

the reasons for the action and will be promptly reported to the principal investigator and the appropriate Field Installation Director. In the case of investigators from non-NASA institutions, notification should be sent to the investigator, the appropriate institution, and the Director of the Field Installation through which the activity has been supported. If the ACUC suspends an activity involving animal subjects, the Field Installation Director in consultation with the ACUC shall review the reasons for suspension, take appropriate corrective action, and report that action with a full explanation to the Authorized NASA Official, NASA Headquarters. If an ACUC recommends disapproval suspension, termination, or conditional approval of an activity, the principal investigator will be given the opportunity to ask for reconsideration of the decision in person and/or in writing to the appropriate NASA ACUC.

(4) If, after notification of the Field Installation Director and an opportunity for correction, such deficiencies or deviations remain uncorrected, the ACUC will notify (in writing) the Authorized NASA Official, NASA Headquarters, who is then responsible for all corrective action to be taken.

## PART 1240—INVENTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

### Subpart 1—Awards for Scientific and Technical Contributions

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ed (42 U.S.C. 2458), and the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986, sec. 12, 15 U.S.C. 3710b(1).

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### Subpart 1—Awards for Scientific and Technical Contributions

#### § 1240.100 Purpose.

This subpart prescribes procedures for submitting applications for monetary awards to the Administrator of NASA for scientific and technical contributions which have significant value in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2458, and establishes the awards program consistent with the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986, section 12, 15 U.S.C. 3710b(1).

#### § 1240.101 Scope.

This subpart applies to any scientific or technical contribution, whether or not patentable, which is determined by the Administrator after referral to the Inventions and Contributions Board to have significant value in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities for which an application for award has been submitted to NASA under 42 U.S.C. 2458.

#### § 1240.102 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:

(a) *Administrator* means the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(b) *Board* means the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board.

(c) *Chairperson* means the Chairperson of the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board.

(d) *Commercial quality* refers to computer software that is not in an experimental or beta phase of development, that performs in accordance with its specifications, and includes documentation describing the software's form and function.

(e) *Contract* means any contract, agreement, understanding, or other arrangement with NASA or another Government Agency on NASA's behalf, including any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract executed or entered into thereunder.