

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES' SPECIAL AUTHORITIES

Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7403, authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a national research and development program for the prevention and control of air pollution and to cooperate with other Federal departments and agencies, with air pollution control agencies, with other public and private agencies, institutions, and organizations, and with any industries involved in the preparation and conduct of such research and other activities.

Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended. Specifically, 42 U.S.C. Section 5845(c) requires other Federal agencies to furnish to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, on a reimbursable basis, through their own facilities or by contract or other arrangement, such research services as the NRC deems necessary for the conduct of its functions.

Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 285a-2(b)(8), which authorizes the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute to enter into contracts, as may be necessary in the conduct of the functions of the Director, with any public agency. The NIH/NCI interprets this provision to authorize the NCI to enter into agreements with other federal agencies.

National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended, 51 U.S.C. § 20113(e) and (f) (previously codified at 42 U.S.C. § 2451), which authorizes NASA to “enter into . . . cooperative agreements, or other transactions as may be necessary in the conduct of its work and on such terms as it may deem appropriate, with any agency or instrumentality of the United States” and “to use, with their consent, the services, equipment, personnel, and facilities of Federal and other agencies with or without reimbursement”

National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 1861 et seq. Specifically, section 1870(c) authorizes the NSF “to enter into contracts or other arrangements...for the carrying on, by organizations...including other government agencies of the United States..., of such scientific or engineering activities as the Foundation deems necessary to carry out the purposes of [the Act].” Additionally, section 1870(j) authorizes NSF to “arrange with and reimburse the heads of other Federal agencies for the performance of any activity which the Foundation is authorized to conduct.”