

CASE STUDY: OUSD (ATL) Program Support



CHALLENGE

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (OUSD (ATL)) oversees those Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), which are specifically sponsored by the Department of Defense (DOD). As their name implies, FFRDCs are non-governmental entities who are regulated by congressional appropriations, and when engaged by DOD, they are funded by DOD, to perform research and development activities on a range of important projects that are relevant to DOD's mission. Because they are federally-funded facilities, these FFRDCs are subject to a number of detailed regulations, policies, and procedures promulgated by DOD and by Congress. To ensure compliance with these detailed regulations, the OUSD (ATL) retained KAI to support its oversight of two FFRDCs.

SOLUTION

KAI provides programmatic support to OSD by implementing their oversight and operational guidance to the FFRDCs related to their annual work programs, and interfaces with DoD customers of the FFRDCs to provide guidance on work that can be performed by the FFRDC. KAI reviews all proposed FFRDC tasks for conformance to Federal and Department policies, interfaces with contracting officer's representatives for both FFRDCs on the acceptability of tasks that can be performed by the FFRDCs, and plans and attends FFRDC financial and technical reviews. KAI efforts ensure that the FFRDCs are operated in accordance with Federal and Department policies, as well as congressional direction. KAI provides program management for oversight of the FFRDC work programs each fiscal year, including development of schedules for resource utilization consistent with allocation decisions made by OUSD (AT&L).

RESULTS

KAI's program oversight support activities ensure that these FFRDCs are operated in compliance with Federal Acquisition Regulations, Congressional directives, and DoD policies and procedures. KAI's involvement makes sure that U.S. taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently and effectively in accordance with their intended uses.