

## **OCG Guidance on determination of when a project is supported by NSI**

CU Boulder's Center for National Security Initiative (NSI) serves to support program management for National Security activities, typically national defense and/or intelligence community (IC) related projects across the CU Boulder campus. Given the intricacies, oversight and reporting requirements, and in some cases, the CUI/classified nature of the research of such projects, NSI has developed a specialized team well-versed in supporting the requirements of such efforts.

A project will be supported by the NSI team [Program Manager (PM) and NSI support staff] throughout the award lifecycle, from proposal to award closeout under the following criteria:

1. The project Principal Investigator (PI) is a NSI researcher; or
2. The project originates in NSI and/or is suggested by NSI, even if the PI and/or Co-Investigators are in non-NSI units; or
3. CU is responding directly to a Department of Defense or IC entity and the solicitation specifically identifies project management as a requirement.

Projects that are National Security related or are sponsored by national defense or IC agencies do not automatically require involvement of the NSI team. The ultimate decision for NSI project management, beyond the criteria defined above, should be made at proposal stage based on availability of time and resources. Unless a revised proposal and budget is needed at the post-award stage to add program management support, all determination of NSI involvement will be made at proposal stage.

The Authorized Officials for NSI supported activities will be determined using the criteria above with additional expectations:

1. The Office of Contracts and Grants (OCG) Proposal Analyst (PA) and Contract Officer (CO) assigned to NSI are only involved in criteria 1, unless NSI identifies otherwise in partnership with OCG. Otherwise, projects that may involve NSI PM support or have heavy NSI researcher involvement, will be processed by the assigned PA and CO per the primary unit leading the activity.
2. If criteria 2 is applicable, NSI PM will notify the assigned PA of their involvement for further proposal development coordination.
3. If criteria 3 is applicable, the PA supporting a submission will notify NSI and copying in the OCG PMO ([pmo@colorado.edu](mailto:pmo@colorado.edu)) for further proposal development coordination.
4. Should the OCG PMO be asked to support a DoD/IC proposal for a non-NSI unit or discover through the proposal process that a DoD/IC proposal from a unit needs PM's support, the OCG PMO will refer the outside unit, its PI and financial team to NSI.