

**Office of the Secretary of Defense****§ 37.1285****§ 37.1225 Articles of collaboration.**

An agreement among the participants in a consortium that is not formally incorporated as a legal entity, by which they establish their relative rights and responsibilities (see §37.515).

**§ 37.1230 Assistance.**

The transfer of a thing of value to a recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States (see 31 U.S.C. 6101(3)). Grants, cooperative agreements, and technology investment agreements are examples of legal instruments used to provide assistance.

**§ 37.1235 Award-specific audit.**

An audit of a single TIA, usually done at the cognizant agreements officer's request, to help resolve issues that arise during or after the performance of the research project. An award-specific audit of an individual award differs from a periodic audit of a participant (as defined in §37.1325).

**§ 37.1240 Basic research.**

Efforts directed toward increasing knowledge and understanding in science and engineering, rather than the practical application of that knowledge and understanding. It typically is funded within Research, Development, Test and Evaluation programs in Budget Activity 1, Basic Research (also known informally as research category 6.1).

**§ 37.1245 Cash contributions.**

A recipient's cash expenditures made as contributions toward cost sharing, including expenditures of money that third parties contributed to the recipient.

**§ 37.1250 Commercial firm.**

A for-profit firm or segment of a for-profit firm (e.g., a division or other business unit) that does a substantial portion of its business in the commercial marketplace.

**§ 37.1255 Consortium.**

A group of research-performing organizations that either is formally incorporated or that otherwise agrees to jointly carry out a research project

(see definition of "articles of collaboration," in §37.1225).

**§ 37.1260 Cooperative agreement.**

A legal instrument which, consistent with 31 U.S.C. 6305, is used to enter into the same kind of relationship as a grant (see definition of "grant," in §37.1295), except that substantial involvement is expected between the Department of Defense and the recipient when carrying out the activity contemplated by the cooperative agreement. The term does not include "cooperative research and development agreements" as defined in 15 U.S.C. 3710a.

**§ 37.1265 Cost sharing.**

A portion of project costs that are borne by the recipient or non-Federal third parties on behalf of the recipient, rather than by the Federal Government.

**§ 37.1270 Data.**

Recorded information, regardless of form or method of recording. The term includes technical data, which are data of a scientific or technical nature, and computer software. It does not include financial, cost, or other administrative information related to the administration of a TIA.

**§ 37.1275 DoD Component.**

The Office of the Secretary of Defense, a Military Department, a Defense Agency, or a DoD Field Activity.

**§ 37.1280 Equipment.**

Tangible property, other than real property, that has a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

**§ 37.1285 Expenditure-based award.**

A Federal Government contract or assistance award for which the amounts of interim payments or the total amount ultimately paid (i.e., the sum of interim payments and final payment) are subject to redetermination or adjustment, based on the amounts expended by the recipient in carrying out the purposes for which the award was made. Most Federal Government grants and cooperative agreements are expenditure-based awards.