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**Summary:** This regulation provides policy and procedural guidance to be followed in the administration and execution of cooperative agreements (CAs). It implements (DODGARS) 3210.6-R.

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**Management Control Process:** This regulation is subject to the requirements of NGB Management and Internal Control Program directives. It contains internal control provisions but does not contain checklist for conducting internal control reviews.

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## Chapter 1 Introduction

### 1-1. Purpose

a. This regulation implements various Federal Public Laws (PL); Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars; Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and Department of Defense (DoD), Department of the Army (DA), Department of the Air Force (AF), National Guard (NG), Army National Guard (ARNG), and Air National Guard (ANG) regulations and directives governing cooperative agreements (CAs). It establishes policy and procedures for administering CAs between the United States Property and Fiscal Officer (grantor) and the State/Territory (grantee) and provides information on the use and limitations of available National Guard Bureau (NGB) resources.

- b. NGB cooperative agreements are normally entered into by the National Guard Bureau with the States (grantees). CAs are funded thru Department of Defense appropriations provided to the NGB for Army and Air National Guard construction, minor construction, maintenance, repair or operation of facilities and mission operational support, and for other programs authorized by Congress or the DoD to be performed by grantees in support of the National Guard. Some agreements, (Military Construction cooperative agreements), Army Compatible Use Buffer {ACUB} and special military projects) are executed with State/local governments or non-profit agencies.
- c. NGB CAs are legal instruments reflecting assistance relationships between the United States government (NGB) and grantee recipients. As a DoD component, NGB can award grants and enter into cooperative agreements based on the statutory authority of 31 United States Code (U.S.C.) chapters 61 and 65 and Section 21.20, DoD Instruction 3210.6R- Defense Grant and Cooperative Agreement Regulatory System (DoDGARS).
- d. A cooperative agreement between NGB and a grantee is required when NGB transfers something of value, through funding or otherwise, to the grantee to support their ARNG or ANG and substantial involvement is expected between NGB and the grantee in carrying out the activity identified in the agreement. The DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARS) and this regulation apply in the execution of NGB Cooperative Agreements.
- e. The use of a procurement contract (Federal contracting), not a cooperative agreement, is required when the principal purpose of the transaction is to acquire (by purchase, lease, or barter) property or services for the direct benefit or use of the United States. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), the Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS), and the National Guard Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (NGFARS) apply to procurement contracts.
- f. This regulation is promulgated within the authority granted by DoDGARS 3210.6-R. Nothing in these supplemental regulations should be construed as conflicting with the superior authority set out in DoDGARS 3210.6-R.

### 1-2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

## 1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

### 1-4. Responsibilities

- a. Chief, National Guard Bureau (CNGB) is responsible to the Secretary of Defense and to Congress for the proper management and use of Federal funds. When appropriated Federal funds are distributed to the State/Territory through CAs, CNGB will normally assign this responsibility to the USPFO for the state.
  - b. National Guard Bureau Staff Judge Advocate (NGB-JA) is responsible for:
  - (1) Providing legal guidance, assistance and advice concerning CAs.
  - (2) Conducting legal reviews of CAs and their appendices, when requested.
  - c. NGB Office of Grants and Cooperative Agreements (NGB-PARC-A) is responsible for:
  - (1) Coordinating the staffing and updates to CAs and appendices.
- (2) Monitoring the Defense Assistance Award Data System (DAADS) and providing NGB policy assistance for this report.
  - (3) Conducting policy reviews of CAs and appendices.
  - (4) Coordinating all aspects of CAs at the National Guard Bureau (NGB).
- (5) Providing policy management and support to ensure that all NGB assistance programs comply with Federal public laws, executive orders, regulations and directives.
  - (6) Providing support, assistance, training and guidance to NGB and USPFO staffs.

- (7) Appointment of USPFOs as grant officers.
- (8) Serving as the proponent office for NGB sponsored CA training.
- d. The Adjutant General (grantee) is responsible for:
- (1) Compliance with all of the terms, conditions, and standards of the CA.
- (2) Supervising and managing all activities or projects within the scope of the CAs in accordance with sound business practices.
  - (3) Providing the personnel, supplies, services and matching funds required by the CA.
- (4) Receiving funds, property and accounting for all expenditures and property acquired through an MCA/MCCA or Special Military Project, and making returns and reports concerning those expenditures and that property, as required.
  - e. The United States Property and Fiscal Officer (grantor), as the grants officer, is responsible for:
- (1) Accounting for the proper obligation and expenditure of all Federal funds provided to the State/Territory through the CAs. Making returns and reports concerning those funds and that property, as required by the Secretary concerned. (32 U.S.C. Section 708).
- (2) Ensuring Federal funds are expended on authorized projects, activities or programs as set forth in the agreement or appendices.
  - (3) Ensuring that adequate management and internal controls are in place to protect Federal interests.
- (4) Coordinating and conducting, in conjunction with the State Military Department, periodic State/Territory level CA training related to the administration and execution of the CA program.
  - (5) Reviewing and approving/disapproving State requests for advance payments.
  - (6) Granting extension of the CA beyond the required fiscal year close out date.
  - (7) Appointing a grants officer Representative (GOR).
- (8) Appointing, on a DD 577, an ARNG CA Program Manager for each ARNG Appendix as the designated Federal employee to perform agreement duties outlined on the DD 577. (Sample ARNG appointment at the NGB-PARC-A Webpage).
- (9) Appointing, on a DD 577, an ANG CA Program Manager for each ANG Appendix as the designated Federal employee to perform day to day administrative duties outlined on the DD 577. This ANG appointment will exclude the funds certification authorization which rests solely with the Assistant USPFO Air (Fiscal). (Sample ANG appointment at the (NGB-PARC-A Webpage).
- (10) Making the final decision on all matters pertaining to Grants and cooperative agreements for their respective State.
- f. National Guard Bureau, Office of Primary Responsibility, Program Managers (NGB-OPR-PM) responsibilities:
- (1) It is NGB policy that all agreements and appendices, to include Special Military Project Agreements, will have an appointed NGB-OPR-PM. NGB-OPR-PMs will be appointed, on a DD Form 577 by their respective Directors (06 level/or civilian equivalent minimum), to oversee and coordinate NGB level agreement/appendix activities.
  - (2) Provide, to NGB-PARC-A, copies of their respective agreements and modification for review and approval.
  - (3) Provide administrative and financial guidance to CA PMs as specified in the agreement.
  - (4) Coordinating the allocation of Federal funding to states to support the approved agreements.
  - (5) Compliance with NGB level management and internal controls program directives.
- (6) Completing specified NGB-PARC-A sponsored training related to cooperative agreement management and oversight.
- g. Special Military Project Agreements funded through specific DoD Appropriation or Special Authorization requires an NGB-OPR-PM.
  - h. The Cooperative Agreement Program Manager (CA PM) at State/Territory level is responsible for:
  - (1) Compliance with duties appointed by the USPFO (grantor) per DD Form 577.
- (2) Completing an NGB sponsored Cooperative Agreement Course within the first year of appointment as a CA PM.
  - (3) Completing related CA training (i.e. Fiscal Law or Finance training) as directed by the TAG/USPFO.

### Chapter 2

## **Grants Officer Representative (GOR)**

### 2-1. General

The GOR is the individual appointed by the grants officer to perform day to day administrative actions and technical monitoring related to cooperative agreements for the State or Territory. The authority for appointment of a Grants Officer's Representative is based on DoDGARS 3210.6R, which authorizes Grant Officers and Agreement Officers wide latitude to exercise judgment in performing their responsibilities.

### 2-2. Appointment Policy and Administrative Actions

- a. Individuals appointed as GORs must have the skills and training to coordinate CA policy and staff actions with CA PMs, NGB-OPR-PMs and grantee CA staff personnel. GOR appointees must be:
  - (1) A Federal employee. A grantee employee cannot be designated as a GOR.
  - (2) Appointed in writing by the grants officer.
  - b. The appointment shall clearly define the scope and limitations of the GOR's authority, to include:
  - (1) Specifying the extent and limitations of the GOR's authority to act on behalf of the grants officer.
  - (2) Indicating if he/she has the authority to work all agreements or specific agreements only.
  - (3) Stating that the appointment is not re-delegable.
  - (4) Specifying the appointment period covered (specific begin and end date or indefinite).
- c. The GOR shall acknowledge the appointment in writing. A copy of the appointment will be distributed to all parties within the State/Territory concerned with CAs.
  - d. The appointment may be terminated at any time by the grants officer or his/her successor.
- *e.* The termination of a GOR's appointment shall be in writing and shall State the effective date. All parties within the State/Territory concerned with CAs should be notified of the termination.
- f. When a GOR's appointment authority is revoked before completion of the agreement, the GOR shall turn over the records to the successor GOR or as instructed by the grants officer.
- g. Training for GOR's will, as a minimum, include completion of the cooperative agreements training course, the GOR training course and a fiscal law course. The GOR training course and fiscal law course shall be completed within the first year of appointment to the position. Fiscal law may be completed via a distant learning on line course.

## 2-3. Duties and Responsibilities

- a. The GOR shall establish and maintain a file for each Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) and each of its appendices, each Military Construction Cooperative Agreement (MCCA) and each Special Military Project Agreement approved for the state/territory.
- (1) Establishing an MCA, MCCA and associated appendices and Special Military Project Agreements requires the GOR to:
  - (a) Complete the agreement using the format provided on the NGB-PARC-A website.
  - (b) Coordinate the staffing of or obtain required legal reviews.
  - (c) Ensure agreements have all required signatures.
  - (d) Distribute the agreement to all concerned parties.
  - (2) Each MCA file must, as a minimum, include:
  - (a) A copy of the grants officer's letter of designation.
- (b) A copy of the GOR's appointment memorandum and any other documentation describing the GOR's duties and responsibilities.
  - (c) The original, executed MCA and all documentation supporting the MCA.
- (d) Copies of modifications to the MCA, if applicable and all documentation supporting the modification.
- (e) Documentation of all actions in support of the agreement.
- (3) Each MCA Appendix file must, as a minimum, include:
- (a) The original, executed agreement and all supporting documentation.
- (b) Funding documents.
- (c) Copies of modifications thereto.
- (d) Documentation of all actions associated with the agreement.
- (4) Each MCCA file must, as a minimum, include:
- (a) The original, executed agreement with its Appendices and all supporting documentation.
- (b) Funding documents.
- (c) Copies of modifications thereto.

- (d) Documentation of all actions in support of the agreement.
- (e) Upon completion the final Project Inspection Report (NGB Form 593-R.)
- b. The GOR should establish and maintain a current reference library containing the following publications as a minimum:
  - (1) NGR 5-1.
- (2) Title 32 Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Chapter I, Subchapter C, Part 33 (DoD 3210.6R), hereinafter referred to as 32 CFR 33.
  - (3) Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 225, hereinafter referred to as 2 CFR Part 225.
  - (4) DoDI 4000.19
- c. GORs are responsible for the electronic reporting of assistance obligations/de-obligations through DAADS, DoD Assistance Award Action Report System IAW Chapter 10, NGR 5-1.
- d. The GOR, upon receipt of a Grants and agreements Policy Letter (GCAPL) is responsible for its distribution and any action required.
  - e. Maintenance of records.
  - (1) Grant officers shall instruct GORs as to the type of records they are to maintain and distribution thereof.
  - (2) Records shall be numbered/labeled IAW AR 25-400-2.
- (3) When a cooperative agreement is completed, the GOR shall forward all records pertaining to the agreement to the grants officer for retention. The retention period for agreements is 6 years and 3 months after the final payment or settlement date.

