

Service Contract Labor Standards (SCLS) Exemption Form Waived

Effective Date: December 6, 2023

The REE Mission Area Senior Contracting Official (Michael Barnes) obtained approval from the Department to waive, on an annual basis, the Service Contract Labor Standards (SCLS) exemption form required for routine services (listed below) over \$2,500 that are not subject to SCLS based on the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) up to the cardholder's single purchase limit.

SCLS Exempt Services that can be purchased without SCLS form signed by vendor/uploaded in Axon (effective December 6, 2023):

- Subscriptions in name of Agency
- Organizational Memberships in name of Agency
- Genotyping
- DNR/RNA Sequencing
- Software licenses and renewals
- Analytical/Laboratory services (sample testing)
- Scientific/Intuitional Review Board Services
- Publications fees/Journal fees/Abstract fees
- Equipment maintenance and repair (e.g., farm vehicles, ATVs, etc.) made by manufacturer or supplier of the equipment. Does not include installed equipment where repairs involve construction services (e.g., repairing the equipment which involves opening the walls of the building it is installed)
- Automobile and other vehicle (e.g., boat, aircraft) maintenance (not under other contract or subcontract to operate a government motor pool or similar facility)
- Commercial program, course, or instructional services that is deliverable without modification/alteration or development resulting in increased cost to the Government (does not include college courses)
- Scientific/medical equipment (as considered by the public) repair and maintenance, including service maintenance agreements. See attached list of scientific/medical equipment as defined in the Federal Procurement Data System Product and Service Code Manual (**see list below**)
- Data Mapping
- Equipment Rentals
- Trailer Rental (does not include licensed motor vehicles)
- Transporting freight by vessel, airplane, bus, truck, express, or railroad
- Printing by Government Printing Office (GPO)/GPO Express service provider
- Automated data processing and office information/word processing equipment performed only by manufacturer or supplier or the equipment
- Conference services from hotel/motel, including meals/refreshments that are part of the contract for the conference including audio/visual equipment. The total cost for the conference including all associated services cannot exceed the cardholder's single purchase limit. (Does not include hotel rooms and travel expenses that are the responsibility of the attendee/traveler).

Any services that are exempt from SCLS not listed above will still require the SCLS Exception form until they are added to the waiver. Please submit any services which are SCLS exempt that are not included in this waiver to PCPOB@usda.gov (the waiver will be periodically updated on Axon+)

Federal Procurement Data System Product Service Code (PSC) Categories for Medical, Dental, Veterinary, Scientific, and Laboratory Equipment

65 – Medical/Dental/Veterinary Equipment

PSC	Description
6515	Medical and Surgical Instruments, Equipment, and Supplies
6520	Dental Instruments, Equipment, and Supplies
6525	Imaging Equipment and Supplies: Medical, Dental, Veterinary
6530	Hospital Furniture, Equipment, Utensils, and Supplies
6540	Ophthalmic Instruments, Equipment, and Supplies

66 – Instruments and Laboratory Equipment

PSC	Description
6625	Electrical and Electronic Properties Measuring and Testing Instruments
6630	Chemical Analysis Instruments
6635	Physical Properties Testing and Inspection
6636	Environmental Chambers and Related Equipment
6640	Laboratory Equipment and Supplies
6645	Time Measuring Instruments
6650	Optical Instruments, Test Equipment, Components and Accessories
6655	Geophysical Instruments
6660	Meteorological Instruments and Apparatus
6665	Hazard-detecting Instruments and Apparatus
6670	Scales and Balances
6675	Drafting, Surveying, and Mapping Instruments
6680	Liquid and Gas Flow, Liquid Level, and Mechanical Motion Measuring Instruments
6685	Pressure, Temperature, and Humidity Measuring and Controlling Instruments.
6695	Combination and Miscellaneous Instruments