

Their purpose, authority, applicability, exclusions, issuance, arrangement, publication, and exceptions.

### § 385.3 Purpose.

Sections 385.2 through 385.9 establish the MarAd assistance regulations which codify, implement, and publish uniform assistance policies and selected procedures applicable to MarAd and recipients of MarAd assistance awards. The MarAd assistance regulations do not, in and of themselves, provide authority for the use of assistance instruments nor the making of assistance awards where statutory authority has not been otherwise provided. Generic authority to award grants and cooperative agreements is provided in Pub. L. 95-224, the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977. The assistance regulations are distinct from the Federal and MarAd and Department of Transportation procurement regulations.

### § 385.4 Authority.

The MarAd assistance regulations are issued pursuant to section 204(b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1114(b)), and pursuant to delegation of authority by the Secretary of Transportation to the Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation.

### § 385.5 Applicability.

The MarAd assistance regulations apply to all MarAd research and development programs which will result in assistance awards, and to all recipients eligible for MarAd assistance awards such as state and local governments, institutions of higher education, hospitals, other nonprofit organizations, individuals, profitmaking organizations, and foreign organizations. The provisions of this part govern the award and administration of all such financial assistance matters, including resolutions and guidelines issued by MarAd except:

- (a) As otherwise required by statute; and,
- (b) As otherwise provided by specific program regulations.

### § 385.6 Exclusions.

Excluded from this part are requirements pertaining to procurement contracts subject to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and the Federal and MarAd procurement regulations, interagency agreements, memorandums of understanding and programs or projects which directly disseminate technical information, or provide consultation, technical service, information, and data counseling to recipients without the use of an assistance instrument. Also excluded is the sale, lease, license, or other authorization to use Federal property, when such use is not incidental to the purpose of stimulation or support.

### § 385.7 Issuance.

The MarAd assistance regulations are issued in the Code of Federal Regulations as Part 385, Chapter II, of Title 46, Shipping, after publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Copies of the MarAd assistance regulations in the FEDERAL REGISTER and Code of Federal Regulations may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

### § 385.8 Arrangement.

(a) *General Plan.* The general format, numbering system, and nomenclature used in this part conform with FEDERAL REGISTER standards.

(b) *Citation.* The MarAd assistance regulations will be cited in accordance with FEDERAL REGISTER standards. Thus, this paragraph, when referred to within divisions of the MarAd assistance regulations, should be cited as “§385.8(b).” When this section is referred to formally in other documents outside of this part, it should be cited as “46 CFR 385.8(b).”

(c) *Implementation.* Instructions and procedures needed by MarAd to internally implement this part will be contained in a separate MarAd Financial Assistance Manual, which will be available to the public upon request.

### § 385.9 Exceptions, deviations, or waivers.

Requests for exceptions, deviations, or waivers from the requirements of

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this part, unless exceptions are required by program legislation or program regulations, shall be submitted to the Grants Officer. Exceptions may be approved by the Grants Officer on matters within the scope of his authority, or obtained by said Grants Officer from higher authority within the Department of Transportation or from the Office of Management and Budget when required by law or other applicable Federal requirement.

### DEFINITION OF TERMS

#### § 385.20 Scope.

Only those definitions needed to understand this part will be defined. Generally, terms defined elsewhere in statutes, OMB circulars, and other Federal requirements will not be restated. Special attention is directed to the definitions in the Standard General Provisions of MarAd's grant and cooperative agreements (See § 385.62).

#### § 385.21 Definitions.

(a) *Assistance* is where the principal purpose of the relationship is the transfer of money, property, services or anything of value to a recipient in order to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by Federal statute rather than of acquisition, by purchase, lease, or barter, of property or services for the direct benefit or use of the Federal Government.

(b) *Assistance instrument* is a general term which identifies a class of instruments used to award assistance. These instruments include grant and cooperative agreements, as defined in § 385.32 (c) and (d) of this part.

(c) *Act* means the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-224).

(d) *MarAd* means the Maritime Administration within the Department of Transportation.

(e) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Transportation.

(f) *Maritime Administrator* means the Maritime Administrator, Department of Transportation to whom the Secretary has delegated authority to administer within MarAd the provisions of the Act.

(g) *Grants Officer* means the primary delegate of the Maritime Adminis-

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trator responsible for administration of grants and cooperative agreements for research and development within MarAd.

(h) *Awards Officer* means the principal executive subordinate to the Grants Officer responsible for the day-to-day administration of grants and cooperative agreements for research and development.

### GENERAL POLICIES

#### § 385.31 Scope.

Sections 385.31 through 385.62 set forth the regulations applicable to all assistance instruments as defined herein.

#### § 385.32 Selection of award instrument.

(a) *General*. This section provides guidance on the appropriate use of award instruments consistent with the Act and the supplementary interpretative guidelines required by section 9 of the Act, which were published by the OMB in the FEDERAL REGISTER of August 18, 1978 (41 FR 36860), and are incorporated by reference herein. This section applies to all program and individual transactions where the choice of award instruments is within the administrative discretion of MarAd and is not otherwise prescribed or limited by law. A variety of award instruments is available as the means for defining the terms and conditions and the nature of the relationship between MarAd and eligible recipients. The award instruments are intended to be different in purpose, application, content, and nature. When properly employed, they create different relationships between the parties. Because of these differences, the decision to use a particular instrument must be made deliberately. The determination of whether a program, to be implemented through individual transactions, is principally one of acquisition or assistance will be made by the Grants Officer. MarAd generally will employ the cooperative agreement form of assistance instrument but will employ the grant form where deemed appropriate.

(b) *Procurement contract*. A procurement contract shall be used as the