

Instrument Selection Criteria Chart/Northern Plains Area, Extramural Agreements Section

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| | Purpose | Relationship/Benefit to ARS Programs | ARS Involvement during Performance |
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| Use a Contract When: | Acquiring Service or Property | Direct Benefit/Use | No Involvement |
| Use a Project Grant When: | Transferring Anything of Value | To Support or Stimulate a Public Purpose | No Involvement |
| Use an Assistance Type Cooperative Agreement (ACTA) When: | Transferring Anything of Value | To Support or Stimulate a Public Purpose | Substantial Involvement |
| Use a Specific Cooperative Agreement (SCA) When: | ARS is Paying and Mutual Interest and Contributions toward Research Effort exists | Direct Benefit to ARS in-house research | Substantial Involvement |
| Use a Research Support Agreement (RSA) When: | Procuring Service/Supplies Directly from a College or University | Direct Benefit to ARS in-house research | Substantial Involvement |
| Use a Non-Funded Cooperative Agreement (NFCA) When: | Describing Research Work with No Obligation of Funds | Direct Benefit to ARS in-house research | Substantial Involvement |
| Use a Technology Transfer Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) When: | Receiving Funds under Federal Technology Transfer Act | Direct Benefit to ARS in-house research | Substantial Involvement |
| Use a Reimbursable or Trust Fund Agreement When: | ARS Receives Funds to Perform Research Work | Direct Benefit to ARS in-house research | Substantial Involvement |

Each project involving cooperation must be assessed individually to ascertain the agreement instrument most appropriate for the project.

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