§ 3415.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:
(a) Ad hoc reviewers means experts or consultants qualified by training and experience in particular scientific or technical fields to render special expert advice, through written evaluations of grant applications, in accordance with the provisions of this part, on the scientific or technical merit of grant applications in those fields.
(b) Administrator means the Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and any other officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture to whom the authority involved may be delegated.
(c) Awarding official means the Director or Administrator and any other officer or employee of the Department to whom the authority to issue or modify grant instruments has been delegated.
(d) Biotechnology means any technique that uses living organisms (or parts of organisms) to make or modify products, to improve plants or animals, or to develop microorganisms for specific use. The development of materials that mimic molecular structures or functions of living systems is included.
(e) Budget period means the interval of time (usually 12 months) into which the project period is divided for budgetary and reporting purposes.
(f) Department means the Department of Agriculture.
(g) Director means the Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and any other officer or