### 2-4. Limitations

The GOR may be empowered, by the grants officer, to take any actions under a cooperative agreement which could lawfully be taken by the grants officer; except where the terms of the cooperative agreement itself specifically prohibit a GOR from exercising such authority.

- a. The GOR does not have the authority and shall not be delegated authority to make any commitments or changes to the terms and conditions of a cooperative agreement.
- b. The GOR shall not be authorized to award, agree or otherwise execute any cooperative agreement or modification thereto, or in any way obligate or certify funds on behalf of the Government.

## Chapter 3 Administration

### 3-1. General

- a. There are three categories of cooperative agreements: Operations and Maintenance Master Cooperative Agreements, Military Construction cooperative agreements and Special Military Project cooperative agreements.
- (1) The Operations and Maintenance Master Cooperative Agreement (O&M MCA) consists of two parts, the first part of the MCA, includes standard terms and conditions applicable to all Appendices under the MCA. The second part of the MCA is comprised of the Appendices which contain specific terms and conditions applicable to the specific program, (e.g. ARNG Facilities Program, ANG Facilities Operations and Maintenance, Environmental Resource Management, and Physical Security). The performance period/termination date of each appendix shall be the same as the performance period/termination date of the MCA.
- (2) Military Construction cooperative agreements (MCCA) both Army and Air consist of four parts. The first part is the main body of the agreement which includes standard terms and conditions applicable to the technical Appendices. The remaining three parts are technical Appendices which contain technical information for the specific project (i.e., scope, design and construction).
- (3) Special Military Project cooperative agreements are specific, non-standard, unique agreements used to provide Federal domestic assistance to a State/District/Territory which cannot be executed under an existing agreement due to authority and/or funding.
- b. The USPFO (grantor) and the TAG (grantee) shall have an approved and executed CA covering each program that the State Military Department operates and in which reimbursement is anticipated.
- c. Legal reviews of all cooperative agreements by TAG (grantee) or other local government entity and USPFO (grantor) legal counsels are required.
- (1) TAGs are encouraged to involve their Attorneys General early on in the execution process and to seek delegation of legal review to the lowest reasonable level. The signature of the State Attorney General, or official designee (as delegated in writing), on the MCA shall satisfy the requirement of Article XI, Section 1102 of the MCA that the State furnish an opinion of counsel.

(2) The full-time Active Guard Reserve (AGR), or a federally recognized Staff Judge Advocate, shall be the legal counsel for the USPFO. If such Staff Judge Advocate is not available, NGB-JA shall assume this responsibility. The USPFO may also seek legal counsel from NGB-JA as required to avoid potential conflicts of interests with the Title 32 JAG.

- d. The parties shall use the standard non-technical language in the agreement templates provided by NGB-PARC-A unless the agreement specifically authorizes the parties to use State/Territory unique language, to choose alternatives, or to accommodate unique State/Territory conditions.
- e. The USPFO shall ensure that the grantee and CA PMs have a copy of the entire approved MCA or MCCA, including modifications and applicable Appendices.
- f. The USPFO, in conjunction with the grantee, is encouraged to prepare a CA SOP and establish a CA Council to address CA related issues such as administration, local business processes, performance issues, policy development and interpretation and internal management control issues.
- g. The use of digital forms, templates and signatures, when agreed to by the grantor and grantee, is authorized. Any document that is converted into digital format shall retain the same content, terms and conditions of the original format. A review for legal sufficiency will be completed by the grantor's legal counsel.

## **3-2.** Completion and Term Cooperative Agreements

A Cooperative Agreement may take one of two basic forms: Completion or Term. Both forms must meet the bona fide need of the fiscal year in which they are awarded.

- a. A completion Cooperative Agreement describes the activities in the form of a definite goal, target or product. This form of Cooperative Agreement normally requires completing and delivering a specified product, subject to availability of funds. NGB is required to fully fund completion form cooperative agreements, although NGB may elect to incrementally fund phased completion agreements. However, in the event the work or performance cannot be completed within the estimated cost, NGB may increase the estimated cost. Any increase in the estimated cost must be funded by appropriations that were in effect at the time the CA was executed. Work or performance using the completion form is by definition non-severable. The MCCA is a completion agreement.
- b. A term cooperative agreement describes the scope of work or performance in general and obligates the grantee to perform specified activities within a stated period, typically the Federal fiscal year of the funding. Work or performance using the term form is by definition severable. The O&M MCA and Appendices are term agreements.

### 3-3. Milestone Dates

- a. By 1 May of every year, NGB-OPR-PMs shall provide to NGB-PARC-A recommended changes to their respective agreements and supporting attachments.
- b. By 1 June of each year, NGB-PARC-A shall publish (via a Grant and Cooperative Agreement Policy Letter (GCAPL)) and post to the GKO website any updated or revised agreements.
- c. By 30 September of the year in which an O&M MCA expires, the USPFO, TAG, and their respective counsels, shall have executed the new O&M MCA and State appropriate appendices. The O&M MCA may be executed independently of the appendices. Final execution of all appendices will not be a cause to delay the use of the MCA.

### 3-4. Completion and Execution of the O&M Master Cooperative Agreement

a. The TAG and the USPFO are responsible for the execution of the MCA. The MCA is executed not later than 30 September. The TAG and the USPFO shall decide the performance period/termination date of the MCA. Five years is recommended, but the parties may agree to a lesser or greater term. The appendices executed under the MCA will have the same performance period/termination date as the MCA.

*Note:* The termination date is entered into Section 701 of the MCA.

- b. Execution of the MCA requires the signature of the individuals and in the order as listed below:
- (1) Legal counsels on behalf of the TAG and the USPFO;
- (2) TAG, unless State legislation specifies otherwise;
- (3) USPFO.
- c. Execution of the MCA at the beginning of a new agreement cycle will take place before the commencement of the Federal fiscal year. Execution of the MCA is not dependent on the availability of funds. The MCA is not a funded document and the execution of an MCA is not an event which obligates Federal funds.
- (1) The approved template issued by NGB-PARC-A shall be used in the preparation of the O&M MCA. (Ref. the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage)
- (2) The GOR is responsible for the administrative preparation of the MCA and for distribution of the executed agreement.

(a) The numbering of the MCA shall be as prescribed by DoD 3210.6-R, DoDGARS, Section 21.560. The serial number for the MCA will be 1000.

*Note*: This number, including the fiscal year designation, will be valid for the term agreed upon in Section 701 of the MCA; the individual appendices under the MCA shall be numbered IAW with the FY they are established and that number, including the fiscal year designation, shall remain the same for the term established in Section 701 of the MCA.]

- 1. Enter the termination date in Section 701.
- 2. Identify Attachments/Appendices.
- 3. Complete signature blocks as indicated on the execution page.
- 4. Process for signatures and distribute executed agreement to all signatories and to each Directorate/CA PM responsible for a CA program at the grantee level.
- (3) Review and approval by NGB-PARC-A is not required unless the terms and/or conditions of the MCA are modified.

### 3-5. Completion and Execution of O&M Master Cooperative Agreement Appendices

- a. Execution of an MCA Appendix at the beginning of a performance period will take place before the commencement of the Federal fiscal year. Execution of an MCA Appendix is not dependent on funds being obligated at the same time. An MCA Appendix is typically a funded document; however it may be executed without funding with the annotation "Subject to the Availability of Funds." In such circumstances the appendix should reflect zero (0) Federal dollars obligated at that time. The Federal government cannot obligate appropriated funds in advance of an appropriation. If congressional action or NGB priorities dictate otherwise, the execution may occur anytime during the fiscal year and the initial funding period will be adjusted accordingly.
  - b. Execution of the MCA Appendices requires the signatures of the individuals and in the order as listed below:
  - (1) Legal counsels on behalf of the TAG and the USPFO.
  - (2) TAG, unless State legislation specifies otherwise.
  - (3) USPFO.
- c. An appendix is initiated, at the beginning or during a fiscal year, through the USPFO by the Activity Program Director, (e.g. G3, G6, and/or the CA PM). Documentation required, as a minimum, will be an approved budget amount from the NGB-OPR-PM or state military command. The CA PM must identify a specific proposed budget amount. (Ref chapter 11)
- (1) The approved templates issued by NGB-PARC-A shall be used in the preparation of the O&M MCA Appendices. (Ref. the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage)
- (2) The GOR is responsible for the administrative preparation of the appendix and for distribution of the executed agreement to include:
- (a) Numbering of the MCA Appendix as prescribed by DoD 3210.6-R, DoDGARS, Section 21.560. The serial numbers for the MCA Appendices will be in the 1000 series, the last digit(s) reflect the appendix number, (i.e. 1001 is ARNG Facility Programs, 1002 is ARNG Environmental etc).

*Note*: The individual Appendices under the MCA shall be numbered IAW the FY they are established and that number, including the fiscal year designation, shall remain the same for the term established in Section 701 of the MCA.

- (b) Ensuring that all data blanks are filled as appropriate to the appendix.
- (c) Completing signature blocks as indicated on the execution page.
- (d) Processing for signatures and distributing executed Appendices to all signatories (as a minimum).
- d. A NGB-OPR-PM signature is not required for the execution of an appendix.
- e. Execution is complete when the grantee and the grantor sign. The grantor signs last.
- f. Review and approval by NGB-PARC-A is not required unless the terms and/or conditions of the MCA Appendix are modified.
  - g. The GOR is responsible for furnishing a copy of the executed agreement to the NGB-OPR-PM.
- h. If an appendix is initiated and executed other than at the beginning of a fiscal year, the MCA will be modified to include the new appendix.
- *i*. If an appendix is terminated prior to the end of the performance period/termination date, it shall be removed from the MCA by means of an executed CA modification when closeout of the agreement has been completed.

## 3-6. Funding O&M MCA Appendices

a. O&M MCA Appendices are funded annually, either fully or incrementally. A CA modification, initiated by a written request with a certification of funds from the ARNG CA PM or Assistant USPFO Air (Fiscal) for ANG, shall be executed to establish the amount to be obligated against the CA.

- (1) When CA funding authority (allotment) is issued to the USPFO and or the Asst USPFO Air (Fiscal) by NGB during the FY, the CA PM will forward the appropriate documentation to the GOR, as indicated above. The GOR shall use the CA Modification Form issued by NGB-PARC-A (Ref. the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage) to obligate the funds. The modification shall include at a minimum:
- (a) The Annual Funding Program (AFP) amount which shall be the approved budget amount or the proposed budget amount;
  - (b) The dollars to be obligated as a result of the CA modification; and
- (c) The total dollars obligated to date which reflect the Federal dollars obligated for the Federal government's share of the appendix.
  - (d) The State's share(s), if applicable.
  - b. The same process applies for de-obligation of funds from an agreement.
- c. When CA funding authority (allotment) has not yet been issued to the USPFO and or the Asst USPFO Air (Fiscal) by NGB at the beginning of the FY, the CA PM can process, with the USFPO's concurrence, a request to administratively open the appendix for the FY. The GOR shall use the CA Modification Form issued by NGB-PARC-A (see the NGB-PARC-A Webpage) to administratively open the appendix for the FY. The modification shall include as a minimum:
- (1) The Annual Funding Program (AFP) amount which shall be the approved budget amount or the proposed budge amount;
  - (2) Total Federal dollars amount obligated will be -0-; and
- (3) A statement to the effect of "This modification is subject to the availability of Federal FYXXXX Funds."
- (4) The State's share(s), if applicable.

