conclusion of each year in the Mentor-Protégé Program, the prime contractor and protégé, as appropriate, will formally brief the NASA OSDBU, the technical program manager, and