

Subrecipient, Contractor, Consultant --Which is it?--

SUBRECIPIENT

(N) The agreement to an eligible subrecipient made under a grant or cooperative agreement to carry out a research project

- Has responsibility for programmatic decision making
- Performance is measured against its portion of the scope of work in the University of Maryland prime grant
- Uses the funds to carry out a program within the organization as compared to providing goods or services for a program
- Subawardee's PI may be a co-author on publications or may seek patent protection for inventions
- As a result of this designation: is responsible for adhering to applicable program compliance requirements (i.e., Uniform Guidance, FAR, agency regulations, etc.); and

CONTRACTOR

(N) A dealer, distributor, merchant, or other seller providing goods or services that are required for the conduct of a research program

- Provides the goods or services within normal business operations
- Provides similar goods or services to many different purchasers
- Operates in a competitive environment
- Provides goods or services that are ancillary to the operation of the research project; and
- As a result of this designation: are not subject to monitoring or reporting requirements of the prime award

CONSULTANT

(N) Categorized as a vendor-type relationship. An individual or company retained to provide professional advice or services on a project for free

- A company or an individual who is clearly a bona fide consultant (expert advisor) who pursues this line of business for themselves
- Are paid for their time at an hourly, daily, or fixed rate
- A consultant is considered a "work for hire" thus all intellectual property and copyrightable information is assigned to the University of Maryland