## 3-7. Completion and Execution of a Military Construction Cooperative Agreement (MCCA)

- a. An ARNG MCCA is executed when a construction project has been approved through NGB-ARI. Execution may be accomplished prior to funds being issued; execution is not tied to the beginning of a fiscal year and may occur at any point during the fiscal year.
  - (1) Execution of the ARNG MCCA requires the signatures of the individuals and in the order as listed below:
  - (a) The grantee and grantor legal counsels.
  - (b) TAG, unless State legislation allows otherwise.
  - (c) USPFO.
  - (d) NGB-ARI.
- (2) ARNG MCCAs contain three appendices, SP (Project Description, Scope, and Schedule), SD (State Design), and SC (State Construction). These appendices have data elements that are blank in the template; it typically is the responsibility of the requesting activity (Construction and Facilities Management Officer (CFMO) to complete these data elements and forward the completed appendix (ices) to the GOR for inclusion/attachment to the MCCA. An ARNG MCCA may be executed with appendix SP, SD and SC being initiated and funded separately.
- (3) An ARNG MCCA is initiated through the USPFO by the Activity Program Director, typically the CFMO. Documentation required, as a minimum, will be the approved DD Form 1390-91 and any other project documents as provided by NGB-ARI.
- b. An ANG MCCA is executed when a construction project has been approved through NGB/A7O; execution is not tied to the beginning of a fiscal year and may occur at any point during the fiscal year. Air National Guard MCCAs are usually with other local government entities such as an airport authority or port authority. Any agreement written to an entity other than the TAG must include a tripartite execution page. (Ref. the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage) The local government entity and the USPFO are the primary parties to the agreement and are referred to as grantee and grantor.
  - (1) Execution of the ANG MCCA requires the signatures (in order of appearance) of the:
  - (a) Legal Counsels on behalf of the grantee and grantor.
  - (b) Local Government grantee (dependent on project).
  - (c) Grantor.
  - (d) TAG, as third party to the agreement as applicable.
- (2) ANG MCCAs contain three Appendices, State Design, State Construction and Utility Connection. These Appendices have data elements that are blank in the template; it typically is the responsibility of the requesting

activity (Base Civil Engineer (BCE) to complete these data elements and forward the completed appendix (ices) to the GOR for inclusion/attachment to the MCCA. An ANG MCCA may be executed with Appendix State Design, State Construction and Utility Connection being initiated and funded separately.

- c. The approved templates issued by NGB-PARC-A shall be used in the preparation of the ANG and ARNG MCCAs. (Ref. the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage) The GOR is responsible for the administrative preparation of the MCCA and for distribution of the executed agreement to include:
- (1) The numbering of the MCCA shall be as prescribed by DoD 3210.6-R, DoDGARS, Section 21.560. The serial numbers for ARNG MCCAs will be sequential starting with 2001 for the fiscal year in which they were executed. The serial numbers for ANG MCCAs will be sequential starting with 2101.
- *Note:* The SD, SC and UC Appendices that are inclusive with the MCCAs are not numbered individually or separately from the MCCA. They retain the same number as the MCCA.
- (2) Ensuring that all data blanks are filled as appropriate to the appendix.
- (3) Completing signature blocks as indicated on the execution page.
- (4) Processing for signatures and distributing executed agreements to all signatories (as a minimum).
- d. Execution is complete when the grantee and grantor sign. The grantor signs last. However, in the case of ARNG MCCAs NGB-ARI signs last and the agreement is not validated until NGB-ARI signs.
- e. Review and approval by NGB-PARC-A is not required unless the terms and/or conditions of the MCCA are modified.
- f. The technical appendices may be modified, after execution; as a result of project requirements. If this occurs, there shall be a review and approval by the NGB-OPR-PM. Legal review will be at the discretion of the grantor and grantee. Review and approval by NGB-PARC-A is not required.
- g. The GOR is responsible for furnishing a copy of the executed agreement to the NGB-OPR-PM.

### 3-8. Funding an MCCA

- a. An MCCA is project specific and is a completion type agreement. NGB is required to fully fund completion form cooperative agreements. However it is appropriate and typical that each technical appendix of the MCCAs may be funded independently/separately as the project progresses. For example an ARNG MCCA may be funded in one fiscal year for the design and then funded in another fiscal year for the construction; each of these phases does not require separate MCCAs. Close coordination with the CFMO or BCE is required. A CA modification, initiated by a written request with a certification of funds from the CA PM or Assistant USPFO Air (Fiscal), shall be executed to establish the amount to be obligated against the CA.
- b. When MCCA funding authority has been issued to the USPFO and or the Asst USPFO Air (Fiscal) by NGB and the CA PM has forwarded the appropriate documentation to the GOR, the GOR shall use the CA Modification Form issued by NGB-PARC-A (Ref. the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage). The modification shall include at a minimum:
  - (1) The appropriate project and appendix to be funded:
  - (2) The dollar amount to be obligated as a result of the CA modification; and
- (3) The total dollar amount obligated to date which reflects the Federal dollars obligated for the Federal government's share of the appendix.
  - (4) The State's share(s), if applicable.

## 3-9. Creation of a new agreement/appendix under the O&M Master Cooperative Agreement

- a. The creation of a new, non-existent, agreement/appendix under the O&M Master Cooperative Agreement will originate at the NGB-OPR-PM level. The NGB-OPR-PM shall submit a request for the new agreement to NGB-PARC-A indicating the statutory authority, proposed title, purpose of the agreement, anticipated budget amount and appropriation to be used for the agreement. NGB-PARC-A will coordinate with the NGB-OPR-PM on agreement template.
- b. NGB-PARC-A is responsible for reviewing new, non-existent, agreements/appendices under the O&M Master Cooperative Agreement for policy compliance, formatting and numbering. NGB-PARC-A will also coordinate legal review and approval with NGB-JA and issue the agreement.

### 3-10. Special Military Projects Cooperative Agreements

a. A Special Military Project is a specific, non-standard/unique agreement used to provide Federal domestic assistance to a state/district/territory or other authorized local government entity or non-profit which cannot be executed under an existing MCA/Appendix. Special Military Projects require statutory authority, normally through a DoD Appropriations Act or a special appropriations authority and funded appropriations act.

b. NGB-PARC-A is responsible for reviewing Special Military Project Agreements for policy compliance, formatting and numbering. NGB-PARC-A will also coordinate legal review and approval with NGB-JA and issue the agreement.

- c. The following actions must be completed by requestors (grant officers/CA PMs or NGB-OPR-PMs) in the processing of Special Military Project Agreements for execution:
  - (1) Identify the statutory authority/funded appropriations act for the project.
  - (2) Identify/Coordinate with the NGB-OPR-PM.
- (3) Complete the Special Military Project template provided by NGB-PARC-A in its entirety and include all necessary attachments. No signatures are required at this point.
- (4) Attach a cover letter from the grants officer or NGB-OPR-PM, as appropriate, summarizing the request to include the statutory authority, proposed title, purpose of the agreement, anticipated budget amount and appropriation(s) to be used for the agreement.
- (5) Submit the Special Military Project request to NGB-PARC-A for review and staff coordination. Electronic or hard copy submissions will be accepted.

### 3-11. Modifying Cooperative Agreements

- a. All cooperative agreement modifications are to be accomplished on the CA Modification Form issued by NGB-PARC-A (Ref. the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage). There are typically four purposes for issuing a CA modification; funding, terms and conditions, termination and other administrative.
- b. Modifications to the funding of a CA. Requests for funding modifications are typically initiated by the CA PM and provided to the GOR for action. Requests for an increase should include at a minimum, any approvals required by the CA and a certification of funds availability. Requests for a decrease should include at a minimum, any approvals required by the CA. Modifications that obligate or de-obligate funds against a Cooperative Agreement shall be signed by the grantee and grantor. Modifications for funding do not require the review or approval of NGB-PARC-A
- (1) A CA modification shall be executed to obligate the initial funding of a Cooperative Agreement at the beginning of the FY whether it is fully funded or incrementally funded. Funds obligated against a Cooperative Agreement allow reimbursement to the grantee. A funding modification may also be issued "Subject to the Availability of Funds" at the beginning of a FY to allow the grantee to perform until certification of funds is received.
- (2) A CA modification shall be executed to obligate additional funds for incremental allotments received during a FY
- (3) A CA modification shall be executed to obligate any increases to the original Annual Funding Program or, in the case of MCCAs, to the original project amount of the agreement. Each program specific CA provides guidance as to the level of involvement and the specific requirement(s) of the NGB-OPR-PM, (i.e. prior approvals and CA modification signature).
- (4) A CA modification shall be executed to de-obligate funds against a Cooperative Agreement. Each program specific CA provides guidance as to the level of involvement and the specific requirement(s) of the NGB-OPR-PM, (i.e. prior approvals and CA modification signature).
- c. Modifications to the terms and conditions of a CA. Requests to modify the terms and conditions established in a NGB-PARC-A CA template may originate at the grantee/grantor or NGB-OPR-PM level. Modifications to the established terms and conditions of a CA template at the grantee/grantor level may be necessary due to a particular State's laws and/or regulations. Modifications to the established terms and conditions of a CA template at the NGB-OPR-PM level may be necessary due to overall program change or statutory requirements. Modifications that change the terms and/or conditions of a CA shall be signed by the grantee and grantor. Requests for modification(s) to the terms and conditions of a CA at the grantee/grantor level shall be documented as to the circumstance and/or reason and forwarded by the grantor to NGB-PARC-A. NGB-PARC-A will coordinate the request with the NGB-OPR-PM and NGB-JA for their reviews and approvals and will notify the grantor of decision. However, modifying the fill in data initially completed at the grantee/grantor level does not require NGB-PARC-A or NGB-JA review; modifying the fill in data may require approval by the NGB-OPR-PM.
- (1) Requests for modification(s) to the terms and conditions of a CA at the NGB-OPR-PM level shall be documented as to the circumstance and/or reason and forwarded by the NGB-OPR-PM to NGB-PARC-A. NGB-PARC-A will coordinate the review and approval of the request with NGB-JA and the NGB-OPR-PM. This type of modification will result in a Grants and Cooperative Agreement Policy Letter (GCAPL) being issued. The grantor has authority to execute a modification to the terms and conditions of an agreement resulting from a Grants and Cooperative Agreement Policy Letter (GCAPL). The GCAPL is the authority for this type of modification. The

NGB-OPR-PM, NGB-PARC-A and NGB-JA will have already reviewed and approved the changes resulting in the GCAPL.

- (2) Requests for modifications to the technical Appendices of ARNG or ANG MCCAs (typically modifying the fill in data initially completed at the State level by the CFMO or BCE) after the MCCA has been executed shall include approval of the NGB-OPR-PM and the circumstances and/or reasons for the modification. The request will be forwarded by the CA PM to the grantor. The grantor is authorized to execute this type of modification. Modifications of this type do not require NGB-PARC-A or NGB-JA review and approval.
- d. Modifications to Terminate a CA. Termination is not the same action as an FY closeout. Requests to terminate an executed CA may be necessary due to a particular State's laws and/or regulations, funding status or mission/program status. Modifications that terminate a CA shall be signed by the grantee and grantor.
- e. Request for modification(s) to terminate a CA shall be documented as to the circumstances and/or reasons and forwarded by the CA PM to the grantor. Documentation should also include the status of funds and any other specific requirements within the agreement being terminated. Legal review and approval by both grantor and grantee counsels will be required prior to execution. Modifications for other administrative actions to a CA. Requests for modifications for other administrative actions may include providing a change in the Federal line of accounting and any other actions that do not include funds/funding or changes to the terms and or conditions of a CA. Requests for other administrative actions to a CA may be initiated by either the grantee or grantor and should be documented as to the circumstance and requirement of the action. Legal review will be at the discretion of the grantor and grantee. The grantor is authorized to execute this type of modification. Modifications of this type do not require NGB-PARC-A, NGB-OPR-PM or NGB-JA review and approval.
- f. The GOR is responsible for furnishing a copy of all executed terms, conditions and funding modifications to the NGB-OPR-PM.

