



CHARTER
of the
INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON RESEARCH BUSINESS MODELS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Interagency Working Group on Research Business Models (hereafter referred to as the "Working Group") is hereby established by the Subcommittee on Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) of the Committee on Science (CoS). The Working Group serves as part of the internal deliberative process of the Subcommittee, which provides guidance and direction.

B. Purpose and Scope

The CoS takes note of the fact that much has changed about the practice of scientific and engineering research over time. The purpose of the Working Group is to advise and assist the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) on policies, procedures, and plans relating to business models for the performance and management of federally-sponsored scientific and engineering research. The Working Group will facilitate a strong, coordinated effort across Federal agencies to identify and address important policy implications arising from the changing nature of scientific and engineering research. The Working Group will also examine the influence these changes have on business models and business practices for the conduct of scientific and engineering research sponsored by the Federal government and carried out by academic, other non-profit, industrial, and government entities. The integration of performance and accountability with the federally-sponsored research enterprise will be within the purview of this Working Group.

C. Functions

The Working Group will:

1. Examine opportunities and develop options to streamline and unify agency research grants and contracts administration practices.
2. Investigate how the changing nature of scientific research and its practices in academia and government laboratories affect the cost of research.

3. Examine the impact of regulatory and administrative requirements placed on performers of federally-funded research.
4. Examine all (Federal, state, local, university, other nonprofit, industry) policies that affect construction and maintenance of the research infrastructure.
5. Assess and report periodically on the status, efficiency, and performance of the research partnership between the Federal government and the academic community.
6. Perform other such functions as the Working Group shall deem necessary to meet the purpose of the Interagency Working Group on Research Business Models, subject to approval by the CoS.

Through its co-chairs, the Working Group will recommend action on major research policy issues to SBE or the CoS.

D. Membership

The following agencies are represented on the Interagency Working Group on Research Business Models:

Department of Agriculture;
Department of Commerce;
Department of Defense;
Department of Education
Department of Energy;
Department of Health and Human Services (Co-Chair);
Department of Homeland Security;
Department of the Interior;
Department of Transportation;
Department of Veterans Affairs;
Environmental Protection Agency;
National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and
National Science Foundation (Co-Chair).

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President are also represented on the Working Group:

Office of Management and Budget; and
Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Cooperating departments and agencies shall include such other Executive organizations, departments, and agencies as the Co-Chairs may designate.

E. Interactions with Other Groups

The Working Group will consult and coordinate with other ongoing, relevant efforts including, but not limited to, those of the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP). The Working Group may interact with other Federal government organizations and NSTC bodies as required in the performance of its work. The Working Group may also interact with Federal advisory bodies such as the National Science Board (NSB) and the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). The Working Group may interact with and receive *ad hoc* information and advice from private-sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.


F. Termination Date

Unless extended by the Co-chairs of the CoS prior to its expiration, the Working Group shall terminate no later than March 31, 2017.

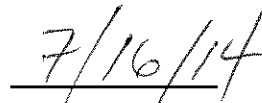
G. Determination

We hereby determine that the establishment of the Interagency Working Group on Research Business Models is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.


Approved:



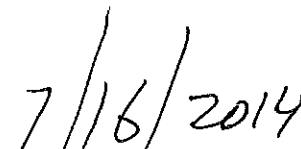
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Robert Kaplan
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Department of Health and Human Services



Date

