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**State and Local Governments**

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**INDIRECT COST RATE.**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The [State or Local Government Organization] has received an indirect cost rate from the Department of the Interior since fiscal year (FY) 1990. This proposal is based upon estimated budgets for all programs to be administered by the [Organization] during the period July 1, 20XX, through June 30, 20XX. All Federal, State, and district programs have been included in the proposal.

During the proposal fiscal year, no significant changes are anticipated, such as (a) to the accounting system, or (b) to the definition or to the accounting treatment of any expense category (e.g. a change in building/equipment costing methodology, capitalization level, or a change in charging an expense from direct to indirect or visa versa).

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# Certificate of Indirect Costs

# For State & Local Governments and Indian Tribes

This is to certify that I have reviewed the indirect cost rate proposal submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. All costs included in this proposal [identify date] to establish billing or final indirect cost rates for [identify period(s) covered by the rate(s)] are allowable in accordance with the requirements of the Federal award(s) to which they apply and the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E-Cost Principles. Unallowable costs have been adjusted for in allocating costs as indicated in the indirect cost proposal.
2. All costs included in this proposal are properly allocable to Federal awards on the basis of a beneficial or causal relationship between the expenses incurred and the agreements to which they are allocated in accordance with applicable requirements. Further, the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs. Similar types of costs have been accounted for consistently and the Federal government will be notified of any accounting changes that would affect the predetermined rate.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

| Governmental Unit: |  |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |
| Signature: |  |
|  |  |
| Name of Official (printed): |  |
|  |  |
| Title: |  |
|  |  |
| Email: |  |
|  |  |
| Date of Execution: |  |

This certification:

* Is a requirement per 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E §200.415 and Appendix VII Section D.3.;
* Must be submitted as part of the annual indirect cost rate proposal; and
* Must be signed on behalf of the non-Federal entity by an individual at a level no lower than vice president or chief financial officer of the organization.

**NOTE: THIS REPORT OR ONE SIMILAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF THE GENERAL LEDGER, IS REQUIRED ONLY FOR STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE IN THEIR THIRD YEAR OF INDIRECT COST PROPOSAL NEGOTIATIONS WHEN NO CURRENT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE.**

**ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT**

We have examined management’s assurances that [State or Local Government Organization] meets the standards for grantee financial management systems and related internal controls required by Title 25, Chapter 1, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 276.7, and reviewed the bookkeeping and accounting systems of the [Organization] and the related internal controls do determine if the existing system and controls are in compliance with the standards set forth in Title 25, Chapter 1, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 276.7., by providing for the following:

1. Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each contract and/or grant program in accordance with Federal reporting requirements.

2. Records that identify adequately the source and application of funds for each contract and/or grant program.

3. Effective control over, and accountability for, all contract and/or grant or subgrant funds and real and personal property acquired with grant or subgrant funds.

4. Comparison of actual costs with budgeted amounts for each contract and/or grant or subgrant.

5. Procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the U.S. Treasury and the disbursement by the grantee.

6. Procedures for determining the allowability and allocability of costs with the applicable cost principles.

7. Accounting records that are supported by source documentation.

8. A systematic method to assure timely and appropriate resolution of audit findings and recommendations.

We understand that procedures in conformity with the above criteria are considered by most granting agencies to be adequate for their purpose, and that procedures not in conformity with those criteria indicate some inadequacy for such purposes. In our opinion based on this understanding and our review and testing of the management systems for record keeping, personnel, procurement, financial management and property management, the [Organization] financial management systems are adequate to meet the criteria established in Title 25, Chapter 1, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 276.7.

This report is intended for the information of the State or Local Government and federal and state granting agencies; it should not be used for any other purpose.

