

ACCOUNTS, RECORDS, AND INSPECTION

- (a) Accounts. The contractor shall maintain a separate and distinct set of accounts, records, documents, and other evidence showing and supporting: all allowable costs incurred; collections accruing to the Contractor in connection with the work under this contract; other applicable credits, and fee accruals under this contract; and the receipt, use, and disposition of all Laboratory property coming into the possession of the Contractor under this contract. The system of accounts employed by the Contractor shall be satisfactory to DOE and the Laboratory and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied.
- (b) Inspection and audit of accounts and records. All books of account and records relating to this contract shall be subject to inspection and audit by DOE or its authorized representative, at all reasonable times, before and during the period of retention provided for in paragraph (d) below, and the Contractor shall afford DOE proper facilities for such inspection and audit.
- (c) Audit of subcontractors' records. The Contractor also agrees, with respect to any subcontracts (including fixed-price or unit-price subcontracts or purchase orders) where, under the terms of the subcontract, costs incurred are a factor in determining the amount payable to the subcontractor of any tier, to either conduct an audit of the subcontractor's costs or arrange for such an audit to be performed by the cognizant Laboratory audit agency through the Laboratory Procurement Representative.
- (d) Disposition of records. Except as agreed upon by the Laboratory and the Contractor, all financial and cost reports, books of account and supporting documents, system files, data bases, and other data evidencing costs allowable, collections accruing to the Contractor in connection with the work under this contract, other applicable credits, and fee accruals under this contract, shall be the property of the Laboratory, and shall be delivered to the Laboratory or otherwise disposed of by the Contractor either as the Laboratory Procurement Representative may from time to time direct during the progress of the work or, in any event, as the Laboratory Procurement Representative shall direct upon completion or termination of this contract and final audit of accounts hereunder. Except as otherwise provided in this contract, all other records in the possession of the

- (f) Inspections. The DOE shall have the right to inspect the work and activities of the Contractor under this contract at such time and in such manner as it shall deem appropriate.
- (g) Subcontracts. The Contractor further agrees to require the inclusion of provisions similar to those in paragraphs (a) through (g) and paragraph (i) of this clause in all subcontracts (including fixed-price or unit-price subcontracts or purchase orders) of any tier entered into hereunder where, under the terms of the subcontract, costs incurred are a factor in determining the amount payable to the subcontractor.

NOTE: If the contract contains a “Defective Cost or Pricing Data” clause, this paragraph (g) shall be modified by adding the following:

The contractor further agrees to include an “Audit” clause, the substance of which is the “Audit” clause set forth at FAR 52.215-2, in each subcontract which does not include provisions similar to those in paragraph (a) through paragraph (g) and paragraph (i) of this clause, but which contains a “defective cost or pricing data” clause.

- (h) Internal audit. The Contractor agrees to conduct an internal audit and examination satisfactory to DOE of the records, operations, expenses, and the transactions with respect to costs claimed to be allowable under this contract annually and at such other times as may be mutually agreed upon. The results of such audit, including the working papers, shall be submitted or made available to the Laboratory Procurement Representative.
- (i) Comptroller General.
 - (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative, shall have access to and the right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract or a subcontract hereunder.
 - (2) This paragraph may not be construed to require the Contractor or subcontractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor or subcontractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

Nothing in this contract shall be deemed to preclude an audit by the General