### **3-12.** Grantee Contracts

Acquisition of goods and services by the grantee in performance of the CA shall be according to grantee contracting procedures IAW 32 CFR § 33.36.

### 3-13. Grantee Contract Flow Down

The grantee is required to insert the substance of Article VIII of each MCA, MCCA or Special Military Project CA in all contracts issued under the CA, unless State/Territory laws or regulations offer more protection.

### 3-14. Grantee Department Administration

The grantee shall designate a member of his/her staff to administer each MCA, MCCA or Special Military Project CA.

### 3-15. Cooperative Agreement Claims, Disputes and Appeals Procedures

- a. Policy: It is NGB policy to try to resolve all CA issues in controversy by mutual agreement at the grants officer level.
- b. Statement of Relief Sought: No particular written format is required to make a claim or appeal under the CA. Claims shall be in writing, shall specify the nature and basis for relief requested, and shall include the document and other evidence pertinent to the claim. The TAG shall certify that the claim is made in good faith, and if funding is sought, the amount.
- c. Time for Filing Claims: Claims shall be made within 60 days after the basis of the claim is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. It is the grantee's responsibility to include in its claim all information needed to demonstrate its timeliness.
- d. Grant officers' authority: grant officers, the designated agents for the Chief, National Guard Bureau, are authorized to decide or settle all claims arising from or relating to a CA subject to this regulation. This authorization does not extend to approving any regulatory or legally prohibited activity.
  - e. Grants officer's Decision:
- (1) If a claim or dispute cannot be informally resolved, the TAG shall make a formal written Request for Decision to the grants officer. The grants officer shall make a written decision of the claim or dispute within 60 days of the receipt of the TAG's request.
  - (2) Where a formal decision is necessary, the grants officer shall:
- (a) Prepare a written decision, which shall include the reasons for the decision, shall identify all relevant documents or other evidence on which the decision is based, and shall be documented in the Cooperative Agreement file.

(b) Notify the TAG of a specific date when he or she will render a written decision, if more time is required to do so. The notice shall inform the TAG of the reason for delaying the decision (e.g., a need for the TAG to provide additional information to support the claim).

- (3) Unless appealed, the decision of the grants officer shall be final [see paragraph (g) below].
- (4) If a formal decision is not rendered in the time specified above, the TAG can appeal directly to the grant appeal authority [see paragraph (g) below].
- f. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).
- (1) Policy: NGB policy is to resolve all issues concerning cooperative agreements by mutual agreement at the grants officer level. Grant officers, therefore, are encouraged to use ADR procedures to the maximum extent practicable. ADR procedures are any voluntary means (e.g., settlement negotiations or mediation) used to resolve issues in dispute without resorting to formal administrative appeals [see paragraph (g) below] or to litigation.
- (2) Procedures: If a TAG decides to appeal a grants officer's decision, the grants officer shall encourage the TAG to enter into ADR procedures with the grants officer. The ADR procedures or techniques to be used either may be agreed upon in advance as part of the Cooperative Agreement instrument or may be agreed to at the time that the parties determine to employ ADR procedures. ADR procedures may be used before submission of the TAGs appeal [see paragraph (e) above].
  - g. Appeals:
- (1) Grant appeal authority: The CNGB shall establish one or more grant appeal Authorities to decide formal, administrative appeals. The individual so designated shall be at least at a grade level in the Senior Executive Service, if civilian, or at the rank of General Officer, if military. The appointment letter shall be signed by the CNGB.
  - (2) Right of Appeal: The grantee has the right to appeal a grants officer's decision to the grant appeal authority.
- (3) Appeal Procedures.
- (a) Notice of appeal: The TAG may appeal a decision of the grants officer within 90 days of receiving that decision, by filing a written notice of appeal to the Grant appeal authority and to the grants officer.
- (b) Appeal file: Within 30 days of receiving the notice of appeal, the grants officer shall forward to NGB-PARC-A and the TAG's appeal file, which shall include copies of all documents relevant to the appeal. The appellant may supplement the file with additional documents it deems relevant. Either the grants officer or the State may supplement the file with a memorandum in support of its position. NGB-PARC-A will contact the office CNGB to request appointment of the grants and appeal authority. The grant appeal authority may request additional information from either the grants officer or the TAG.
- (c) Decision: The appeal shall be decided on the written record unless the grant appeal authority decides to conduct fact-finding procedures or an oral hearing on the appeal. Any fact finding or hearing shall be conducted using procedures that the grant appeal authority deems appropriate.
- h. Representation: The TAG may be represented by counsel or any other designated representative in any claim, appeal, or ADR proceedings brought pursuant to this chapter, as long as the representative is not otherwise prohibited by law or regulation from appearing before the National Guard Bureau. Nothing in this chapter is intended to limit a TAG's right to any remedy under the law.

### 3-16. Records

- a. The grantee, the USPFO and the Assistant USPFO for Air (Fiscal) shall make records and accounts pertaining to the CA available for inspection by auditors and other authorized Government officials as required.
- b. All financial and programmatic records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other records of the grantee which are pertinent to the CA, shall be retained for six years and three months from the ending date of the CA. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records is started before the expiration of the six years and three months, the records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues or until the end of the regular six years and three months, whichever is later.

### Chapter 4

### **Management Controls and Audits**

### 4-1. General

All CA PMs, NGB-OPR-PMs and grant officers involved with CAs shall ensure that the provisions of the <u>Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act of 1982; OMB Circular A-123 - Management's Responsibility for Internal Control; DoD Directive 7600.10, and respective Service regulations are complied with. Financial Program Managers responsible for the execution and administration of CAs shall also be held accountable for understanding and applying the Comptroller General, <u>General Accountability Office (GAO) Standards</u>, in accomplishing day-to-day responsibilities.</u>

### 4-2. Management Controls

- a. The execution, administration, and closeout procedures of CAs shall be considered highly vulnerable to fraud, waste, and mismanagement. Cooperative Agreement management control program evaluations shall be included in the ARNG 5 Year Management Control Plan, the ANG 5 Year Management Control Plan and NGB level management control plans. Plans will be evaluated in accordance with risks determined and assigned by the respective commands. NGB-OPR-OMs and CA PMs responsible for the execution and administration of CAs at the State/Territory and NGB level shall comply with NGB Management Controls Program/Internal Control Program requirements. Compliance will be included in official performance ratings/evaluations. As a minimum, consideration will be given to the following risk factors in assessing CA controls:
- (1) Administration. Ensure that administrative requirements of this regulation, Agreements, Appendices and other Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreement directives are followed.
- (2) Funding. Ensure that all required budget and funding regulations and agreement/appendix funding directives are followed.
- (3) Historical Problems. Ensure issues, problems and trends affecting Agreement and appendix execution are addressed and corrected.
  - (4) Internal Controls. Ensure that effective Agreement and appendix operational controls are in place.
- (5) Nature of the Federal Support. Ensure that CA Program assistance is provided and executed in accordance with the specified agreement/appendix authority to prevent purpose violations.
- (6) Results of Management Control Reviews and Audits. Ensure that identified risks or material weaknesses are followed up on.
- b. The grants officer is responsible for ensuring that adequate Cooperative Agreement management controls are in place to protect the Federal government's interests in their State/Territories.
- (1) The USPFO and the TAG shall be responsible for the performance of risk assessments on each separate CA and MCA Appendix. The USPFO Internal Review capabilities can assist in this responsibility.
- (2) Each separate CA and each appendix of the MCA shall be identified separately in the USPFO Internal Review/Assessable Entity File. The risks assigned to each separate CA and each appendix of the MCA should be the same as that developed in the Command's Internal Management Control Plans. For the ANG, risk assessments of assessable units will be coordinated with unit commanders for validation.
- (3) The Internal Review Supervisory Auditor shall ensure that CAs are given proper consideration when recommending annual internal review schedules.
- (4) Weaknesses in management controls, which have the potential for impacting Federal reimbursements, shall be immediately reported, in writing, to the USPFO, the Assessable Unit Manager (AUM) or Internal Control Administrator (ICA). Such reports shall include a discussion of corrective actions taken with milestone dates identifying when corrective actions shall be completed.
- c. NGB-J Staff and ARNG/ANG Directors/Divisions who appoint CA OPR-PMs shall ensure that management control risk assessments, related to their specific Agreement or Appendices, are included in their Directorate or Division Management Control or Internal Control Programs.
- *d.* A Sample Management Control Checklists for State CA PMs and NGB OPR-PMs can be found the Templates-Formats-Tools section at the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage.

## 4-3. Audits

a. The grantee is responsible for obtaining an audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 (31 U.S.C. 7501-7) and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Government and Non-Profit Organizations. The audit shall be made by an independent auditor in accordance with generally accepted government audit standards covering financial and/or financial compliance audits. An independent auditor is defined as (1) a State or local government

auditor who meets the independence standards specified in generally accepted government audits standards; or (2) a public accountant who meets such independence standards. The frequency of audits conducted on CA Program operations, in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, will be determined based on risks by the State. The cost of the single audit is to be shared by the grantee and the Federal government, in the same proportion that Federal financial assistance bears to the recipient's total expenditures for the fiscal year covered by the audit.

- b. In addition to the above required audit the TAG or USPFO may request additional audits or reviews as necessary. Such audits/reviews can be conducted by USPFO-IR Staff, by a public accountant firm or requested through NGB-IR. These additional audit/review agencies do not have independent inspection authority and cannot be substituted for the requirement in paragraph 4-3a.
- c. As a minimum, an audit or review (full or partial) will be conducted by the USPFO every three years on each Agreement and appendix.
- d. The costs of audits made according to OMB Circular A-133 may be allowable charges under the CA providing the criteria in paragraphs 5-3a of this regulation and Title 2 CFR Part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments are met. Audit costs shall not be paid if there is no direct benefit received by the CA. Audit costs will not be included as part of the Centralized Personnel Plan costs. To be reimbursable to the grantee, the audit must be classified and equitably charged as a direct cost under the grantee's accounting systems. If the cost of the single audit is accounted for by the grantee as indirect cost, such costs are unallowable. No cost may be charged to Federal assistance programs for audits required by the Single Audit Act that are not made in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The Federal government's share of the audit costs will be reimbursed from existing funds allocated to the specific appendix benefiting from the audit. Therefore, the Federal government's share of the CA funding will not be increased due to audit costs.

### Chapter 5

### **Cost Principles for NGB Cooperative Agreements**

### 5-1. General

CA Program Managers (PMs) and grant officers shall ensure that the provisions of the principles for determining costs applicable to grants and contracts with State, local, and federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, 2 CFR Part II and 32 CFR Part 33 the provisions of this chapter, and the terms and conditions of a CA are complied with in regard to the request for reimbursement and payment of costs in NGB CAs.

### 5-2. Costs of Cooperative Agreement Performance

The Allowable costs incurred by the SMD in performance of a CA shall be determined according to the provisions of paragraph 5-3 below, <u>Title 2 CFR Part 225</u>, <u>Cost Principles for State</u>, <u>Local and Indian Tribal Governments</u> and <u>32 CFR Part 33</u> current at the time the cost is incurred. Costs must meet the following three criteria: 1) must be allocable, 2) allowable and 3) reasonable.