CPA's Signature and Date

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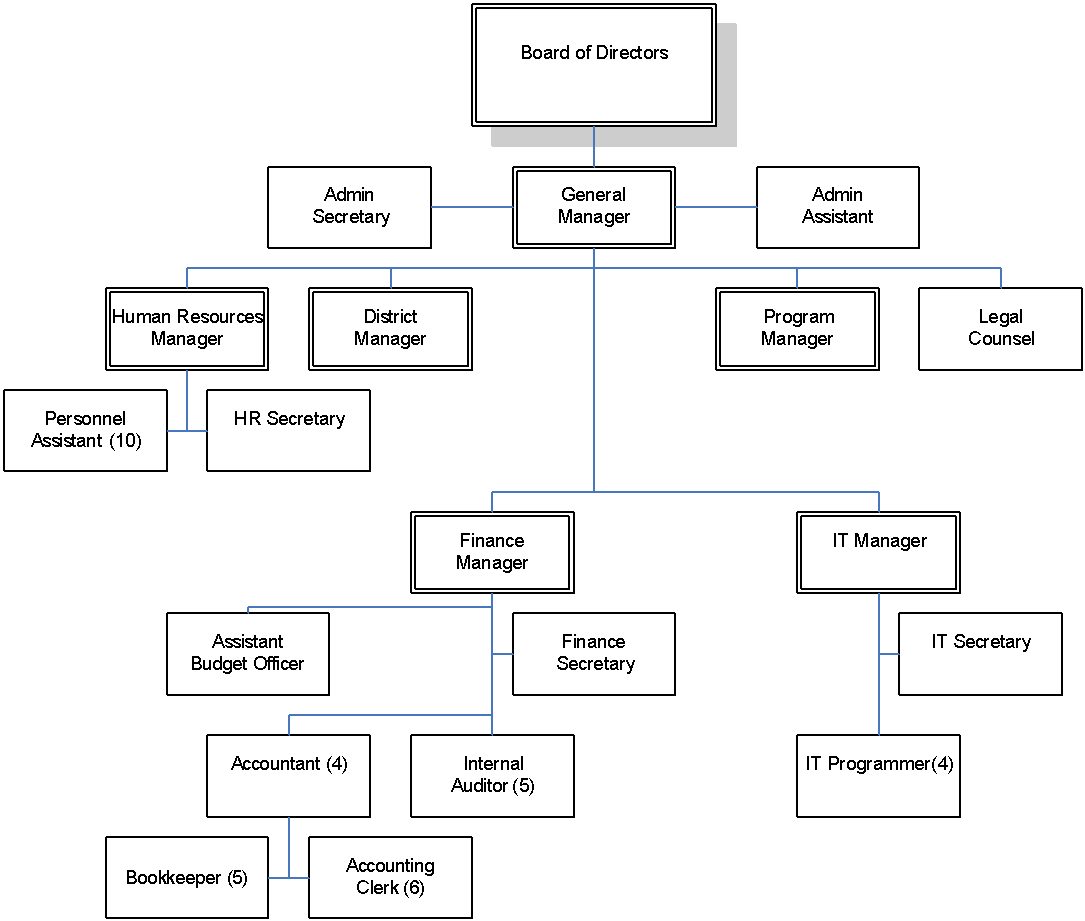
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**ACCOUNTING SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**

The [State or Local Government Organization] has an automated, double-entry, accrual system of accounting. Separate journals and ledgers (organization codes and project numbers) are maintained for each individual program in the direct cost base. A separate journal and a general ledger (organization codes and project numbers) are also maintained for the indirect cost pool.

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Organization Chart as June 30, 20XX



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### **INDIRECT COST PERSONNEL JUSTIFICATIONS**

The following account of each position should provide the necessary justification to fund administrative costs through the indirect cost pool for fiscal year 20XX.

**GENERAL MANAGER**: The General Manager has administrative responsibility for all staff and activities of the [Organization]. Under the direction of the Board of Directors, the General Manager plans, administrates through subordinate supervision, reviews and evaluates all Organizational functions and activities; ensures that such activities are carried out within statutory, budgetary and policy guidelines. The General Manager is also responsible for representing the [Organization] in negotiations of grants/contracts; coordinating the direction of the [Organization]; and representing the [Organization] in meetings with governmental and business [Organizations], community groups, developers, customers and the public. Therefore, only 40 percent of the General Manager’s time is charged to indirect administration, with the remaining 60 percent charged direct to contracts and program activities.

