



ENGINEER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ERDC) COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS (CRADA) INFORMATION SHEET

The Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), Office of Research and Technology Transfer (ORTT), Technology, Knowledge, & Outreach (TKO) Division offers the motto of, “Adding Reach to Research” to ignite the partnership of Research and Development (R&D). Together, with our CRADA partners, we can support bringing ERDC R&D solutions to the world to help solve our Nation’s and our Army’s most challenging problems.

What is a CRADA? It is a written agreement between one or more Federal laboratories and one or more non-Federal parties under which the Government, through its laboratories, provides personnel, facilities, equipment or other resources with or without reimbursement (but not funds to non-Federal parties). The non-Federal parties provide personnel, funds, services, facilities, equipment or other resources to conduct specific research or development efforts that are consistent with the agency's mission. CRADAs are authorized by the Technology Transfer Act of 1986 ([15 USC 3710a](#)) as amended.

Authority for Use? [15 USC 3710a](#)

Is there Funding? Can be with or without reimbursement. Paid only in advance, by the non-Federal partner(s) to the Federal Lab(s). Will be negotiated in advance of signed agreement.

When is a CRADA appropriate? CRADAs allow ERDC researchers to exchange technical expertise with non-Federal partners, and to accept reimbursement for research conducted under the CRADA. CRADAs also protect a researcher's rights and those of ERDC to inventions the researcher may make. CRADAs are appropriate when ideas, staff, materials, equipment is to be exchanged over a period of time for the purpose of collaboration and/or an invention may result. Money can be provided to ERDC under a CRADA.

Who may participate in CRADAs?

CRADAs must involve at least one non-federal party. In addition to ERDC scientists, the other participants in a CRADA may be one or more of the following:

- Private corporations (US or foreign)
- Nonprofit and not-for-profit institutions (US or foreign)
- State, local, and tribal governments (US)
- Other Federal agencies (US)

Resources:

If you have further questions, please contact us at: TTO@usace.army.mil.