### 5-3. Allowable Costs

- a. Direct Costs: Any costs identified directly with the performance of a CA must meet the following cost reimbursement rules:
- (1) Allocable Costs: Costs must actually have been incurred by the grantee and be allocable to the CA supported program, project or facility. This means the CA received a direct benefit from the activity causing the charge; there is a causal relationship between the activity causing the charge and the Federal program (i.e., the cost effect of the additional burden caused by the CA is measurable); and the cost would disappear without the existence of the CA.
- (2) Allowable Costs: Costs must conform to Federal, DoD, Army, AF and NG policies concerning the use and management of Federal funds and may not be contrary to any restriction, limitation, or instruction contained in any approved budget.
- (3) Reasonable Costs: Costs must not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the costs. The reimbursement of salaries and benefits costs for employee positions shall not exceed the salary and benefits costs for a similar State government position or for a comparable grade and series Federal Civil Service position for the geographic area in which the employee works.
  - (4) Availability of Funds: Costs cannot be reimbursed unless sufficient funds have been obligated to the CA.

b. Indirect Costs: Indirect costs are those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited. Indirect costs, as defined in 2 CFR, Part II, 225, are unallowable.

- (1) Except for the NGB Youth Program fringe benefits, Congress has not authorized NGB to reimburse indirect costs.
- (2) When a cost cannot be easily classified as either a direct or indirect cost, the State's treatment of that cost, as reflected in its Central Services Cost Allocation Plan (CSCAP) or in its approved indirect cost rate proposal, shall apply. The CSCAP is prepared by the State in accordance with appendix C, 2 CFR Part 225 and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services. The CSCAP is prepared to identify all central service costs statewide. A cost treated as indirect by the grantee for any other Federal grant or cooperative agreement may not be treated as direct for NGB cooperative agreements. That is, the grantee may not request reimbursement under a CA or MCA Appendix for any item included in its indirect cost rate or not included as a direct cost in the billed central services section of its CSCAP.
- c. Fringe Benefits. Fringe Benefits for which the State/Territory does not bill the State Military Department directly, such as workman's compensation, unemployment compensation, State/Territory sponsored life and health insurance, and retirement benefits are allowable if they are part of the State's Central Service Cost Allocation Plan approved by the Department of Health and Human Services. The TAG shall provide the USPFO a copy of such plan.

*Note:* The USPFO does not need a copy of this plan if the State/Territory bills fringe benefits directly to the State Military Department. However, for these costs to be reimbursable, all of the following conditions have to be met:

- (1) The individual cost items have to be reimbursable under the terms of individual appendices.
- (2) Fringe benefit costs for which the State/Territory does not bill the State Military Department directly shall be reimbursed by applying a fringe benefit rate to the costs of actual salaries paid to employees. The grantee must submit to the USPFO, prior to requesting reimbursement, a fringe benefit rate proposal. This fringe benefit rate is determined by dividing the total allowable direct wage base for the military department into the total fringe benefit costs for the military department for those benefits for which the State/Territory does not bill the State Military Department directly. The fringe benefit costs determined from the billed central services section of the State's approved Central Services Cost Allocation Plan. Adjustments based on actual cost experience for the fiscal year will be carried forward and made part of the rate negotiation in the next fiscal year. The rates must reflect the way the State actually bills the State Military Department (e.g. per capita, percent of payroll) and must be clearly applicable to individual appendices.
- (3) Fringe benefits, which are neither direct costs nor included in the billed central services section of the State's Central Service Cost Allocation Plan approved by Health and Human Services, are not reimbursable.
- d. When a cost can be classified as either a direct or indirect cost, the State's (grantee) treatment of the cost, as reflected in its Central Services Cost Allocation Plan (CSCAP) or a State's approved indirect cost rate negotiated in accordance with Appendix E, 2 CFR, Part 225, shall apply. The CSCAP is prepared by the State (grantee) in accordance with Appendix C, 2 CFR Part 225, and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services; the CSCAP is prepared to identify all central service costs statewide. The State may not request reimbursement under a CA or MCA Appendix for any item included in its indirect cost rate or not included as a direct cost in the billed central services section of its CSCAP.

### 5-4. Cost Sharing

- a. Wherever there is an identified cost share in an agreement the grantor shall reimburse the grantee only for the grantor's percentage share of the total allowable costs.
- b. Whenever the USPFO provides In-Kind Assistance (IKA), the grantee <u>is not</u> relieved of responsibility to meet the match or share requirements specified in the appropriate Agreement. The agreement shall indicate how the grantee's match or share will be recovered.

*Note:* Letters of Credit are not authorized. Program income shall not be substituted for required State/Territory contributions. Although program income is listed in the DAADS report as a State/Territory contribution, it is in addition to any required State contribution.

### 5-5. Centralized Personnel Plan (CPP)

a. The CPP is the mechanism which allows reimbursement to the grantee should the grantee choose to centralize CA personnel within the State Military Department. The Human Resource Office, Procurement Office, and Accounting Office, are the three areas where personnel cost can be authorized and paid to support a CPP. Supervisory time shall

not be calculated in the CPP; however, a supervisor, whose time can be validated and allocated to the performance of non-supervisory functions in the cooperative agreement program, *may* be considered in CPP calculations.

- b. The CPP is negotiated annually between the grantee and the USPFO and approved by the USPFO. The USPFO has the responsibility to review and validate all costs charged to Agreements for reimbursement. Therefore, the CPP shall reflect only those actual, direct personnel costs incurred. Furthermore, the CPP shall include a methodology that accurately captures the separate cost drivers and metrics for each allowable personnel functional area. The two most commonly used NGB methodologies to formulate CPP costs drivers are the Time Study of Personnel method and the fee per action method.
- c. All reimbursements requested under a CPP must be for incremental, direct, and personnel costs that are compensation for staff positions that would not exist if CAs did not exist. Only non-supervisory compensation costs in the personnel, procurement, and accounting functional areas are allocable. No other costs (i.e. audit costs) are authorized. All reimbursements requested must be allocated to specific appendices. Furthermore, amounts requested for each appendix must be based upon the actual level of effort developed to that Appendix, and the personnel must be directly responsible for actions supporting the appendix.

### 5-6. Grantee Responsibilities

It is the grantee's responsibility to properly account for costs incurred under a CA and ensure that the cost principles referred to in this chapter are followed. The grantee may not charge costs incurred in support of non-Federal activities or agreements to Federal CAs. The grantee shall take particular care to ensure that it does not charge costs incurred in performance of one CA to another, or to both. Where there is more than one CA funded activity, the grantee must ensure that it properly allocates cost among the various CAs.

## Chapter 6 Program Income

### 6-1. General

- a. Program income means the gross income received by the grantee directly generated by a Cooperative Agreement supported activity. Program income is received by the grantee from non-Federal, Non-DoD Agencies/Activities. Program income includes fees for services performed or from the use or rental of real or personal property acquired with Cooperative Agreement funds.
- b. State/Local and Private Entity Users of Real Property will be charged for cost to run the facility, including direct, indirect and general administrative costs.
- c. Exception: Reimbursement received by the grantee from the use or rental of State owned, federally supported readiness centers is not program income IAW Title 10 USC, \$18236(c). 10 USC \$18236(c) permits grantees to rent out readiness centers providing the grantee uses the income received from such rentals to support maintenance of the readiness centers. In addition, as a condition for continued Federal support, the grantee must increase its contribution to the agreement by at least the amount of all identifiable incremental costs (IIC), for which it receives Federal support (e.g. utilities). IIC are those costs a base or installation incurs that are directly related to usage by users being supported that the base or installation would not otherwise incur. Examples include, rental, placement and pickup of dumpsters and portable latrines; additional refuse pickups, grass mowing and insect spraying; utilities for metered buildings, cost of consumables, like targets; training area cleanup and damage repair; and employee overtime as a result of the use of the base or installation or building. National Guard units may be charged IIC for additional services.
- d. Funds received by the grantor from other Federal agencies, including DoD components, are not considered program income but are considered to be direct reimbursement for costs incurred in support of the using agency. [See chapter 7, Direct Reimbursable Costs]
- e. Rebates, credits, discounts and refunds, and interest earned on any of these, is not program income. (See chapter 11, paragraph 11-9)
- f. Any State entity supported by Federal funding under a CA (e.g. Youth Programs) shall be considered a Federal user.

### 6-2. Accounting for Program Income

a. Program income shall be added to the funds committed to a CA as provided in 32 CFR 33.25(g) (2). The addition of program income to the funds committed in a CA will not require an increase in the Federal funding contribution. Program income may not be used to provide any required State match.

b. Accounting for program income will be as prescribed in paragraph 10-4 and paragraph 11-6 of this regulation.

### 6-3. Waiver of User Fees.

a. Any user fees generated by non-Federal, non- DoD users, which would normally be considered Program Income, may be waived by the grantor when the grantor has determined the administrative cost in collecting those fees would exceed the amount of earned Program Income. (DoDGARS 3210.6R Part 21 Subpart D, §21.465) The grantor will, for each fee waived, include a cost benefit analysis and findings in the cooperative agreement files.

b. The grantee may request (for facilities other than readiness centers/armories) a waiver of fees listed in paragraph 6-1 b for community based, non-profit organizations up to an aggregate total of \$8000 per fiscal year. (The \$8000 aggregate is the total waivered sum from all organizations; each individual agency does not get up to \$8000 per fiscal year). The grantee's waiver request must be supported by a written justification explaining that the administrative cost of collecting the user fee is greater than the amount of the user fee. This justification must be provided with the waiver request to the grantor. For audit purposes, the grantee shall maintain the necessary documentation that validates each approved waiver. The grantor will track the total costs waivered to ensure the \$8000 management control cap is not exceeded.

### Chapter 7

### **Direct Reimbursement for Costs**

### 7-1. General

- b. Direct reimbursement for costs means the reimbursement received from other Federal agencies for the use of a NGB supported facility. The grantor will collect reimbursement for IIC from tenant activities, non-ARNG transient users, and other incidental Federal agency users through a properly negotiated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Interservice, Intraservice or Intragovernmental Agreement.
- c. A federal agency can enter into an interservice, intraservice or intragovernmental support agreement (ISA) with the grantor in accordance with <u>5-2</u>. Cost issues and reimbursement details surrounding the use of the facilities are to be enumerated in the ISA.
  - d. A copy of the ISA will be filed with the appropriate Cooperative Agreement for audit trail purposes.
- e. The grantor will collect direct reimbursement costs through Federal methods (i.e. inter-fund transfers or MIPRs) and add those funds to the total dollars obligated for the appropriate CA. Those funds will then be available for reimbursement to the grantee.
- f. <u>DoD Instruction 4000.19</u>, Inter-service and Intergovernmental Support; The Army Reimbursable Policy, Air Force Instruction (AFI) 25-201, Support Agreement Procedures; and other applicable NGB policies and procedures will be used in formulating authorized charges. MOAs/MOUs will be prepared in accordance with NGR 5-2.
- g. ARNG units, ARNG tenants, ARNG transient users and resident training detachments will not be charged for services provided unless the user requests a level of service that exceeds the day-to-day base or installation service i.e. additional rented portable latrines.

### 7-2. Accounting for Direct Reimbursement Costs

Accounting for Direct reimbursement for costs will be as prescribed in chapter 11 of this regulation.

### 7-3. Waiver or User Fees

- b. Direct reimbursement costs generated from Federal users may be waived by the grantor when the grantor determines that the administrative cost in collecting such cost would exceed the amount of the earned reimbursement. The grantor will, for each charge waived, include a cost benefit analysis and findings in the cooperative agreement file.
  - c. Waiver of direct reimbursement costs can only be approved or authorized by the USPFO (grantor).

### Chapter 8

## **Equipment and Supplies**

### 8-1. General

a. 32 CFR 33.32 and Appendix B, Section II of this regulation, define equipment as tangible, nonexpendable, personal property (excluding military supplies) having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of

\$5,000 or more per unit. Supplies are defined as any items purchased for the performance of an MCA that are not "military supplies or equipment."