**FINANCE MANAGER**: This position handles the business activities of the [Organization]. The Finance Manager develops and administers the annual budget for the [Organization]; reviews and authorizes expenditures; plans and recommends revenue strategies, and implements plans after approval by General Manager and the Board. This position will be responsible for the business department and also be involved in program business activities, with 80 percent of the time chargeable to indirect administrative costs.

**ASSISTANT BUDGET OFFICER (ABO)**: The ABO serves as interim Finance Manager during her absence. The ABO plans, organizes, directs and coordinates the administrative support functions of the [Organization]. Specifically, the ABO provides general management and administration of the [Organization]’s billing and collection system, personnel, accounting, customer service, records maintenance and related office support services. In addition, the ABO assists in budget preparation and monitors and controls administrative costs.

**BOOKKEEPERS**: These positions are responsible for maintaining the books of entry for all programs and ensuring that the financial system is kept current. Specifically, the Bookkeepers perform accounting work of a technical nature and assist in the financial operation of the [Organization]. Major duties include maintenance of accounts payable, receivable, cash disbursements and the general ledger. In addition, the bookkeepers reconcile bank statements and all monthly financial reports, as necessary, for the General Manager.

**ACCOUNTING CLERKS**: This position is part of the centralized accounting department of the [Organization]. The Accounting Clerk is responsible for distributing payroll for all programs and ensuring that the proper reports and records are kept current. This position also assists with the accounts payable.

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**Elements of Cost Schedule A**

| **Elements of Cost** |  | **Methodology of Allocation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| Contractual services |  | Actual usage |
|  |  |  |
| Depreciation / use allowance |  | Direct and Indirect cost |
|  |  |  |
| Emergency assistance payments |  | Direct cost |
|  |  |  |
| Equipment rental and maintenance |  | Rental and maintenance on equipment used in central office finance office |
|  |  |  |
| Equipment / capital |  | Purchasing of office furniture for use in performing administrative services |
|  |  |  |
| Equipment / minor |  | Actual usage |
|  |  |  |
| Insurance |  | Actual usage |
|  |  |  |
| Occupancy |  | Central office repairs and utilities on basis of square footage used for administrative services |
|  |  |  |
| Office supplies |  | Office and janitorial supplies for administrative and program services |
|  |  |  |
| Other expenses |  | Based on administrative services actual use |
|  |  |  |
| Postage |  | Actual usage |
|  |  |  |
| Printing |  | Actual usage |
|  |  |  |
| Professional fees |  | Accounting and audit services, payroll processing services, charged on work performed for administrative services |
|  |  |  |
| Program materials |  | Direct cost |
|  |  |  |
| Program supplies |  | Charged to project as costs are incurred; direct cost |
|  |  |  |
| Renovations and improvements |  | Direct cost |
|  |  |  |
| Telephone |  | Basic services allocated on number of instruments, toll calls charged on basis of logs of such calls for administrative services |
|  |  |  |
| Travel |  | Actual usage |

The methodologies used in this example are not recommended methodologies. They are used for demonstration purposes only. Allocation of costs should be accomplished on a cost benefit basis. This cost benefit can be different from one organization to the next.

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**Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards as of 6/30/20XX Schedule B**

Program Title Expenditures

Department of the Interior:

Fish & Wildlife $17,345,528

Environmental Protection Agency:

Program A.1 4,734,528

Program A.2 2,239,954

Department of Agriculture:

Program B.1 1,482,211

Program B.2 925,899

Total Federal Funding $26,728,120

|  | **Schedule C** |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
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| **Carryforward and Indirect Cost Rate Computation with Federal Percentage** | |  |
| **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 20XX** | |  |
|  |  |  |
| TITLE/DESCRIPTION | YEAR-ENDING AMOUNTS |
|  |  |  |
| FY 20XX Direct Cost Base (based on actual costs incurred) | $41,765,945 | \* |
| FY 20XX Indirect Cost Rate (per FY 20XX Negotiation Agreement) | 5.82% |  |
| FY 20XX Recoverable Indirect Costs | $2,430,778 |  |
|  |  |  |
| FY 20XX Indirect Costs (based on actual costs incurred) | $2,600,280 | \* |
| FY 20XX SWCAP | 18,240 | \* |
| FY 20XX Under(Over)recovery Carryforward to FY 20XX (per Negotiation Agreement) | (354,125) |  |
| FY 20XX Indirect Cost Pool | 2,264,395 |  |
| Less FY 20XX Recoverable Indirect Costs (from above) | (2,430,778) |  |
| FY 20XX Under(Over)recovery Carryforward to FY 20XX | (166,383) |  |
| FY 20XX Indirect Costs (proposed) | 2,600,280 | \*\* |
| FY 20XX SWCAP | 18,240 | \*\* |
| FY 20XX Indirect Cost Pool | $2,452,137 |  |
|  |  |  |
| FY 20XX Direct Cost Base (proposed) | $41,765,945 | \*\* 1/ |
|  |  |  |
| FY 20XX Indirect Cost Rate | 5.87% |  |
|  |  |  |

