Grants Administration Frequently Used Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
AAALAC	American Association of Animal Laboratory Accreditation Council
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AAU	Association of American Universities
ABRF	Association of Bimolecular Resource Facilities
ACH	Automated Clearinghouse
ACM	Association of American Medical Colleges
ACO	Administrative Contracting Officer
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
AFAA	Air Force Audit Agency
AFARS	Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement
AFOSR	Air Force Office of Scientific Research
AFRL	Air Force Research Laboratory
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
AIA	America Invents Act
ANPRM	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
AOR	Authorized Organizational Representative
APLU	Associate of Public & Land-grant Universities
ARDA	Advanced Research & Development Activity
ARL	Army Research Lab
ARO	Army Research Office
ARPA	Advanced Research Projects Agency
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
AS	National Academy of Sciences
ASAP	Automated Standard Application for Payments
ATP	Advance Technology Program
B2B	Business to Business
B2P	Buy to Pay*
BAA	Broad Agency Announcement
BPN	Business Partner Network
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAS	Cost Accounting Standards
CASB	Cost Accounting Standards Board
CBD	Commerce Business Daily
CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CCH	Commerce Clearing House
CCR	Central Contractor Registration
CDA	Confidential Disclosure Agreement
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFS	Committee on Fundamental Science
CFWD	Carryforward
CICA	Competition in Contracting Act
CLIN	Contract Line-Item Number
CMIA	Cash Management Improvement Act

CNO	Chief of Naval Operations
CO	Contracting Officer
COA	Chart of Accounts
COFAR	Council on Financial Assistance Reform
COG	Councils of Governments
COGR	Council On Governmental Relations
COMPETES	Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology Education and Science (PL110-69)
COMS	Committee on Microbiological Safety
COS	Committee on Science of the National Science and Technology Council
COSEPUP	Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy
COTR	Contract Officer Technical Representative
CPSR	Contractor Procurement/Property System Review
CRA	Cooperative Research Agreement
CRADA	Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
CRS	Congressional Research Service
CSR	Center for Scientific Review
CTSA	Clinical & Translational Science Award
CUHS	Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research
CVR	Cross Validation Rules
D&B	Dun and Bradstreet
DA	Department Administration Costs
DA	Department of the Army
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DATA	Digital Accountability and Transparency Act
DC	Direct Costs
DCAA	Defense Contract Audit Agency
DCASRs	Defense Contract Administration Services Regions
DCE	Direct Cost Equivalent
DEAR	Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations
DEC	Determination of Exceptional Circumstances
DED	Department of Education
DFAR	Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
DFARS	Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement
DHEW	Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DIA	Defense Intelligence Agency
DIPEC	Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Council
DIS	Defense Investigative Service
DNA	Defense Nuclear Agency
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOD	Department of Defense
DODGARS	Grant and Agreement Regulations (DOD)
DOE	Department of Energy
DOL	Department of Labor
DOT	Department of Transportation
DS-2	Disclosure Statement
DSMB	Data Safety Monitoring Board
DURC	Dual Use Research Concern
EAR	Export Administration Regulations
EARS	Electronic Approval and Routing Systems
ebXML	Electronic Business Extensible Markup Language
EC	Electronic Commerce

Ecrt	Harvard Effort Certification system*
EDA	Economic Development Administration
EDGAR	Education Department General Administration Regulations
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EH&S	Environmental Health and Safety Department
EO	Executive Order
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERA	Economic Regulatory Administration
ERA	Electronic Research Administration
ETA	Employment and Training Administration
EVS	Equipment Visibility System
F&A	Facilities and Administrative (Rate or Cost)
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAC	Federal Audit Clearing House
FAIN	Federal Award Identification Number
FAPIIS	Federal Awardee Performance & Integrity Information System
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
FARS	Financial Accounting and Reporting System
FASA	Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act
FASAB	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
FASEB	Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
FBO	Federal Business Opportunities
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FCOI	Financial Conflict of Interest
FCST	Federal Council for Science and Technology
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDP	Federal Demonstration Partnership
FDP	Federal Demonstration Project
FDP	Florida Demonstration Project
FEA	Federal Enterprise Architectures
FECAI	Federal Electronic Commerce Acquisition Instructions
FEDIX	An on-line federal database serving most federal agencies for on-line searches
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFATA	Federal Financial Accountability & Transparency Act
FFMIA	Federal Financial Management Improvement Act
FFR	Federal Financial Report
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FICC	Federal Interagency Coordinating Council
FIMA	Financial Management System
FIPSE	Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education
FISAP	Fiscal Operations Report & Application to Participate
FMC	Federal Management Circular
FN	Foreign National
FOB	Free-on-board
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FR	Federal Register
FS&T	Federal Science and Technology Budget
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FTS	Federal Telecommunications System
FWA	Federal Wide Assurance
FY	Fiscal Year