*b.* Ownership of equipment and supplies acquired under a National Guard Cooperative Agreement is governed by 32 CFR Part 33, unless prohibited by local law; grantee will manage personal property and supplies in accordance with the rules contained in this chapter.

### 8-2. Equipment Use, Accountability and Disposition

- a. Equipment purchased through the Federal Procurement System as In Kind Assistance for the support of Agreements will be used and accounted for as follows:
  - (1) Title will be vested with the Federal government (grantor).
  - (2) There must be a Table of Distribution and Allowance (TDA) authority for the USPFO (grantor) to authorize the purchase and account for the equipment as Federal property.
  - (3) The equipment will be considered federal owned equipment.
  - (4) The equipment will be managed by grantee recipients in accordance with NGB, ARNG and ANG service specific directives. (<u>AR 735-5 Chap 2</u> Policy and Procedures for ARNG Supply Accountability and <u>AFMAN 23-110</u>, Vol 2, Chap 22 USAF Supply Manual) for ANG supply accountability).
  - b. Equipment purchased by the grantee for the support of Agreements will be managed, used and disposed of as follows:
  - (1) Title will be vested with the grantee.
  - (2) The equipment will be used in the program for which it was acquired.
- (3) When purchasing/acquiring replacement equipment, the grantee may use the equipment being replaced as a trade-in or sell the equipment and use the proceeds to offset the cost of the replacement equipment, subject to the approval of the grantor.
- c. Grantee purchased equipment, unless otherwise prohibited by State law, will be accounted for as follows:
- (1) Equipment property records will be maintained, and reported to the USPFO. Reports will include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of property, who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
- (2) A physical inventory of the property will be taken and the results reconciled with the previous grantee property records reported to the grantor.
- (3) A control system must be developed by grantee recipients to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft shall be investigated and reported.
- (4) Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed by grantee recipients to keep the property in good condition.
- d. Local Government entities (i.e. State political subdivisions, counties, municipalities, cities, towns, townships, local public authorities, airport authorities or school districts) will use and manage equipment in accordance with paragraphs c and d of this section. (32 CFR 33.32 Equipment)
- (1) Disposition. When original or replacement equipment is no longer needed for the Cooperative Agreement, the first priority will be to move the equipment to another federally supported Cooperative Agreement. Otherwise disposition of the equipment will be as follows:
- (2) Items of equipment with a current per-unit fair market value of less than \$5,000 may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to NGB.
- (3) Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value in excess of \$5,000 may be retained or sold and NGB shall have a right to an amount calculated by multiplying the current market value or *proceeds* from sale by NGB's share of the equipment.
- e. Grantees or sub-grantee contractors may not use equipment acquired with NGB CA funds to provide services, for a fee, which would result in unfair competition with private companies providing equivalent services, unless specifically permitted to do so by Federal statute (OMB Circular A-102).

### 8-3. Supplies

- a. Title to supplies acquired under a Cooperative Agreement vest, upon acquisition, with the recipient (grantee or subgrantee). (Ref. 32 CFR 33.35)
- b. If there is a residual inventory of unused supplies exceeding \$5,000 in total aggregate fair market value upon termination or completion of the CA, and if the supplies are not needed for any other federally sponsored programs or projects, the recipient shall compensate NGB's share.

*Note:* This paragraph applies only if title (to supplies) is vested in the State (grantee).

## 8-4. Use of Federally Owned Equipment by State Employees

a. State government employees, with the concurrence of the TAG, are authorized to operate Federal government owned/leased equipment (e.g. military equipment, GSA vehicles) while performing official duties in support of cooperative agreements. State employees, as with Federal employees, shall be properly trained, qualified and licensed to operate the equipment in accordance with TAG, ARNG and ANG directives and State and local laws.

- b. The grantee may ensure against the cost of repair on or loss of federal owned/leased equipment used by State employees when such insurance is required by State law or is part of consistent agency practice to cover costs considered as negligent which damages would otherwise not be covered by the Federal agency.
- c. The grantee must agree to reimburse the US Government for any loss or damage to Federal owned/leased equipment (e.g. GSA vehicle) as a result of operation by a State employee. Nothing in the Agreements or Appendices shall be construed as an indemnification by the United States, of the State, its employees, agents, or third persons, for liability with respect to any and all claims, including, but not limited to: (1) claims for damages; and (2) claims for reimbursement arising from property loss, personal injury or accident damage related to the use, care, or operation of Federal owned/leased equipment.
- d. Damage to or loss of federal owned/leased equipment will be reported and investigated in accordance with applicable DoD and Service level property accountability regulations. The grantee's or employee's liability for lost or damaged Federal owned/leased property will be as determined in the approved investigation or Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss [FLIPL) findings.

## Chapter 9 In-Kind Assistance

### 9-1. General

- a. In-Kind Assistance is the federal procurement of supplies and or services, in lieu of funds, to satisfy NGB's obligation of assistance support to the grantee.
- b. In-Kind Assistance can be federally procured supplies, services, or construction. Services can include real property maintenance and repair. IKA for construction is permitted only if:
- (1) The State law authorizes the Federal Government to perform federal contracting on State land, and the State Attorney General provides a written opinion to that effect. Nonetheless, the State Attorney General shall not have to provide more than one opinion to that affect during a fiscal year.
- (2) The use of In-Kind Assistance is an exception to the standard practice of using the grantee's procurement system. The grantee must submit a written request demonstrating a compelling reason to use Federal procurement to the grantor. The grantor is the final approval authority for all requests for In-Kind Assistance. Nonetheless, absent statutory or regulatory authority, the grantor has no authority to mandate the use of IKA or refuse to reimburse the grantee for authorized expenses that were not procured through IKA. The grantor may consider all methods of Federal procurement to include Economy Act transactions.
- c. Equipment. Ownership of equipment acquired by the grantor remains vested with the Federal government and is considered to be Federal Owned Equipment (Chap 8). The provision of such equipment is not considered In-Kind Assistance.
- d..Use of the Federal procurement system to contract supplies, services, or construction does not relieve the State of its responsibility to meet the match or share requirements specified in the appropriate Agreement.
  - e. In-Kind Assistance shall be for items/services identified and authorized in the appropriate agreement.

## 9-2. Transacting IKA

- a. The costs of IKA are paid for with funds programmed to be expended within an agreement. These funds shall be de-obligated from the agreement and then be obligated as a Federal procurement on the Federal side. Use of IKA does not reduce nor relieve the State's share requirements.
- b. Whenever the grantor provides "in kind assistance" the costs of which are funded in part by the grantor contributions and in part by grantee contributions as provided for in the agreement or appendix, the grantee shall credit the amount of its share of the cost of in-kind assistance against costs claimed for reimbursement under the Agreement on the next voucher submitted following the grantor's provision of in-kind assistance to the grantee.

### 9-3. Accounting for IKA

Accounting for IKA will be in accordance with paragraph 10-4 and paragraph 11-7 of this regulation.

### Chapter 10

### **Defense Assistance Awards Data System Reporting**

### 10-1. General

a. The Defense Assistance Awards Data System (DAADS) is the Department of Defense (DoD) automated reporting system of the DoD Assistance Award Action Report (DD Form 2566) for all Federal domestic assistance programs which includes all DoD Grants, cooperative agreements and other assistance arrangements.

b. The DoD Assistance Award Action Report is a U.S. Congressional mandate (<u>FFATA</u>, <u>Public Law 109-282</u>) that applies to all Federal domestic assistance programs including all Grants, cooperative agreements and other assistance arrangements. In accordance with the above authority all Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement obligations, to include both increases and decreases, are required to be reported to Congress in this special report.

## 10-2. Responsibilities

- a. All National Guard Federal assistance programs funded through an NGB Cooperative Agreement shall be reported in DAADS.
- b. Defense Manpower Data Center/Statistical Information Analysis Division (DMDC/SIAD) is responsible for the DAADS report. NGB-PARC-A is responsible for coordinating with DMDC/SIAD the development of NGB specific DAADS report instructions and for providing grant officers with reporting instructions.
- c. Grants officers, through their grant officer's representatives, are responsible for reporting directly to DMDC/SIAD, through DAADS, within 15 days of award/modification date.

## 10-3. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbering System

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Program is a database maintained by the General Services Administration that classifies all Federal programs that provide funding to local government agencies, private institutions, and individuals. Each program is assigned a number and name. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Program Numbering System to be used by NGB is as follows:

- a. 12.400 Military Construction, National Guard (MILCON) (both ARNG and ANG projects).
- b. 12.401 National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance (O&M) (both ARNG and ANG projects).
- c. 12.404 National Guard Civilian Youth Opportunities Program (both ARNG and ANG projects).

## 10-4. In-Kind Assistance, Program Income and State Share Reporting

- a. In-Kind Assistance is the Federal procurement of supplies or services provided for the grantee in support of a CA (Reference chapter 9). The costs of supplies or services purchased as IKA by the grantor are required to be reported on the Contract Action Report (CAR) through the Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG). The value of IKA shall not be reported in DAADS. (DODGARS 21.545)
- b. Program Income is the income received by the grantee that is directly generated by an activity supported through a Cooperative Agreement. The amount reported shall be in direct proportion of the Federal percentage in the Agreement's funding.
- c. Program Income shall be reported in the DAADS as the non-Federal dollars amount; it shall not be reported as Federal assistance dollars.
- d. The grantee's share is the cost, as identified in the budget and within the agreement, to be funded by the grantee for the performance of a CA. The grantee's share shall be reported in DAADS as the non-Federal dollars amount; it shall not be reported as Federal assistance dollars.

## 10-5. DAADS Report

- a. Instructions for completing, filing and maintaining the DoD Assistance Award Actions Reports through DAADS can be found at the NGB-PARC-A GKO Webpage.
- b. Every CA, whether an appendix under the O&M MCA or one of its technical appendices, or a Special Military Project CA, has funds obligated/de-obligated through a CA Modification (Reference chapter 3). DoD assistance Award Action Reports accomplished through the DAADS shall be done for every CA funding action whether it is an increase or decrease, whether it occurs monthly, quarterly, incrementally or by phases.

### Chapter 11 Finance

### 11-1. General

This chapter describes procedures for finance related actions for ARNG and ANG Agreements.

d. Agreement Budget Process. O&M MCA Appendices and Special Military Project Agreements are funded annually. The format, process and timeline for the submission of the proposed budget requests is indicated in each Agreement. CA PMs must adhere to the financial process requirements listed in their respective Agreement.

- (1) NGB Directorates/NGB-OPR-PMs should direct the CA PM to submit a proposed annual budget in sufficient detail to allow the NGB PM to review and issue an approved budget for the execution of the appendix/agreement. The *approved budget* is the amount the CA PM/grantee anticipates will be needed to execute the appendix/agreement. The approved budget amount should be identified and entered in the appropriate section of the appendix/agreement prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.
- (2) Though some NGB-OPR-PMs require a proposed annual budget submission from the CA PM, not all do. Some NGB Directorates/Activities issue a lump sum budget amount to the Command without specifying an exact amount that is to be allocated to the agreement. In those instances the Command and CA PM must identify a specific proposed budget to be entered in the appropriate section of the appendix/agreement. The approved budget amount should be the total dollar amount the grantor anticipates, subject to the availability of funds, being available for reimbursement for the grantee to fulfill its requirements in the Federal fiscal year. The approved budget amount should be identified and entered in the appropriate section the appendix/agreement prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.
- (3) NGB Directorates/ NGB-OPR-PMs should provide, in writing, an approved budget amount for their respective appendix/agreement to States executing the appendix/agreement. The *approved budget* is the total amount that the NGB Directorate anticipates, subject to the availability of funds, being available to reimburse the grantee for its costs in fulfilling its responsibilities under a CA Appendix or agreement. The approved budget amount will be entered in the funding limitation section of the Appendix by the GOR at the beginning of each FY.
- e. NGB-ARC and NGB-FM will issue funds to the USPFO/Assistant USFPO Air (Fiscal) via Funding Authorization Documents (FAD). State CA PMs will submit request for funding modifications to the GOR as required based on the issued FAD.
- f. Electronic data interchange (EDI) and electronic fund transfers (EFT) are the DoD standard used to process payment requests and related actions.

