

# Commercial Service Agreements (CSAs)

The Commercial Service Agreement (CSA) Program allows industry to leverage NAWCWD's extensive research, development, test & evaluation labs and facilities. These Agreements allow NAWCWD to work directly for non-federal, US based commercial entities (e.g. private companies, state and local governments, and academic institutions) and provides these commercial entities with services that are unique to NAWCWD's extensive ranges, facilities, and technical expertise and not commercially available elsewhere in private industry.

## Frequently Asked Questions about a Commercial Service Agreement

### What is a Commercial Service Agreement?

It is a non-FAR (Federal Acquisition Regulation) based agreement between NAWCWD and a non-federal, U.S. based commercial entity to buy NAWCWD's products and services.

### Where is the authority for CSAs granted?

Testing of materials, equipment, explosives, models, computer software, etc. is granted under TITLE 10 USC §2539b.

Test and evaluation of platforms, missiles and outdoor radar cross section measurements on the Major Range and Test Facility Installation is granted under TITLE 10 USC §2681.

Sale of other goods and services; e.g., consulting, equipment manufacture and repair is granted under TITLE 10 USC §2563.

### What types of services can be performed?

NAWCWD can perform a variety of services for U.S. based commercial customers as long as the services do not directly compete with U.S. industry. Examples of CSA services provided by NAWCWD are:

Flight testing on the land and/or sea ranges	Modeling and simulation
Software development and testing	Technical assistance
Thermal, vibration, and mass properties	Engineering analysis
Radar cross section measurements and testing	Consulting services
Data analysis and evaluation	Antenna characterization
Test and evaluation (ranges and laboratories)	Functional testing
Fabrication / sale of articles	Survivability / lethality testing
Ordnance test and evaluation	Lot acceptance testing

### What are the general requirements for a CSA?

- Must be in the best interest of the U.S. government.
- Must be on a non-interference basis with the military mission of NAWCWD.
- Must be on a cost reimbursable basis with funding received in advance. Payments may be incremental.
- Work cannot be guaranteed or warranted.

- U.S. government must be held harmless against all claims.
- U.S. government may not compete with private industry. A customer-furnished Statement of Non-Competition is required for all CSAs.

### **What are non-competition considerations?**

- Commercial sources
- Do not possess required technical capabilities
- Cannot provide required services in a timely manner
- Cannot provide security/safety requirements
- Is a direct competitor
- Do not want to perform the work
- Cannot provide the combination or required integrated products/services

## **Educational Partnership Agreements (EPAs)**

Educational partnership agreements are formal agreements between DoD and educational institutions to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education for all levels of education (pre-kindergarten and up). NAWCWD can make personnel available to teach or assist in developing courses, involve faculty and students in research, etc. NAWCWD currently has EPAs with local school districts, community colleges, a broad range of universities across the United States, and several non-profit institutions that are dedicated to enhancing STEM educational concepts.

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