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MEMORANDUM FOR DARPA STAFF AND CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: Fundamental Research Security for Awards Executed Through Non-Federal Acquisition Regulation-Based Instruments

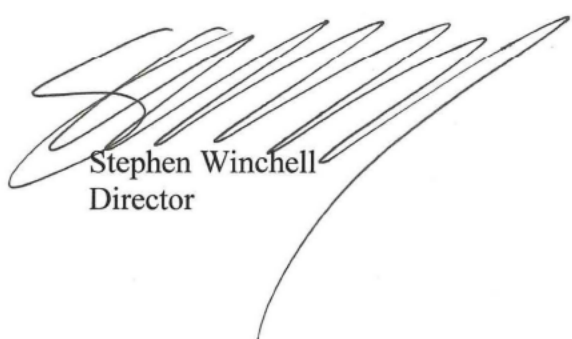
References: (a) DARPA Memorandum, "DARPA Fundamental Research Risk-Based Security Review Process," December 21, 2023
(b) National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 (NSPM-33), January 14, 2021
(c) Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering Memorandum, "Policy on Risk-Based Security Reviews on Fundamental Research," June 8, 2023

In accordance with references (a) through (c), DARPA will conduct Fundamental Research Risk-Based Security Reviews (FRRBS) on all non-Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)-based instruments, effective immediately. References (b) and (c) require FRRBS on all fundamental research awards executed through non-FAR-based and FAR-based instruments. However, until a FAR or Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement clause is approved, FAR-based contracts will not undergo a FRRBS assessment.

Fundamental research solicitations posted before the approval date of this memorandum that contemplate using non-FAR-based instruments are not subject to FRRBS. All fundamental research solicitations posted after the approval date of this memorandum will be subject to FRRBS.

Required documentation (e.g., Common Disclosure Forms) must be uploaded into the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Tool by the BAA Coordinator for review by the Countering Foreign Influence Program (CFIP) team in the Security and Intelligence Directorate (SID). Once a proposal(s) is "selected for funding," the BAA Coordinator will notify the CFIP team to complete the assessment of the selected performer(s).

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