\* Please provide detail support for actual indirect and actual direct base costs reconcilable to financial statements that meet the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, Public Law 98-502.

\*\* Please provide detail support for proposed indirect and direct base costs when using budgeted numbers and indicate the percentage of Federal funding in the base. Separate Schedules C, D, E and F will be required.

1/ Federal funding percentage = 65%

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### Summary Schedule D

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Indirect Cost Detail Schedule\*** | |  |  |  |  |  | **Schedule E** |
| For year ending 6/30/XX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Human |  | Budget & |  |  |  |
| Line Item Costs | Administration | Resources | IT | Finance |  | Total |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Salaries & wages\*\* | $95,000 | $250,000 | $210,000 | $550,000 |  | $1,105,000 |  |
| Fringe benefits | 29,000 | 75,000 | 63,000 | 165,000 |  | 332,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Advertising |  | 40,000 |  | 20,000 |  | 60,000 |  |
| Communications | 8,000 | 16,000 | 25,000 | 20,000 |  | 69,000 |  |
| Dues & subscription | 2,000 | 4,000 | 8,000 | 10,000 |  | 24,000 |  |
| Freight & handling | 5,000 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 15,000 |  | 55,000 |  |
| Insurance | 1,300 | 26,000 | 26,000 | 28,000 |  | 81,300 |  |
| Printing | 4,000 | 8,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 |  | 42,000 |  |
| Professional services |  | 99,000 | 150,000 | 113,000 |  | 362,000 |  |
| Rental | 750 | 15,000 | 35,000 | 22,000 |  | 72,750 |  |
| Repairs & maintenance | 1,000 | 2,000 | 100,000 | 27,500 |  | 130,500 |  |
| Travel & Per Diem |  | 15,000 | 45,000 | 50,000 |  | 110,000 |  |
| Janitorial | 400 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 2,000 |  | 4,800 |  |
| Security services | 2,500 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |  | 17,500 |  |
| Utilities | 800 | 1,600 | 5,000 | 5,000 |  | 12,400 |  |
| Supplies | 9,000 | 18,000 | 45,000 | 25,000 |  | 97,000 |  |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 242 | 13,987 | 7,913 | 2,888 |  | 25,030 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | $158,992 | $599,787 | $761,113 | $1,080,388 |  | $2,600,280 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

\* Schedule of indirect costs (proposed and actual) is sufficiently detailed to determine the purpose and classification, including salaries and unallowable expenses (e.g. contributed salaries and services, interest expense, bad debts, advertising, depreciation on federally funded assets and lobbying costs) have been eliminated from the indirect cost pool.

\*\* Please provide indirect salaries breakdown by position title, % included as indirect, amount, and grouped by each department. See Schedule F.

