

### **3.10.3-5 Use and Charges** (February 2003)

(a) The Contractor may use the facilities without charge in the performance of:

- (1) Contracts with the Government that specifically authorize such use without charge;
- (2) Subcontracts of any tier under Government prime contracts if the Contracting Officer having cognizance of the prime contract (i) approves a subcontract specifically authorizing such use or (ii) otherwise authorizes such use in writing; and
- (3) Other work, if the Contracting Officer specifically authorizes in writing use without charge for such work.

(b) If granted written permission by the Contracting Officer, or if it is specifically provided for in the Schedule, the Contractor may use the facilities for a rental fee for work other than that provided in paragraph (a) above. Authorizing such use of the facilities does not waive any rights of the Government to terminate the Contractor's right to use the facilities. The rental fee shall be determined in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(c) The following bases are or shall be established in writing for the rental computation prescribed in paragraphs (d) and (e) below in advance of any use of the facilities on a rental basis:

(1) The rental rates shall be those set forth in Table I.

(2) The acquisition cost of the facilities shall be the total cost to the Government, as determined by the Contracting Officer, and includes the cost of transportation and installation, if borne by the Government.

(i) When Government-owned special tooling or accessories are rented with any of the facilities, the acquisition cost of the facilities shall be increased by the total cost to the Government of such tooling or accessories, as determined by the Contracting Officer.

(ii) When any of the facilities are substantially improved at Government expense, the acquisition cost of the facilities shall be increased by the increase in value that the improvement represents, as determined by the Contracting Officer.

(iii) The determinations of the Contracting Officer under this subparagraph (c)(2) shall be final.

(3) For the purpose of determining the amount of rental due under paragraph (d), the rental period shall be not less than 1 month nor more than 6 months, as approved by the Contracting Officer.

(4) For the purpose of computing any credit under paragraph (e), the unit in determining the amount of use of the facilities shall be direct labor hours, sales, hours of use, or any other unit of measure that will result in an equitable apportionment of the rental charge, as approved by the Contracting Officer.

(d) The Contractor shall compute the amount of rentals to be paid for each rental period by applying the appropriate rental rates to the acquisition cost of such facilities as may have been authorized for use in advance for the rental period.

(e) The full rental charge for each period shall be reduced by a credit. The credit equals the rental amount that would otherwise be properly allocable to the work for which the facilities were used without charge under paragraph (a). The credit shall be computed by multiplying the full rental for the rental period by a fraction in which the numerator is the amount of use of the facilities by the Contractor without charge during the period, and the denominator is the total amount of use of the facilities by the Contractor during the period.

(f) Within 90 days after the close of each rental period, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a written statement of the use made of the facilities by the Contractor and the rental due the Government. At the same time, the Contractor shall make available such records and data as are determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary to verify the information contained in the statement.

(g) If the Contractor fails to submit the information as required in paragraph (f) above, the Contractor shall be liable for the full rental for the period. However, if the Contractor's failure to submit was not the fault of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer should grant to the Contractor in writing a reasonable extension of time to submit.

(h) Unless otherwise directed in writing by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall give priority in the use of the facilities to performing contracts and subcontracts of the Contracting Officer having cognizance of the facilities and shall not undertake any work involving the use of the facilities that would interfere with performing existing Government contracts or subcontracts.

(i) Concurrently with the submission of the written statement prescribed by paragraph (f) of this clause, the Contractor shall pay the rental due the Government under this clause. Payment shall be by check made payable to the office designated for contract administration and mailed or delivered to the Contracting Officer. Receipt and acceptance by the Government of the Contractor's check pursuant to this paragraph shall constitute an accord and satisfaction of the final amount due the Government hereunder, unless the Contractor is notified in writing within 180 days following receipt that the amount received is not regarded by the Government as the final amount due.

(j) If the Contractor uses any item of the facilities without authorization, the Contractor shall be liable for the full monthly rental, without credit, for such item for each month or part of a month in which such unauthorized use occurs; provided, however, that the agency head concerned may, in writing, waive the Contractor's liability for such unauthorized use if the agency head determines that without such a waiver gross inequity would result. The acceptance of any rental by the Government under this clause shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any rights it may have against the Contractor growing out of the Contractor's unauthorized use of the facilities or any other failure to perform this contract according to its terms.

#### TABLE I - Rental Rates

(i) For real property and associated fixtures, a fair and reasonable rental shall be established based on sound commercial practice.

(ii) For plant equipment of the types covered in Federal Supply classes 3405, 3408, 3410, and 3411 through 3419, machine tools; and in 3441 through 3449, secondary metal forming and cutting machines, the following monthly rates shall apply:

##### Age of Equipment Monthly Rental Rate

Under 2 years old 3.0 percent  
Over 2 to 3 years old 2.0 percent  
Over 3 to 6 years old 1.5 percent  
Over 6 to 10 years old 1.0 percent  
Over 10 years old 0.75 percent

The age of each item of the equipment shall be based on the year in which it was manufactured, with a birthday on January 1 of each year thereafter. For example, an item of equipment manufactured on July 15, 1978, will be considered to be 'over 1 year old' on and after January 1,

1979, and 'over 2 years old' on and after January 1, 1980.

(iii) For personal property and equipment not covered in (i) or (ii) above, a rental shall be established at not less than the prevailing commercial rate, if any, or, in the absence of such rate, not less than 2 percent per month for electronic test equipment and automotive equipment and not less than 1 percent per month for all other property and equipment.

**(End of clause)**

**PRESCRIPTION**

Shall be used in all RFIs/RFPs and contracts that include Government property in the form of facilities.