### 11-2. Obligation

- d. Federal (grantor) Obligation. Funds are obligated when the Grant officers or modification is executed, as stated in the Agreement or NGR 5-1, chapter 3. The amount stated in the Total Dollars Obligated column, which is the allotment applied to the agreement in the Funding Limitation Section of the agreement or appendix, represents the Government's maximum amount liability.
- e. State (grantee) Obligation. Grantees must obligate funds in the Federal fiscal year or period of Federal availability as stated in the agreement/appendix. An obligation means any action under State law or procedure requiring payment by the grantee. A representation by competent authority within a State that it has obligated funds under State law may be relied upon.

## 11-3. Standards of Financial Administration

- d. The grantee must expend and account for CA funds in accordance with State laws and procedures for spending and accounting for its funds. Grantee fiscal control and accounting procedures, as well those of its sub recipients and contractors, must be sufficient to:
  - (1) Permit preparation of reports required by NGB, DoD and the other Federal Government agencies.
- (2) Permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditure adequate to establish that such funds have not been used in violation of the restrictions and prohibitions of applicable Federal and State statutes.
  - e. The grantee must maintain effective internal controls and accountability over all CA funding.
- f. All funds provided by the grantor (USPFO) are to be used solely for the purpose of making payments for items or services of allowable costs as specified in the Agreement.
- g. Statutory or regulatory restrictions on Federal appropriations use are not normally removed by obligating appropriations to the CA. Costs incurred by a grantee under a CA that violate Federal agency appropriations restrictions may not be allowed. The USPFO shall resolve any questions (e.g. Bona Fide Need Rule) relating to the use or reimbursement funds in the Agreement prior to the funds being executed.

h. Direct payments from the Federal Government (USPFO) to any grantee contractor employee, grantee vendor or State government employee are prohibited unless directed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

*i.* Advance payments approved by the USPFO are considered a disbursement against the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) appropriation (AMSCO/EEIC). Advances are collected by processing reimbursements from the grantee as credit disbursements to the advance accounts and debiting the appropriate O&M accounting line.

### 11-4. Payment Processing (ARNG and ANG)

- a. The NGB Cooperative Agreement program operates on the basis that the grantee expends State government funds first and then submits request (vouchers) for reimbursement from NGB for allowable CA costs. All approved CA agreement payments (to include Advances) made to the grantee by NGB are reimbursable payments. To process reimbursement payments the grantee shall provide an OMB Standard Form (SF) 270 (Request for Advance or Reimbursement) with supporting documentation to the CA PM. The supporting documentation will itemize, by AMSCO and EEIC, the amount of funds expended and the corresponding grantee accounting classification to be reimbursed.
- b. ARNG CA PMs, or USPFO appointed alternate CA PMs, shall sign block 13 of the SF 270 and forward it to the USPFO comptroller office after reviewing and reconciling as needed the SF 270 and accompanying documentation with the grantee.
- c. ANG CA PMs will review and reconcile as needed the SF 270 and accompanying documentation with the grantee and forward the SF 270 to the Asst USPFO Air (Fiscal) for his/her signature. ANG CA PMs do not sign in block 13.
- d. Additional signatures (i.e. ANG CA PM, State Military Dept) required by the grantor will be entered in "This Space for Agency Use" block of the SF 270.
- e. The signed SF 270, with required supporting documentation, shall be processed through the USPFO ARNG Comptroller and Assistant USPFO ANG Comptroller offices in accordance with DFAS and DoD finance requirements, to reimburse the grantee for authorized expenditures.
- f. Upon review of the authorized charges by the CA PM, the USPFO/Asst USPFO Air (Fiscal) will reconcile and adjust the federal financial records accordingly.
- g. The USPFO/Asst USPFO Air (Fiscal) will process reimbursement request from the grantee to DFAS so as to meet the requirements of U.S Treasury, 31 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 205, Rules and Procedures for Efficient Federal-State Funds Transfers 31 CFR Part 205 and the Cash Management Information Act Treasury-State Agreements.

### 11-5. Advance Payment Method

- a. The advance method will be used only when grantees are required to have sufficient funds on deposit in the state treasury before a funding obligation may be incurred. To request authority for the advance method the grantee shall annually prepare and sign a memorandum (figure 11-1) and forward it to the USPFO NLT 1 Sep. The memorandum will include:
- (1) An Estimated Cash Flow Requirements Chart (figure 11-2) listing cash requirements for each separate Agreement, MCA Appendix, Military Youth Program CA or Special Military Project Agreement.
- (2) The grantee must submit an updated Estimated Cash Flow Requirements Chart with each monthly or periodic request for a cash advance payment.
- (3) A statement that the grantee agrees that all advance payments shall be used solely for authorized services as specified in the agreement or Appendix.
- (4) A statement that grantee books and records shall be made available, on request, for properly authorized representatives of the USPFO, CNGB, the Comptroller General, and if necessary, the State Auditor.
- (5) A statement that the grantee agrees to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the U.S. Treasury and their disbursement by the State. (no more than 45 days)
- (6) The name, address, telephone number and email address of the State action officer to contact for additional information or if clarification is required.
- b. States authorized the advance method must adhere to the following additional standards:
- (1) The advance payment amount shall be placed in an account indicating that this is an advance for the State Army or Air National Guard.
- (2) The grantee's advance payment shall not exceed the unpaid portion of the CA. Therefore, reimbursements at the end of the fiscal year shall directly offset the advance held by the State.
- (3) The grantee shall execute a close out in accordance with paragraph 11-9. If there is a balance remaining on the advance at the time the CA is completed, the State (state treasury) will issue a check payable to the Disbursing

Officer for the remaining advance in the State account. The USPFO shall deposit the check funds via a Cash Collection Voucher (DD Form 1131) at the supporting DFAS or Operating Location (OPLOC).

- (1) The amount of interest due to the United States on funds advanced to the State or of interest due the State shall be determined and paid in accordance with <u>31 USC 6503</u>. <u>Intergovernmental Financing</u> and such regulations as have been issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury and the DoD.
- (2) The USPFO and Assistant USPFO for Air (Fiscal) shall monitor and minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the U.S. Treasury and the disbursement by the State, whether disbursement occurs before or after the transfer.
- (3) The State may be accountable for interest earned on advances when the State does not minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the Treasury and the disbursement time.

## 11-6. Accounting for Program Income

- a. Program income is reported on reimbursement or liquidation of advance payment vouchers as soon as such income is considered "received" pursuant to State accounting procedures. Un-liquidated amounts of program income will be carried forward on the next voucher.
- b. The amount of program income will be added to the appropriate agreement budget as a State contribution regardless of the percentage of Federal contribution reflected in the agreement. The maximum estimated cost reflected in the appropriate CA budget will increase by the amount of program income; however, the maximum Federal funding limitation reflected in the agreement will not increase.
  - c. The amount the grantee requests for reimbursement will be reduced by the amount of program income received.
- d. The USPFO will record program income as a reimbursement to the total requirement listed in the appropriate line of the approved activity budget or financial plan. Reimbursements are credited in the same proportion as the negotiated charges.
- e. The grantee must expend funds derived from program income under the terms of the applicable appendices in the accounts reported (unless the State has authority to move expenditures to other MCA accounts). The grantee may not request Federal reimbursement for expenditures of program income funds and must maintain, for the USPFO, a fully auditable accounting of these expense transactions.

## 11-7. Accounting for In-Kind Assistance (IKA)

- a. Whenever IKA is approved by the grantor, the total dollar amount of the IKA shall be de-obligated from the Agreement through a modification thus reducing the total dollars available to the grantee. When an agreement has a grantee match/share the grants officer is responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets its match/share requirements. The grantee shall credit the amount of its share of the costs of in-kind assistance against the costs claimed for reimbursement under the CA. This is accomplished as a credit from the grantee on a subsequent request for reimbursement; or as a credit on the next advance payment request. IKA is fiscal or program year sensitive and as such the credit due the Federal government may be in the form of a check if IKA coincides with the end of a fiscal year.
- b. Government furnished property or equipment is not IKA because title to the property remains vested with the Federal government.

## 11-8. Accounting for Direct Reimbursement for Costs through Military Interagency Payment Request (MIPR)

- a. The grantor may receive a MIPR to pay for the Incidental Incremental Costs (IIC) associated with a Military agency's use of facilities supported through a Grant officer. A MIPR will be processed IAW DFAS directives. Funds collected by the grantor as direct reimbursements will be added, through a CA modification, to the total dollars obligated for the appropriate CA. Those funds will then be available for reimbursement to the grantee.
- b. Typically a MIPR will be supported by an Intraservice Support Agreement or an Interservice/Intragovernmental Support Agreement.
- c. A MIPR shall not be used for the direct reimbursement in support of grantee employee or contract hire positions.
- d. IIC funds received via a MIPR are not Program Income.
- e. The USPFO will apply the proceeds from user charges to the appropriate AMSCO or EEIC in the same proportion these AMSCOs or EEICs constituted the function that generated the user charges. The USPFO will pass on, to the grantee, the appropriate amount from any proceeds that resulted from the use of facilities for which there is a required State matching share under the MCA. The amount of this income shall be credited against the total

requirements listed in the appropriate line of the approved activity budget or financial plan in the applicable Appendices. The grantee must request reimbursement under the terms of the applicable Appendices in the reported accounts unless they have approval to move the expenditures to other MCA accounts.

### 11-9. Accounting for Rebates, Credits, Discounts and Refunds

The grantee, when receiving any funds for rebates, credits, discounts and refunds, shall return to the grantor the Federal proportional share based upon the matching percentage of the earning CA appendix. This will be accomplished by applying the appropriate credit on the Standard Form 270. In those cases where the grantee receives an aggregate payment that crosses more than one CA appendix, the grantee will coordinate with the grantor as to the best way to credit these funds. The grantee shall promptly, but a least quarterly, remit interest earned on advances to the grantor. The grantee may keep interest amounts of \$100.00 per year for administrative expenses.

## 11-10. Final Accounting and Settlement

- a. Some Agreements/Appendices cannot be liquidated of all obligations made during the period of fund availability. Some disbursements, both Federal and State, are made months and sometimes years after fund availability has expired. However, a CA cannot be closed out until all outstanding obligations have been paid or, with justification, cancelled by the USPFO. Timely close out of Grant officers is a key internal control measure.
- b. Within 90 days after the end of the federal fiscal year, or upon termination or closeout of an Agreement, whichever is earlier, the grantee shall provide to the USPFO, a final accounting of all funding and disbursements under the agreement for the fiscal year.
- c. If un-liquidated claims and un-disbursed obligations arising from the grantee's performance of the agreement appendix will remain 90 days or more after the close of the fiscal year, the grantee shall provide to the USPFO (NLT 31 Dec) a written request to keep the agreement appendix funding open. The request will include a consolidated, detailed listing of all un-cleared obligations and a projected timetable (date) for their liquidation and disbursement. The USPFO shall then set an appropriate new timetable for the grantee to submit final accounting and settlement. Subsequent requests will be submitted by the grantee every 90 days or so thereafter as long as there are unliquidated claims or un-disbursed obligations. The USPFO, with proper justification, can choose to not extend the timetable and require that the remaining agreement appendix funding be de-obligated.
- d. Costs incurred in a fiscal year which are not disclosed by the grantee within 90 days of the end of the Federal fiscal year shall not be eligible for reimbursement by NGB. The USPFO may extend the 90 day limit for good cause shown.
- e. The USPFO shall close out the agreement or appendix for a specific fiscal year when it has been determined that all applicable administrative and financial actions have been completed, but not until all such actions have been completed.

