Export Controls Information

Technology or equipment that is or could be related to munitions

Where a research project is to develop technology or equipment that may have a military application, the administrator should review closely the Statement of Work to first evaluate the nature of any export controls on the equipment. There is a heightened likelihood that it may be on the Munitions List and that a license may likely be required if any equipment or technology is a deliverable to the sponsor.

As a license will generally require a minimum of 6-8 weeks to acquire, a researcher should also consider whether purchasing the controlled equipment abroad is possible or alternatively whether the equipment can be shipped directly from the company to the foreign research site, as it is the party exporting the equipment who is required to secure the export license. However, even if the equipment is exported by another party, the researcher should also be careful not to export "technical assistance" or "defense services" in the form of controlled information about the equipment such as technical specifications or instructions on how to use the equipment. Under certain circumstances, providing this information may also require a license and ORPA should be contacted before doing so to evaluate whether a license is required.

EXAMPLES

- Development of bullet-proof material
- Research satellites or research equipment to be sent to a satellite
- Optical and guidance equipment, including GPS devices