



ENGINEER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ERDC) EDUCATIONAL PARTNERING AGREEMENT (EPA) INFORMATION SHEET

The Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), Office of Research and Technology Transfer (ORTT), Technology, Knowledge, & Outreach (TKO) Division offers expertise in understanding and constructing Educational Partnering Agreements (EPA). Let us help you with your EPA.

What is an EPA? An Educational Partnering Agreement (EPA) serves to establish the basis for cooperative interactions between ERDC and an educational institution, primarily to promote and enhance science and engineering education. EPAs are authorized by 10 USC 2194. The law authorizes the director of each defense laboratory to enter into EPAs with educational institutions in the United States for the purpose of encouraging and enhancing study in scientific disciplines at all levels of education.

Authority for Use? [10 USC 2194](#)

Is there Funding? No funding exchanged

When is an EPA appropriate? If there is a mutual interest between the parties involved in having the laboratory provide assistance to the educational institution by:

- Loaning laboratory equipment to the institution;
- Transferring laboratory equipment that has been determined by the laboratory director to be surplus;
- Making laboratory personnel available to teach science courses or to assist in the development of science courses and materials for the institution;
- Involving faculty and students of the institution in laboratory research projects;
- Cooperating with the institution in developing a program under which students may be given academic credit for work on laboratory research projects; and
- Providing academic and career advice and assistance to students of the institution.

Who may participate in EPAs?

- **Academic institutions (US)**

Eligible educational institutions are local education agencies (legally constituted authority for administrative control for public elementary or secondary schools), colleges, universities and any other nonprofit institutions that are dedicated to improving science, mathematics and engineering education.

Resources:

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