

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – Conference Call  
8:00 a.m.; in Old Main Boardroom**

**Exception to Indirect Cost Policy  
UW Regulation 1-102 F**

Attached is UW's Indirect Cost Policy. Paragraph II.A. provides that the indirect cost rate is the federally approved rate.

There are two exceptions. One is for contracts with Wyoming state government, and the other is for state matching funds.

The Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC) is a UW entity that is almost entirely funded by contracts for services. The Center does what its name suggests on a contract basis for a host of entities, in-state and elsewhere. Many of their customers are government entities in other states. Those government entities expect to pay indirect cost rates similar to those that they would be charged by their own universities. WYSAC's historic practice has been to charge indirect cost rates that meet that expectation, i.e. in the 15% to 20% rate that is similar to what UW charges what government entities.

Conducting surveys and performing analysis does not involve the use of laboratory facilities. WYSAC does rely on revenue from contracts with government entities outside Wyoming. That revenue helps keep WYSAC operational in a competitive environment so it can serve Wyoming interests.

The exception would be stated as follows:

**II. Indirect cost rate for externally funded research**

- A. Except as provided in subparagraphs II.b. and c. of this paragraph, the indirect cost rate for all externally funded research shall be the federally approved indirect cost rate for federally funded research at the time the research agreement is executed.
- B. The indirect cost rate for all research funded by an agency or governmental subdivision of the state of Wyoming shall be twenty percent (20%), except that this rate may be modified with the approval of the Board of Trustees for the best interests of the University. The Board of Trustees may also approve a different rate for research contracts with government entities of other states where the Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center (WYSAC) is performing services.
- C. No indirect costs shall be assessed on funds appropriated by the State of Wyoming designated to match externally funded research at the University.