

# Research Advisory

*Supporting and promoting innovative research and encouraging its implementation for safe, sustainable and cost-effective transportation solutions that keep Michigan moving.*

## **MDOT University Contracting Process Change**

A format change to MDOT's new contracts with its university partners will take effect on October 1, 2023

A Terms and Conditions document, with project-specific contracts will become the primary contracting tool for MDOT, replacing the current Indefinite Delivery of Services (IDS) contracts, and associated IDS Contract Authorizations. All existing IDS contracts and authorizations will remain in effect through the life of the contract. However, with the new process, MDOT will be utilizing stand-alone contracts which will reference the most current Terms and Conditions document. The university will digitally sign each individual contract which binds the university to all of the provisions within the Terms and Conditions document at the time of contract award.

The Terms and Conditions will retain the standard negotiated university research language currently used in the IDS contracts. The Terms and Conditions document will be retained on the MDOT website and will be available for universities to review at any time. When revisions to the Terms and Conditions are determined necessary, a new version will be developed and included on our website with the version number and date noted. Retroactive modifications to existing contracts will not be made as the result of revisions to the Terms and Conditions document.

The contract document is a very condensed document which identifies, among other things, the specific Terms and Conditions version applicable to the contract, the parties involved with the contract, the type of services being performed under the contract, a description of the services, the method of payment for the services, the subconsultants performing work for the university, and the term of the contract.

For more information on these please visit:

[Updated University Research Terms and Conditions](#)

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