



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

Program Support Center  
Financial Management Service  
Division of Cost Allocation

May 23, 2006

Cohen Building-Room 1067  
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201  
PHONE: (202)-401-2608  
FAX: (202)-619-3379Ms. Priscilla Burbage  
Vice President for Fiscal Services  
College of Charleston  
66 George Street  
Charleston, SC 29424-0001

Dear Ms. Burbage:

A copy of an indirect cost Rate Agreement is being faxed to you for signature. This Agreement reflects an understanding reached between your organization and a member of my staff concerning the rate(s) that may be used to support your claim for indirect costs on grants and contracts with the Federal Government.

Please have the agreement signed by an authorized representative of your organization and fax it to me, retaining a copy for your files. Our fax number is (202) 619-3379. We will reproduce and distribute the Agreement to the appropriate awarding organizations of the Federal Government for their use.

An indirect cost proposal, together with the supporting information, are required to substantiate your claim for indirect costs under grants and contracts awarded by the Federal Government. Thus, your next proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending 06/30/09, is due in our office by 12/30/09.

Sincerely,

Darryl W. Mayes  
Director  
Division of Cost Allocation

Enclosures

PLEASE SIGN AND FAX A COPY OF THE RATE AGREEMENT

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RATE AGREEMENT

**ORIGINAL**

EIN #: 1576000265A1

DATE: May 23, 2006

INSTITUTION:  
College of Charleston  
66 George Street  
Charleston

FILING REF.: The preceding Agreement was dated May 14, 2004

SC 29424-0001

The rates approved in this agreement are for use on grants, contracts and other agreements with the Federal Government, subject to the conditions in Section III.

**SECTION I: FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COST RATES\***

RATE TYPES: FIXED FINAL PROV. (PROVISIONAL) PRED. (PREDETERMINED)

TYPE	EFFECTIVE PERIOD		RATE (%)	LOCATIONS	APPLICABLE TO
	FROM	TO			
PRED.	07/01/05	06/30/06	52.5	On-Campus	All Programs
PRED.	07/01/05	06/30/06	22.5	Off-Campus	All Programs
PRED.	07/01/06	06/30/10	40.0	On-Campus	All Programs
PRED.	07/01/06	06/30/10	17.1	Off-Campus	All Programs
PROV.	07/01/10	UNTIL AMENDED	Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.		

Effective July 1, 2006, the College of Charleston rate base changed from a Salary and Wage base to a "Total direct cost excluding capital expenditures (buildings, individual items of equipment; alterations and renovations), and that portion of each subawards in excess of \$25,000".

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**SECTION II: SPECIAL REMARKS**

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**TREATMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS:**

Fringe benefits are specifically identified to each employee and are charged individually as direct costs. The directly claimed fringe benefits are listed below.

**TREATMENT OF PAID ABSENCES:**

Vacation, holiday, sick leave pay and other paid absences are included in salaries and wages and are claimed on grants, contracts and other agreements as part of the normal cost for salaries and wages. Separate claims are not made for the costs of these paid absences.

Fringe Benefits include: FICA, Retirement, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance and Health Insurance.

Equipment means an article of nonexpendible tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

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**SECTION III: GENERAL**

**A. LIMITATIONS:**

The rates in this Agreement are subject to any statutory or administrative limitations and apply to a given grant, contract or other agreement only to the extent that funds are available. Acceptance of the rates is subject to the following conditions: (1) Only costs incurred by the organization were included in its facilities and administrative cost pools as finally accepted; such costs are legal obligations of the organization and are allowable under the governing cost principles; (2) The same costs that have been treated as facilities and administrative costs are not claimed as direct costs; (3) Similar types of costs have been accorded consistent accounting treatment; and (4) The information provided by the organization which was used to establish the rates is not later found to be materially incomplete or inaccurate by the Federal Government. In such situations the rate(s) would be subject to renegotiation at the discretion of the Federal Government.

**B. ACCOUNTING CHANGE:**

This Agreement is based on the accounting system supported by the organization to be in effect during the Agreement period. Changes to the method of accounting for costs which affect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of this Agreement require prior approval of the authorized representative of the recipient agency. Such changes include, but are not limited to, changes in the charging of a particular type of cost from facilities and administrative to direct. Failure to obtain approval may result in cost disallowance.

**C. FIXED RATE:**

If a fixed rate is in this agreement, it is based on an estimate of the costs for the period covered by the rate. When the actual costs for this period are determined, an adjustment will be made to a rate of a future year(s) to compensate for the difference between the costs used to establish the fixed rate and actual costs.

**D. USE BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES:**

The rates in this Agreement were approved in accordance with the authority in Office of Management and Budget Circular 2-21 Circular, and should be applied to grants, contracts and other agreements covered by this Circular, subject to any limitations in A above. The organization may provide copies of the Agreement to other Federal Agencies to give them early notification of the Agreement.

**E. OTHER:**

If any Federal contract, grant or other agreement is reimbursing facilities and administrative costs by a means other than the approved rate(s) in this Agreement, the organization should (1) credit such costs to the affected program, and (2) apply the approved rate(s) to the appropriate base to identify the proper amount of facilities and administrative costs allowable to those programs.

By THE INSTITUTION:  
College of Charleston

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*Ruby G. Flatman*

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Controller

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ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Department of Health and Human Services

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*Darryl Hayes*

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Director  
Division of Cost Allocation

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May 23, 2006

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