(2) Actual cost reductions achieved on prior contracts;
(3) Reduction or elimination of excess or idle facilities;
(4) The contractor’s cost reduction initiatives (e.g., competition advocacy programs, technical insertion programs, spare parts pricing reform, value engineering, outsourcing of functions such as information technology). Metrics developed by the contractor such as fully loaded labor hours (i.e., cost per labor hour, including all direct and indirect costs) or other productivity measures may provide the basis for assessing the effectiveness of the contractor’s cost reduction initiatives over time;
(5) The contractor’s adoption of process improvements to reduce costs;
(6) Subcontractor cost reduction efforts;
(7) The contractor’s effective incorporation of commercial items and processes; or
(8) The contractor’s investment in new facilities when such investments contribute to better asset utilization or improved productivity.

(c) When selecting the percentage to use for this special factor, the contracting officer has maximum flexibility in determining the best way to evaluate the benefit the contractor’s cost reduction efforts will have on the pending contract. However, the contracting officer shall consider the impact that quantity differences, learning, changes in scope, and economic factors such as inflation and deflation will have on cost reduction.


215.404–72 Modified weighted guidelines method for nonprofit organizations other than FFRDCs.

(a) Definition. As used in this subpart, a nonprofit organization is a business entity—
(1) That operates exclusively for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes;
(2) Whose earnings do not benefit any private shareholder or individual;
(3) Whose activities do not involve influencing legislation or political campaigning for any candidate for public office; and
(4) That is exempted from Federal income taxation under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
(b) For nonprofit organizations that are entities that have been identified by the Secretary of Defense or a Secretary of a Department as receiving sustaining support on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis from a particular DoD department or agency, compute a fee objective for covered actions using the weighted guidelines method in 215.404–71, with the following modifications:
(1) Modifications to performance risk (Blocks 21–23 of the DD Form 1547). (i) If the contracting officer assigns a value from the standard designated range (see 215.404–71–2(c)), reduce the fee objective by an amount equal to 1 percent of the costs in Block 20 of the DD Form 1547. Show the net (reduced) amount on the DD Form 1547.
(2) Do not assign a value from the technology incentive designated range.
(2) Modifications to contract type risk (Block 24 of the DD Form 1547). Use a designated range of −1 percent to 0 percent instead of the values in 215.404–71–3. There is no normal value.
(c) For all other nonprofit organizations except FFRDCs, compute a fee objective for covered actions using the weighted guidelines method in 215.404–71, modified as described in paragraph (b)(1) of this subsection.


(a) The contracting officer may use an alternate structured approach under 215.404–4(c).
(b) The contracting officer may design the structure of the alternate, but it shall include—
(1) Consideration of the three basic components of profit—performance risk, contract type risk (including working capital), and facilities capital employed. However, the contracting officer is not required to complete Blocks 21 through 30 of the DD Form 1547.
(2) Offset for facilities capital cost of money.