

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 1835 and 1852 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

PART 1835—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTING

2. Section 1835.003–70 is added to read as follows:

1835.003–70 NASA Research and Development (R&D) Abstracts.

(a) The E-Government Act of 2002 (Pub. L. No. 107–347) mandates the development and maintenance of a repository that integrates information on research and development funded by the Federal Government. In support of that requirement, NASA will collect research abstracts and forward them to an appropriate central repository where they will be available for use by government agencies and other users.

(b) Information on R&D awards subject to the clause at 1852.235–75, NASA Research and Development (R&D) Abstracts, including contractor name and contract number, shall be automatically entered by NASA into the NASA R&D Abstract Collection and Transmittal System (ACTS) database on a monthly basis. The database may be accessed via the Web site listed in the clause. Contracting officers shall check the Web site to determine if the selected contractor is listed as an entity already registered in the ACTS database. If the contractor is registered, then no further action by the contracting officer is

required. If the contractor is not already registered in ACTS, the contracting officer must obtain from their Center ACTS point of contact a new ACTS user identification and password for the selected contractor. The contracting officer shall provide the user identification and password to the contractor.

3. Section 1835.070 is amended by adding paragraph (f) to read as follows:

1835.070 NASA contract clauses and solicitation provision.

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(f) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 1852.235–75, NASA Research and Development (R&D) Abstracts, in all contracts that include research and development effort that exceeds \$25,000. This requirement does not apply to intragovernmental transfers.

PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

4. Section 1852.235–75 is added to read as follows:

1852.235–75 NASA Research and Development (R&D) Abstracts.

As prescribed in 1835.070(f), insert the following clause:

NASA Research and Development (R&D) Abstracts (XX/XX)

(a) The Contractor shall, within 60 days after award (or 30 days after the award

information is entered into the NASA R&D Abstract Collection and Transmittal System (ACTS) database, whichever is later), enter a summary or abstract of the research and development activity to be conducted under this contract into the ACTS database. The database may be accessed at the following URL: <http://proposals.hq.nasa.gov/acts/>.

(b) The abstract should range from 250 to 500 words in length. The abstract will be made available to the public without restrictions; therefore, caution is advised against inclusion of any material for which dissemination in the public domain may be prohibited such as trade secrets, proprietary information or export controlled information.

(c) The abstract and other pertinent award information will be included in a database of R&D abstracts from across the Federal Government. The government-wide database will include abstracts and other information concerning awards, such as the dollar value and estimated completion date. The government-wide database will be accessible to other government agencies and private organizations and will allow entities to search the database for a variety of information regarding current research awards. The NASA ACTS database will not be searchable by the general public.

(d) Access to the NASA ACTS database requires user identification and a password to ensure that only authorized personnel enter abstract information. The Contracting Officer will provide instructions regarding user identification and password access if the Contractor does not already possess an ACTS identification and password.

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