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### SMC PGI 5335.017-3 Using an FFRDC

(c) When considering whether to allow an FFRDC to participate in an acquisition as a subcontractor:

(1) The contracting officer should consider whether or not the proposed arrangement complies with FAR 35.017-1 and the DoDI 5000.77 Federally Funded Research and Development (FFRDC) Program.

(2) The contracting officer should ensure that the FFRDC’s Sponsoring Agency has reviewed and approved the FFRDC’s participation in the effort.

(3) The contracting officer, in collaboration with the Sponsoring Agency, should ensure that the FFRDC participation in the activity will not negatively impact the work of the FFRDC, does not pose a real or perceived conflict of interest, and is in full consonance with the policies of the sponsor and DoD policies governing technology transfer.

(4) The subcontract proposal provided by the FFRDC should be of a unique nature and, in order to ensure fairness, should be made available to all competitors in a source selection.