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October 4, 2023

Mr. Mark J. Polatajko, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration
Kent State University
2nd Floor Library
Kent, OH 44242

Dear Mr. Polatajko:

A copy of the indirect cost Rate Agreement is being sent to you for signature. This Agreement reflects an understanding reached between your organization and a member of my staff concerning the rate(s) that may be used to support your claim for indirect costs on grants and contracts with the Federal Government.

Please have the Agreement signed by an authorized representative of your organization, email to me, retaining a copy for your files. Our email address is cas-dallas@psc.hhs.gov. We will reproduce and distribute the Agreement to the appropriate awarding organizations of the Federal Government for their use.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has requested that we reach an agreement with each institution on components for the published F&A cost rates. The attached form(s) are provided for that purpose. Please sign the form(s) and return them with the agreement.

An indirect cost proposal, together with supporting information, is required to substantiate your claim for indirect costs under grants and contracts awarded by the Federal Government. Thus your next indirect cost proposal for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 is due in our office by December 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

Arif M. Karim -S

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Arif Karim
Director
Cost Allocation Services

Enclosures

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN VIA EMAIL A COPY OF THE RATE AGREEMENT

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RATE AGREEMENT

EIN: 1316402079A1
 ORGANIZATION:
 Kent State University
 2nd Floor Library
 Kent, OH 44242-0001

Date: 10/04/2023
 FILING REF.: The preceding
 agreement was dated
 04/03/2020

The rates approved in this agreement are for use on grants, contracts and other agreements with the Federal Government, subject to the conditions in Section III.

SECTION I: INDIRECT COST RATES

RATE TYPES:	FIXED	FINAL	PROV. (PROVISIONAL)	PRED. (PREDETERMINED)	
	<u>EFFECTIVE PERIOD</u>				
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE(%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	52.00	On Campus	Organized Research
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	52.00	On Campus	Instruction
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	34.00	On Campus	Other Sponsored Activities
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	26.00	Off Campus	All Programs
PROV.	07/01/2026	Until Amended			Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending Jun 30, 2026

***BASE**

Modified total direct costs, consisting of all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel and up to the first \$25,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). Modified total direct costs shall exclude equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$25,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency for indirect costs.

SECTION II: SPECIAL REMARKS

TREATMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS:

The fringe benefits are specifically identified to each employee and are charged individually as direct costs. The directly claimed fringe benefits are listed below.

TREATMENT OF PAID ABSENCES:

Vacation, holiday, sick leave pay and other paid absences are included in salaries and wages and are claimed on grants, contracts and other agreements as part of the normal cost for salaries and wages. Separate claims are not made for the cost of these paid absences.

OFF-CAMPUS DEFINITION: The off-campus rate will apply for all activities: a) Performed in facilities not owned by the institution and where these facility costs are not included in the F&A pools; or b) Where rent is directly allocated/charged to the project(s). Grants or contracts will not be subject to more than one F&A cost rate. If more than 50% of a project is performed off-campus, the off-campus rate will apply to the entire project.

"Efforts undertaken by subcontracts and/or consultants are not a factor in the determination of whether an on- or off-campus rate should apply."

Fringe Benefits:

FICA

Retirement

Life Insurance

Worker's Compensation

Unemployment Insurance

Health Insurance

Parking & Recreation Center Fees

Graduate Student Tuition Waiver

Per 2 CFR 200.414(g) – A rate extension has been granted.

The next proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending 06/30/2025 is due in our office by 12/31/2025.

Equipment means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000.

SECTION III: GENERAL

A. LIMITATIONS:

The rates in this Agreement are subject to any statutory or administrative limitations and apply to a given grant, contract or other agreement only to the extent that funds are available. Acceptance of the rates is subject to the following conditions: (1) Only costs incurred by the organization were included in its indirect cost pool as finally accepted: such costs are legal obligations of the organization and are allowable under the governing cost principles; (2) The same costs that have been treated as indirect costs are not claimed as direct costs; (3) Similar types of costs have been accorded consistent accounting treatment; and (4) The information provided by the organization which was used to establish the rates is not later found to be materially incomplete or inaccurate by the Federal Government. In such situations the rate(s) would be subject to renegotiation at the discretion of the Federal Government.

B. ACCOUNTING CHANGES:

This Agreement is based on the accounting system purported by the organization to be in effect during the Agreement period. Changes to the method of accounting for costs which affect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of this Agreement require prior approval of the authorized representative of the cognizant agency. Such changes include, but are not limited to, changes in the charging of a particular type of cost from indirect to direct. Failure to obtain approval may result in cost disallowances.

C. FIXED RATES:

If a fixed rate is in this Agreement, it is based on an estimate of the costs for the period covered by the rate. When the actual costs for this period are determined, an adjustment will be made to a rate of a future year(s) to compensate for the difference between the costs used to establish the fixed rate and actual costs.

D. USE BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES:

The rates in this Agreement were approved in accordance with the authority in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 (2 CFR 200), and should be applied to grants, contracts and other agreements covered by 2 CFR 200, subject to any limitations in A above. The organization may provide copies of the Agreement to other Federal Agencies to give them early notification of the Agreement.

E. OTHER:

If any Federal contract, grant or other agreement is reimbursing indirect costs by a means other than the approved rate(s) in this Agreement, the organization should (1) credit such costs to the affected programs, and (2) apply the approved rate(s) to the appropriate base to identify the proper amount of indirect costs allocable to these programs.

BY THE INSTITUTION:

Kent State University

(INSTITUTION)

(SIGNATURE)

(NAME)

(TITLE)

(DATE)

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(AGENCY)

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Arif Karim

(NAME)

Director, Cost Allocation Services

(TITLE)

10/04/2023

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