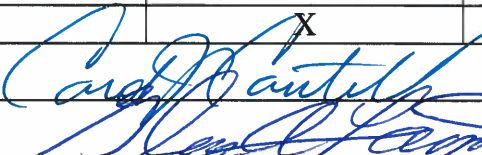



SRS Transition & Services Operations Committee (TSOC) Recommendation

Recommendation No. 035				
Establish a Sponsored Research Services (SRS) procedure that requires System Member approval prior to accepting contract language considered to be high-risk or relating to secure data				
Priority Level	Importance	Implementation	Topic/Theme	Information Systems Requirements for Implementation
1	High	Immediate	QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE	
Applicable to the following System Members		YES	TO BE DETERMINED	
Texas A&M University		X		
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station		X		
Texas A&M AgriLife Research		X		
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension		X		
Texas A&M Transportation Institute		X		
Texas A&M Health Science Center		X		
Prairie View A&M University		X		
Other System Members		X		
TSOC Signature and Date		 02-14-16		
VPR Signature and Date		 02-14-16		

Recommendation: TSOC recommends establishing an SRS procedure that requires SRS staff to notify System Members of high-risk contractual terms, including but not limited to research data security language such as the Federal Information Security Act, National Institute of Standards and Technology requirements, and Department of Defense DFARS 252.204-7012. This procedure will require approval from the System Member on all high-risk contract language. It will also require official internal documentation on the approvals relating to dates, authorities, etc.

Benefits: This is an enhanced service SRS will be providing to the System Members. If a System member is aware of the potential risks in high risk contracts, it will be able to better make an informed decision regarding its research programs. It will also increase both internal and external compliance, along with, provide official documentation for audit purposes.

Effective Implementation Date: Upon approval of this recommendation.