### 11-11. Records

- a. The grantee, the USPFO and the Assistant USPSO for Air (Fiscal) shall make records and accounts pertaining to the CA available for inspection by auditors and other authorized Government officials as required.
- b. All financial and programmatic records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other records of the grantee which are pertinent to the CA shall be retained for six years and three months from the ending date of the CA. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records has been started before the expiration of the three year period, the records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or for a minimum of six years and three months whichever is later.

### MEMORANDUM FOR USPFO FOR (State)

SUBJECT: Request for FYXX Advance Payment Approval - (State),

1. Request advance payment authority for Army or Air National Guard's FYXX Cooperative Agreement (No.) between the National Guard Bureau and (State).

2. This request is required by (State) Statute (Number) which precludes the incurring of an obligation by the (State) unless funds are available in the state treasury in the form of an unencumbered balance to pay for the obligation. (State) has insufficient funds to fully support the Federal portion of this agreement. [IF APPLICABLE] or

The funds apportioned by the (State) as its share of the agreement cost are not adequate to support the obligation and disbursement of funds for service required under the agreement. Therefore, in order to provide the service as required, an advance payment from the Federal Government is necessary.

- 3. (State) agrees that all advance payments received under this agreement shall be used solely for the authorized services specified in the agreement. Further, the books and records of the State shall be made available, on request, for inspection by properly authorized representatives of the United States Property and Fiscal Officer; Chief, National Guard Bureau and the Comptroller General. The books and records are also subject to the review of the State Auditor.
- 4. Furthermore, (State) agrees to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the U.S. Treasury and their disbursement by the State.
- 5. Request Reimbursement Cycle of (No.) days.
- 6. The Cash Flow Forecast is attached and deviations in excess of 10% have been explained in a footnote.
- 7. Point of contact is (Name), (Office Symbol), (Telephone Number commercial and DSN)

Encl:

**Estimated Cash Flow Requirements** 

(Grantee Representative) Signature

Figure 11-1 Sample Request for Advance Payment Approval

## (STATE)

## AGREEMENT NUMBER (#)

## FISCAL YEAR 20XX

## ESTIMATED CASH FLOW REQUIREMENTS

	APPENDIX	APPENDIX	APPENDIX		
	<u>1002</u>	<u>1003</u>	<u>1004</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
OCT XX	27,500	9,600 (b)	5,700	42,800	
NOV XX	27,500	29,600	5,500	62,600	
DEC XX	27,500	9,600	5,250	42,350	
JAN XX	35,000 (a)	9,600	5,250	49,850	
FEB XX	27,500	19,600	5,250	52,350	
MAR XX	27,500	9,600	5,250	42,350	
APR XX	30,000	9,600	5,250	44,850	
MAY XX	30,000	9,600	5,450	45,050	
JUN XX	30,000	14,600	5,500	50,100	
JUL XX	30,000	9,600	5,500	45,100	
AUG XX	30,000	9,600	5,500	45,100	
SEP XX	30,000	9,600	5,300	45,000	
TOTAL	352,500	155,200	64,800	567,500	

Figure 11-2 Sample Estimated Cash Flow Requirements Chart

## Appendix A

References

### Section I

### **Required Publications**

This section has no entries

### Section II

### **Related Publications**

### **AFI 25-201**

**Logistics- Support Agreements Procedures** 

### **ANGI 65-601**

Air National Guard Financial Management

## **DAADS Instructions**

Defense Assistance Awards Reporting Data System

### **DFAS 37-100-XX Manuals**

The Army Management Structure

## **DoD Instruction 4000.19**

Inter-service and Intra-governmental Support

### **DODD 3210.6R**

Defense Grants and Agreements Regulatory System (DGARS)

## **DoD FMR V12 Ch5**

Grants and Cooperative Agreements

## **NGB Office of the PARC Document Library**

Grants Cooperative Agreement Policy Letters (GCAPL) and Point Papers

## OMB Cir No A-89

Federal Domestic Assistance Program Information

### OMB Cir No A-133

Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations

### OMB Cir No A-102

Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments

## OMB Cir A-123

Internal Control Systems Management Accountability and Control

## 2 CFR 215

Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations

## 2 CFR 225

Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments

## 10 USC Ch 1803

Facilities for Reserve Components

## 31 CFR 205

Rules and Procedures for Efficient Federal-State Funds Transfers

## 31 USC Ch 63

Using Procurement Contracts and Grant and Cooperative Agreements

## 31 USC Ch 65

Intergovernmental Cooperation

### 31 USC Ch 75

Requirements for Single Audits

### **32 CFR 33**

Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments

### **32 USC**

United States Code

### **Section III**

**Prescribed Forms** 

This section has no entries

### **Section IV**

**Referenced Forms** 

### **DD Form 577**

Appointment/Termination Record – Authorized Signature

## **DD Form 2566**

DoD Assistance Award Action Report

## **SF 270**

Request for Advance or Reimbursement

## Glossary

### **Section I**

**Abbreviations** 

### **ANG**

Air National Guard

### **ARNG**

Army National Guard

## $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}$

Cooperative Agreement

### CA PM

Cooperative Agreement Program Manager at State level

## **CFR**

Code of Federal Regulations

### **CFMO**

Chief Facilities Management Officer

### **CNGB**

Chief, National Guard Bureau

### **DAADS**

Defense Assistance Awards Reporting System

### **DoDGARS**

Defense Grants Management Information System

### DoD

Department of Defense

## **GOR**

Grants Officer's Representative

### **MCA**

Master Cooperative Agreement

### MCCA

Military Construction Cooperative Agreement

## NG

National Guard

### **NGB**

National Guard Bureau

## NGB-OPR-PM

National Guard Bureau Office of Primary Responsibility Program Manager

### **OMB**

Office of Management and Budget

### S.IA

Staff Judge Advocate (Local AGR)

### **TAG**

The Adjutant General

### USC

United States Code (of Federal Public Law)

### USPFO

United States Property and Fiscal Office or United States Property and Fiscal Officer

### Section II

### **Terms**

## Army National Guard and Air National Guard Master Cooperative Agreements

Any agreements entered into by the Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau, with the States, funded by Department of Defense appropriations for the Army National Guard and Air National Guard, for construction, minor construction, maintenance, repair, or operation of facilities, operations of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard, and for other programs authorized and directed by Congress or the Department of Defense to be performed by the States and the National Guard Bureau.

### **Air National Guard**

That part of the organized militia of the several States and Territories, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, active and inactive, that—a) is an air force; b) is trained, and has its officers appointed, under the sixteenth clause of section 8, article I of the Constitution; c) is organized, armed, and equipped wholly or partly at Federal expense; and d) is federally recognized (32 U.S.C. § 101).

## **Army National Guard**

That part of the organized militia of the several States and Territories, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, active and inactive, that—a) is a land force; b) is trained, and has its officers appointed, under the sixteenth clause of section 8, article I of the Constitution; c) is organized, armed, and equipped wholly or partly at Federal expense; and d) is federally recognized (32 U.S.C. § 101).

### **Airport Authority**

A Public Agency controlling a Public Airport A Public Agency means a State or any agency of a State, a municipality or other political subdivision of a State, a tax supported organization, or an Indian tribe or pueblo. Public Airport means an airport which is used for or to be used for public purposes, under the control of a public agency, and the landing area of which is publicly owned. [Extracted from Public Law 97-248]

## Chief, National Guard Bureau

The Chief, National Guard Bureau means the head of the National Guard Bureau or his/her designee.

### **Direct Costs**

Are costs that can be identified specifically with a particular cost objective. These costs may be charged directly to the CA against which costs are finally lodged. Direct costs may also be charged to cost objectives used for the accumulation of costs pending distribution in due course to the CAs ultimate cost objective.

### **Equipment**

For the purposes of 32 CFR 33.32, equipment means any equipment purchased for the performance of this MCA that is not "military equipment".

### Fiscal Year

The Federal Fiscal Year that runs from October 1 to September 30

#### Grantee

The State (TAG), organization or other entity receiving a grant or cooperative agreement from a DoD Component

### **Grants Officer (Grantor)**

An individual appointed by the NGB, Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) authorized to provide approvals, receive reports, modify or change the terms of this MCA, provide funds under the MCA or take any other action for NGB under this MCA except for deciding any appeal of a dispute under this MCA as provided in Article XII – Termination, Enforcement, Claims, Disputes, Resolution and Appeals, Section 1203.

### **Grants Officer Representative**

A representative of the grants officer acts within the limits of his or her authority as delegated, in writing, by the grants officer

## **Indirect costs**

Are generally unallowable for CA purposes. Indirect costs are those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefited.

### **In-Kind Assistance**

The Federal procurement of supplies and or services, in lieu of funds, to satisfy NGB's obligation of assistance support to the grantee

### **In-Kind Contribution**

Property or services (valued at the time of the contribution at fair market value) which benefit a federally assisted program or activity contributed by the grantee to satisfy (in whole or in part) the grantee's match share of assistance to the agreement.

### Interservice. Intraservice or Intragovernmental Support Agreement

A formal agreement that defines recurring services to be provided by one supplier to one or more receivers and defines the basis for calculating reimbursement charges for services. It shall be used to define clearly the terms and conditions of the agreement including, when appropriate, a cost breakdown, and special instruction for each area or category of support.

### **Local Government Entities**

State political subdivisions, counties, cities, towns, townships, airport authorities, school districts

### **National Guard Bureau**

Is a Joint Bureau of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force, headed by a chief who is the advisor to the Army Chief of Staff and the Air Force Chief of Staff on National Guard matters. The National Guard Bureau is the channel of communication between the departments concerned and the several States, Territories, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, on all matters pertaining to the National Guard, the Army National Guard of the United States, and the Air National Guard of the United States.

### State

Any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any Territory or possession of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of a State exclusive of local governments. (DoDGARS, Part 33.3)

### **Supplies**

For the purposes of 32 CFR 33.33, supplies means any supplies purchased for the performance of this MCA that are not "military supplies".

### **Territory**

Territory means any Territory. However, for purposes of laws relating to the militia, the National Guard, the Army National Guard of the United States, and the Air National Guard of the United States, "Territory" includes Guam and the Virgin Islands (32 U.S.C. § 101).

## The Adjutant General

a. The Adjutant General (TAG) is the head of the State [Commonwealth, or Territory] Military Department, appointed by the Governor of the State [Commonwealth, or Territory], according to the respective State's [Commonwealth's, or Territory's] constitution, or statute.

b. The TAG: 1) receives funds and property and accounts for all expenditures and property acquired through this MCA; and 2) make returns and reports concerning those expenditures and that property, as required by this MCA.

## **United States Property and Fiscal Officer**

a. The United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) is the qualified commissioned officer of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, as the case may be, designated by the Chief, National Guard Bureau, to be the United States Property and Fiscal Officer of a State or Territory.

b. The USPFO receives and accounts for all funds and property of the United States in the possession of the National Guard for which he/she is property and fiscal officer; and make returns and reports concerning those funds and that property, as required by the Secretary concerned. (32 USC Section 708)