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IN REPLY REFER TO

Agreement Date: September 15, 2026

NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT

INSTITUTION: **CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91125**

The Staff Benefit rate contained herein is for use on grants, contracts and/or other agreements issued or awarded to the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) by all Federal Agencies of the United States of America, in accordance with the provisions and cost principles mandated by 2 CFR Part 200. The rate shall be used for forward pricing and billing purposes for Caltech's Fiscal Year 2027. This rate agreement supersedes all previous rate agreements/determinations related to this rate for Fiscal Year 2027.

Section I: RATES - TYPE: PREDETERMINED (PRED)

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>BASE</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Pred	10/1/26	9/30/27	25.45%	(a)	Organized Research (except JPL)	All

DISTRIBUTION BASE

- (a) Total salaries and wages of faculty and staff (excluding graduate assistants) including vacation, holiday, and sick leave. (Leave consists of accrued paid leave for bi-weekly salary and hourly employees and actual paid leave for monthly employees).

SECTION II - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. **LIMITATIONS:** Use of the rate set forth under Section I is subject to availability of funds and to any other statutory or administrative limitations (e.g., award term with indirect rate cap). The rate is applicable to a given grant, contract or other agreement only to the extent that funds are available and consistent with any and all limitations of cost clauses or provisions, if any, contained therein. Acceptance of the rate agreed to herein is predicated upon the following conditions: (1) that no costs other than those incurred by the institution were included in this indirect cost pool as finally accepted and that such costs are legal obligations of the institution and allowable under governing cost principles; (2) that the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs are not claimed as direct costs; (3) that similar types of costs have been accorded consistent accounting treatment; and (4) that the information provided by the institution which was used as a basis for acceptance of the rate agreed to herein, and expressly relied upon by the Government in negotiating and accepting the said rate is not subsequently found to be materially incomplete or inaccurate.

B. ACCOUNTING CHANGES: The rate contained in Section I of this agreement is based on the accounting system in effect at the time this agreement was negotiated. Changes to the method(s) of accounting for costs, which affect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of this rate, require the prior written approval of the authorized representative of the cognizant agency for indirect costs. Such changes include but are not limited to changes in the charging of a particular type of cost from indirect to direct. Failure to obtain such approval may result in subsequent cost disallowances.

C. PREDETERMINED RATE: The predetermined rate contained in this agreement is not subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, subject to the limitations contained in Part A of this section.

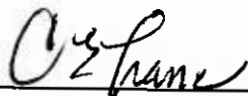
D. CARRYFORWARD AMOUNTS: There were no carry-forward amounts included in the establishment of the FY 2027 rate.

E. USE BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES: The rate set forth in Section I is negotiated in accordance with and under the authority set forth in 2 CFR Part 200. Accordingly, such rate shall be applied to the extent provided in such regulations to grants, contracts, and other agreements to which 2 CFR Part 200 applies, subject to any limitations in Part A of this section. Copies of this document may be provided by either party to other federal agencies to provide such agencies with documentary notice of this agreement and its terms and conditions.

F. SPECIAL REMARKS: The Government's agreement with the rate set forth in Section I is not an acceptance of Caltech's accounting practices or methodologies. Any reliance by the Government on cost data or methodologies submitted by Caltech is on a non-precedence-setting basis and does not imply Government acceptance.

Accepted:

FOR THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY:



CHARLIE LANE
Vice President and Chief Operating
Officer

9/21/2026
Date

FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT:

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Contracting Officer

September 21, 2026
Date

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