Subawardee	Vendor
Performs part of the "scope" of the research project and has its performance measured against such	Provides goods and services to many different purchasers
Uses the funds to carry out a portion of the scope of work of the University's research project	Provides goods and services that are ancillary to the operation of the research project
Selected for intellectual merits or related research	Operates in a competitive market
Responsible for compliance and flow down reporting requirements of the prime award	Not subject to compliance issues (monitoring) or reporting requirements of the prime award
Has input into the decision making process regarding the direction of the research project	Responds to specifications
Authors or co-authors publications	Not applicable
May present papers/results of research at	Not applicable
conferences	
May seek patent protection for inventions	Not applicable
Retains title to Intellectual Property Rights	Work for Hire – Rights belong to Buyer

The substance of the relationship is more important than the contractual mechanism.