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3.5.1 Applicability

The policies prescribed in this section are applicable to all contracts involving intellectual property issues.

3.5.2 Policy

Patents, copyrights, and other rights in data are valuable intellectual property. The FAA acquires patents, copyrights, and other rights in data as necessary to:

- ☐ Enhance the competitive process;
 - ☐ Ensure the ability to use, maintain, repair, and modify products procured under FAA contracts;
 - ☐ Recoup development costs of, and fund improvements in, products and equipment;
 - ☐ Develop products for FAA and public use; and
 - ☐ Protect its position in the competitive marketplace.
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