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A MESSAGE FROM WADE D. WARGO, OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH

Important Information Regarding Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment for Grants

Dear Community,

Recently 2 CFR was updated with several changes that are applicable, through the terms of the award, to all active awards. This includes the new requirements in 2 CFR 200.216 concerning the prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment. Please see the [list of common questions](#) regarding the Office of Management and Budget's implementation of section 889(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232.

Before 11 November 2020, ONR had indicated in presentations to the research community that the prohibition in Sec. 889 would generally only apply to new grants and agreements issued on or after August 13, 2020. However, the OMB FAQs released in December 2020 at the aforementioned link indicate that the Sec. 889 prohibition applies more broadly to all expenditures charged to Federal awards as of August 13, 2020, including under awards issued prior to that date.

This message serves as your official notification to these changes and requirements. Please retain a copy of this message in your award files. If you have any questions please contact your Grants Officer.

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