

## 31.205-30 Patent costs.

(a) The following patent *costs* are allowable to the extent that they are incurred as requirements of a Government contract (but see [31.205-33](#)):

(1) *Costs* of preparing invention disclosures, reports, and other documents.

(2) *Costs* for searching the art to the extent necessary to make the invention disclosures.

(3) Other *costs* in connection with the filing and prosecution of a *United States* patent application where title or royalty-free license is to be conveyed to the Government.

(b) General counseling services relating to patent matters, such as advice on patent laws, regulations, clauses, and employee agreements, are allowable (but see [31.205-33](#)).

(c) Other than those for general counseling services, patent *costs* not required by the contract are unallowable. (See also [31.205-37](#).)

**Parent topic:** [31.205 Selected costs](#).