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Auburn University Huntsville Research Center (AUHRC)

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AUHRC Mission

**Approach**

- Increasing access to Huntsville markets through contracts and funding
- Building agile business processes that align with government-funded work
- Embedding customer funded (non-tenured) research staff within key organizations
- Assuming a leadership role in Huntsville key technology areas

**Strategic Objectives**

- Grow Auburn University’s research portfolio, *funding* and reputation
- Enhance economic development for the state and region
- Assist the University in promoting its strategic initiatives
Non-tenured Research Faculty

- 100 percent customer funded
- Strategic hires
- SMEs in areas that align with Auburn’s research priorities
- Army / NASA domain knowledge
AUHRC Serves as the AU Interface to Huntsville

Huntsville Business Environment

- Extremely competitive environment
- Complex FAR-based contracts
- Large umbrella (IDIQ) contracts with competitive tasks
- FAR Part 31 – Contract Cost Principles and Procedures

Auburn University

- Public Institution
- Culture aligned to process grants
- Instrumentality of the State of AL
- OMB Uniform Guidance

AUHRC aligns Auburn University contracting and business processes with Huntsville government and industry processes
AUHRC Serves Multiple AU Colleges and Staff Organizations

**AUHRC Technical Role**
- Identify and understand customer requirements
- Maintain awareness of faculty research capabilities
- Provide Army / NASA domain knowledge to faculty

**AUHRC Business Role**
- Customer interface / relationships / intel
- NDAs / teaming strategy and agreements
- Proposal development / data calls
- Contract award process
- Contract administration

**Community Engagement Role**
- Serve as Auburn University’s interface to Huntsville
- Serve as Huntsville’s interface to Auburn University
Expand FAR Contract Usage

• Executed 55 Contract Vehicles for Auburn University

• Executing Multiple Forms of Contracts
  – Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ)
  – Small Business Innovative Research / Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)- Phase 1 and 2
  – Space Act Agreement (SAA)
    • Reimbursable and non-reimbursable
  – Other Transactions Agreement (OTA)
  – Firm-Fixed Price (FFP)
  – Time and Materials
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