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## 35.017-2 Establishing or changing an FFRDC.

To establish an FFRDC, or change its basic purpose and mission, the *sponsor shall* ensure the following:

- (a) Existing alternative sources for satisfying agency requirements cannot effectively meet the special research or *development* needs.
- (b) The notices required for publication (see [5.205\(b\)](#)) are placed as required.
- (c) There is sufficient Government expertise available to adequately and objectively evaluate the work to be performed by the FFRDC.
- (d) The Executive Office of the President, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Washington, DC 20506, is notified.
- (e) Controls are established to ensure that the costs of the services being provided to the Government are reasonable.
- (f) The basic purpose and mission of the FFRDC is stated clearly enough to enable differentiation between work which *should* be performed by the FFRDC and that which *should* be performed by non-FFRDC's.
- (g) A reasonable continuity in the level of support to the FFRDC is maintained, consistent with the agency's need for the FFRDC and the terms of the sponsoring agreement.
- (h) The FFRDC is operated, managed, or administered by an autonomous organization or as an identifiably separate operating unit of a parent organization, and is required to operate in the public interest, free from *organizational conflict of interest*, and to disclose its affairs (as an FFRDC) to the *primary sponsor*.
- (i) Quantity production or manufacturing is not performed unless authorized by legislation.
- (j) Approval is received from the head of the sponsoring agency.

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