

1827.305-371 New technology reporting plan.

In contracts with an estimated cost in excess of \$2,500,000 (or less when appropriate) that contain the clause at 1852.227-70, New Technology, the contracting officer may require the contractor to submit for post-award Government approval a detailed plan for new technology reporting that demonstrates an adequate understanding of and commitment to the reporting requirements of the clause.

1827.305-4 Conveyance of invention rights acquired by the Government. (NASA supplements paragraph (a))

(a) When the Government acquires the entire right to, title to, and interest in an invention under the clause at 1852.227-70, New Technology, a determination of title is to be made in accordance with Section 305(a) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2457(a)), and reflected in appropriate instruments executed by NASA and forwarded to the contractor.

Subpart 1827.4—Rights in Data and Copyrights**1827.404 Basic rights in data clause. (NASA supplements paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i))**

(d) *Protection of limited rights data specified for delivery.* The contracting officer shall consult with the installation patent or intellectual property counsel regarding any questions concerning the delivery of limited rights data and/or the use of Alternate II that may arise from an offeror's response to the provision at FAR 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software, or during negotiations.

(e) *Protection of restricted computer software specified for delivery.* The contracting officer shall consult with the installation patent or intellectual property counsel regarding any questions concerning the delivery of restricted computer software and/or the use of Alternate III that may arise from an offeror's response to the provision at FAR 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted

Computer Software, or during negotiations.

(f) *Copyrighted data.*—(1)(ii) The contracting officer shall consult with the installation patent or intellectual property counsel before granting permission for a contractor to claim copyright subsisting in data, other than computer software, first produced under the contract.

(iv) The contracting officer, with the concurrence of the installation intellectual property counsel, is the approval authority for obtaining a copyright license of a different scope than set forth in subparagraph (c)(1) of the clause at FAR 52.227-14, Rights in Data—General, for any contract or class of contracts.

(2)(i) The procurement officer is the approval authority for obtaining a copyright license of a different scope than that set forth in subparagraph(c)(2) of the clause at FAR 52.227-14 for any contract or class of contracts.

(g) *Release, publication, and use of data.*

(3)(A) NASA's intent is to ensure the most expeditious dissemination of computer software developed by it or its contractor. Accordingly, when the clause at FAR 52.227-14, Rights in Data-General, is modified by 1852.227-14 (see 1827.409(a)), the contractor may not assert claim to copyright, publish, or release to others computer software first produced in the performance of a contract without the contracting officer's prior written permission.

(B) The contracting officer may, in consultation with the installation patent or intellectual property counsel, grant the contractor permission to copyright, publish, or release to others computer software first produced in the performance of a contract if:

(a) The contractor has identified an existing commercial computer software product line or proposes a new one and states a positive intention of incorporating any computer software first produced under the contract into that line, either directly itself or through a licensee;

(b) The contractor has made, or will be required to make, significant contributions to the development of the computer software by co-funding or by

cost-sharing, or by contributing resources (including but not limited to agreement to provide continuing maintenance and update of the software at no cost for Governmental use); or

(c) The concurrence of the Headquarters Office of Aeronautics Commercial Technology Division (Code RW) is obtained.

(C)(a) The contractor's request for permission in accordance with 1827.404(g)(3)(A) may be made either before contract award or during contract performance.

(b) Any permission granted in accordance with 1827.404(g)(3)(B) (a) or (b) shall be by express contract provision (or amendment) overriding subparagraph (d)(3) or FAR 52.227–14, Rights in Data—General, (as modified by 1852.227–14), rather than by deleting it. The contract provision may contain appropriate assurances that the computer software will be incorporated into an existing or proposed new commercial computer software product line within a reasonable time and/or that the agreed contributions to the Government are fulfilled, with contingencies enabling the Government to obtain the right to distribute the software for commercial use, including the right to obtain assignment of copyright where applicable, in order to prevent the computer software from being suppressed or abandoned by the contractor.

(c) Any permission granted in accordance with 1827.404(g)(3)(B)(c) may be either by deleting subparagraph (d)(3) or by special contract provision, as appropriate.

(d) When any permission to copyright is granted, any copyright license retained by the Government shall be of the same scope as set forth in subparagraph (c)(1) of the clause at FAR 52.227–14 and without any obligation of confidentiality on the part of the Government, unless in accordance with 1827.404(g)(3)(B)(b) the contributions of the Contractor may be considered “substantial” for the purposes of FAR 27.408 (i.e., approximately 50 percent), in which case rights consistent with FAR 27.408 may be negotiated for the computer software in question.

(D) If the contractor has not been granted permission to copyright, para-

graph (d)(3)(ii) of the clause at FAR 52.227–14, Rights in Data—General (as modified by 1852.227–14) enables NASA to direct the contractor to assert claim to copyright in computer software first produced under the contract and to assign, or obtain the assignment of, such copyright to the Government or its designee. The contracting officer may, in consultation with the installation intellectual property counsel, so direct the contractor in situations where copyright protection is considered necessary in furtherance of Agency mission objectives, needed to support specific Agency programs, or necessary to meet statutory requirements.

(h) *Unauthorized marking of data.* The contracting officer shall consult with the installation patent or intellectual property counsel before taking any action regarding unauthorized markings of data under paragraph (e) of the clause at FAR 52.227–14, Rights in Data—General.

(i) *Omitted or incorrect notices.* The contracting officer shall consult with the installation patent or intellectual property counsel before agreeing to add or correct any markings on data under paragraph (f) of the clause at FAR 52.227–14, Rights in Data—General.

§ 1827.405 Other data rights provisions. (NASA supplements paragraphs (b) and (c))

(b)(2) *Acquisition of existing computer software.* See 1827.409(k) (i)–(ii) and 1827.409–70 for modifications and alternatives to the clause at 52.227–19.

(c) *Contracts awarded under the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Program.* If, during the performance of an SBIR contract (Phase I or Phase II), the need arises for NASA to obtain delivery of restricted computer software as defined in the clause at FAR 52.227–20, Rights in Data—SBIR Program, and the contractor agrees to such delivery, the restricted computer software may be required with restricted rights by modification of the contract or under an agreement incorporated in and made part of the contract, using the restricted rights set forth in FAR 27.404(e) and the related restrictions as a guide.