GA	General Administration (Costs)
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAGAS	Generally Accepted Government Accounting Standards
GAO	General Accounting Office
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GL PCR Tool	General Ledger Payroll Cost Redistribution Tool*
GL	General Ledger
GMAS	Grants Management Application Suite*
GMO	Grants Management Office
GMRA	Government Management Reform Act
GOCO	Government Owned Contractor Operated
GPG	Grant Proposal Guide (NSF)
GPO	Government Printing Office
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
GSA	General Services Administration
GUIRR	Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable
HART	Harvard Analytics and Reporting Tool*
HBCU	Historically Black College and University
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HEGIS	Higher Education General Information Survey
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HSARPA	Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
IAEGC	Inter-Agency Electronic Grants Committee
IBC	Institutional Bio-safety Committee
IBS	Institutional Based Salary
ICAA	International Collaborations and Activities Approval
ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission
IDC	Indirect Costs
IDIQ	Indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (type of contract)
IG	Inspector General
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
IPA	Intergovernmental Personnel Act
IPASS	Interagency Panel on Advanced Science & Security
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IR&D	Independent Research and Development
IRAB	FDP Initiative to Reduce Administrative Burden
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IRIS	An on-line search system for research opportunities developed by the University of Illinois
ITAR	International Traffic in Arms Regulations
ITMRA	Information Technology Management Reform Act
JAG	Judge Advocate General
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JIT	Just in Time
LoB	Line of Business
LOC	Letter of Credit
LSA	Labor Surplus Area
M&O	Maintenance and Operations
M&O	Management and Operations Contractors
MBDA	Minority Business Development Agency

MBE	Minority Business Enterprise
MECA	Midwest Conference on College Cost Accounting
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTA	Material Transfer Agreement
MTC	Modified Total Cost
MTDC	Modified Total Direct Costs
NACCA	National Conference on College Cost Accounting
NACIE	National Advisory Council on Innovation & Entrepreneurship (2010)
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NASULGC	National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
NCC	National Coordinating Committee
NCE	No Cost Extension
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCRR	National Center for Research Resources
NCST	National Council of Science and Technology
NCURA	National Council of University Research Administrators
NECA	Northeast Conference on College Cost Accounting
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
NGA	Notice of Grant Award
NIAID	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases
NIE	National Institute of Education
NIEHS	National Institute of Environmental Health Services
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIJ	National Institute of Justice
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
NoA	Notice of Award
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPR	National Performance Review
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NPS	National Park Service
NRC	National Research Council
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRL	Naval Research Laboratory
NSA	National Security Agency
NSB	National Science Board
NSC	National Security Council
NSDD	National Security Decision Directive 189 (issued 1985)
NSF/STIS	An on-line search system of the National Science Foundation
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSP	Not Separately Priced
NSTC	National Science Technology Council
NTIS	National Technical Information Service
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
O&M	Operations and Maintenance Costs
OAIR	Outside Activities and Interests Reporting
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OES	Office of Employment Security
OET	Office of Employment Training
OFAC	Office of Foreign Assets Control
OFCC	Office of Federal Contract Compliance
OFFM	Office of Federal Financial Management
OFM	Office of Financial Management
OFR	Office of the Federal Register

OGC	Office of the General Counsel
OHRP	Office of Human Research Protection
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OIRA	Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OMB)
OLAW	Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ONR	Office of Naval Research
OPERA	Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OPRR	Office for Protection from Research Risks
ORA	Office of Research Administration
ORI	Office of Research Integrity
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSP	Office for Sponsored Programs
OSTP	Office of Science and Technology Policy
OT	Office of Transportation
OTT	Office of Technology Transfer (NIH)
OVPR	Office of the Vice Provost for Research
PAPPG	Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide
PCAST	President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology
PCC	Policy Coordination Council
PCO	Procuring Contracting Officer
PDF	Portable Document Format
PETA	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
PHI	Protected Health Information
PHS	Public Health Service
PIGABS	Principal Investigator Grant Administration Burden Survey (done by FDP)
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
PMS	Payment Management System
PRD	Presidential Review Directive
PRHP	Post-retirement Health Plans
PROG	Peer Review Oversight Group
PTE	Pass-through Entity
PTO	Patent and Trademark Office
R&R	Research and Related
RAC	Recombinant DNA Committee
RBM	Research Business Models
RCR	Responsible Conduct in Research
RDMS	Relational Database Management System
RDNA	Recombinant DNA Research
RF	Research Finance
RFA	Request for Applications
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Quotation
RMAS	Risk Management and Audit Services
ROI	Return on Investment
RPPR	Research Performance Progress Report
S&W + B	Salaries and Wages plus Benefits
S&W	Salaries and Wages
S2S	System to System
SAM	System for Award Management
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

SBA	Small Business Administration
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research
SBU	Sensitive But Unclassified
SECA	Southeast Conference on College Cost Accounting
SEOG	Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants
SEVIS	Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (INS for tracking foreign students)
SF	Standard Form
SFA	Student Financial Aid
SNAP	Streamline Non-competing Application Process
SOI	Statement of Intent
SOW	Statement of Work
SPA	Sponsored Project Administration
SPOC	Single Point of Contact
SRA	Society of Research Administrators
SRO	Sponsored Research Office
STEM	Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics
STEP	Science, Technology and Economic Policy Board
STP	Science and Technology Policy
T&A	Time and attendance
TBSR	Total Business Systems Review
TDC	Total Direct Costs
UBIT	Unrelated Business Income Tax
UCA	Utility Cost Adjustment
UG	Uniform Guidance
USA	United States Army
USAF	United States Air Force
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USC	United States Code
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDE	United States Department of Energy