

**NON-PROFIT RATE AGREEMENT**

EIN #: 86-0138043

NSF INS CODE: 4003110000

ORGANIZATION:

DATE: January 26, 2015

Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc.  
Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)  
933 N. Cherry Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85721

FILING REF: None.

The rates approved in this agreement are for use on grants, contracts and other agreements with the Federal Government, subject to the conditions in Section II.

**SECTION I: INDIRECT COST RATES**

**Note:** Beginning with FY 2015, a separate rate agreement is now established for the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)

**FY 2015 - PREDETERMINED RATES**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Effective Period</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Base</u>
Facilities and Administrative (F&A)	10/01/14 – 09/30/15	16.00%	(a)
<b><u>Labor Recharge Rates</u></b>			
U.S. Hires; Regular Staff	10/01/14 – 09/30/15	54.90%	Hourly earnings
<b><u>Fringe Benefits</u></b>			
U.S. Hires; Regular Staff	10/01/14 – 09/30/15	30.50%	Hourly earnings

**Rate Application Bases**

(a) All Programs: Total direct costs (including payroll), but excluding the portion of each subaward or major purchase in excess of \$25,000 per year.

**Definitions:**

**Major Purchase:** For the purpose of this rate, "major purchase" is defined as any contract or subaward with a value that exceeds \$25,000 per year.

**Fringe Benefits:** Fringe benefits consist of: FICA/Medicare, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, Medical and Dental Insurance, Life Insurance, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability Insurance, and Retirement Plan Contributions.

**Treatment of Paid Absences:** Vacation, holiday, sick leave pay and other paid absences are included in salaries and wages and are claimed on grants, contracts and other agreements as part of the normal cost of salaries and wages.

PREDETERMINED rates are applicable to a current or future period, and are based upon an estimate of the costs to be incurred during the period. A predetermined rate is not subject to adjustment.

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SECTION II: GENERAL TERMS

- A. **LIMITATIONS:** Use of the rates contained in this agreement is subject to any applicable contractual or grant limitations. Acceptance of these rates agreed to herein is predicated upon the conditions: (1) that no costs other than those incurred by the contractor or grantee were included in its indirect cost proposal and that such costs are legal obligations of the contractor or grantee, (2) that the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs, and (3) that similar types of costs have been accorded consistent treatment.
- B. **AUDIT:** All costs, direct and indirect, Federal and non-Federal are subject to audit. Adjustments to amounts resulting from audit of cost allocation plan or indirect rate proposal upon which the negotiation of this agreement was based will be compensated for in subsequent negotiation.
- C. **ACCOUNTING CHANGES:** The rates contained in this agreement are based on the accounting system in effect at the time the proposal was prepared and the rates were negotiated. Changes to the method of accounting which effect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of these rates require the prior approval of this office. Failure to obtain such approval may result in subsequent cost disallowances.
- D. **NOTIFICATION TO FEDERAL AGENCIES:** Copies of this document may be provided to other Federal offices as a means of notifying them of the rates agreed to herein.

BY THE ORGANIZATION:

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Astronomy, Inc. (AURA)

Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)  
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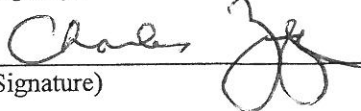
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2/18/15  
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ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

National Science Foundation

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