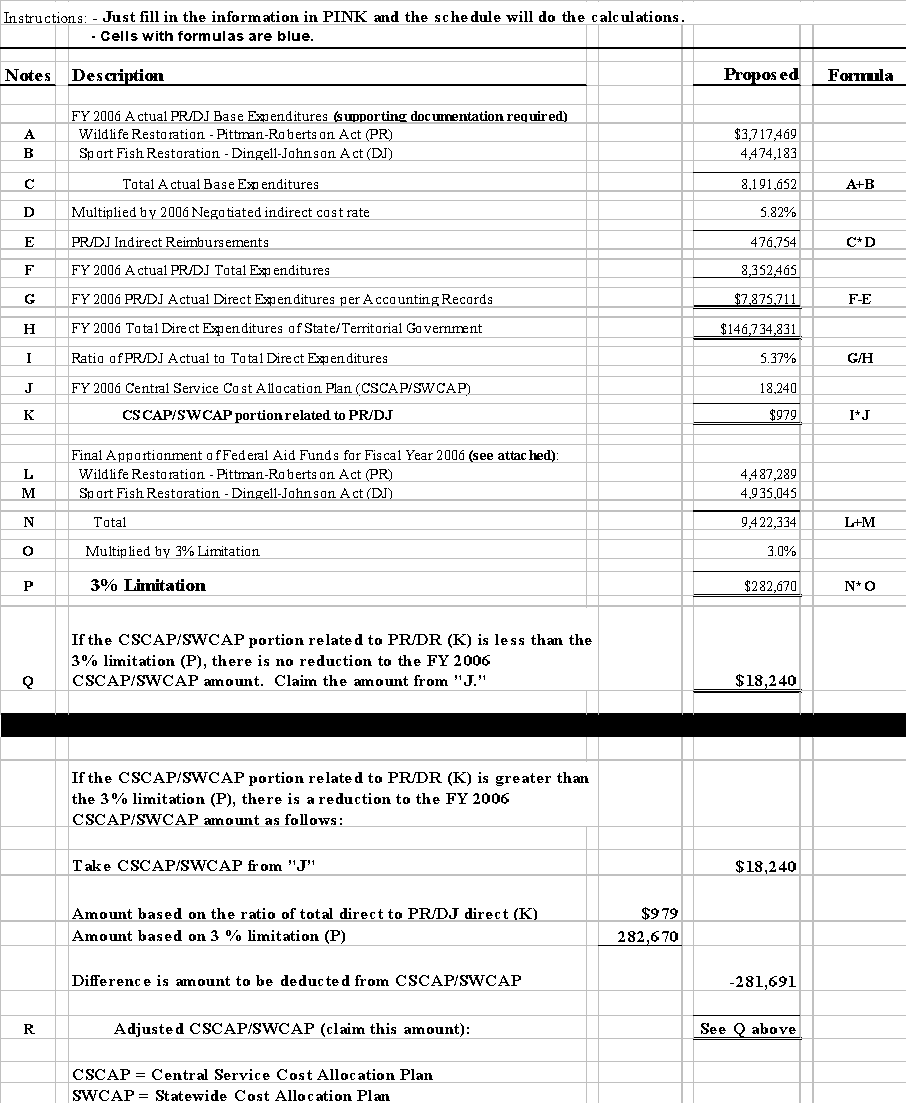
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**Schedule of Indirect Salaries Schedule F**

| **Title/Description** | | | **Annual Salaries** |  | **% Indirect** |  | **Indirect Salaries** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Salaries: | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Administration | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | General Manager | $124,385 |  | 40% |  | $49,754 |
|  |  | Admin Assistant | 66,436 |  | 38% |  | 25,246 |
|  |  | Admin Secretary | 47,619 |  | 42% |  | 20,000 |
|  | Subtotal Administration | |  |  |  |  | 95,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Human Resources | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | HR Manager | 45,000 |  | 100% |  | 45,000 |
|  |  | HR Secretary | 20,000 |  | 100% |  | 20,000 |
|  |  | Personnel Assistant (10) | 185,000 |  | 100% |  | 185,000 |
|  | Subtotal Human Resources | |  |  |  |  | 250,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Information Technology | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | IT Manager | 48,500 |  | 100% |  | 48,500 |
|  |  | IT Secretary | 21,500 |  | 100% |  | 21,500 |
|  |  | IT Programmers (4) | 140,000 |  | 100% |  | 140,000 |
|  | Subtotal Info Tech | |  |  |  |  | 210,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Budget & Finance | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Finance Manager | 61,250 |  | 80% |  | 49,000 |
|  |  | Assistant Budget Officer | 43,000 |  | 100% |  | 43,000 |
|  |  | Finance Secretary | 20,000 |  | 100% |  | 20,000 |
|  |  | Accountants (4) | 120,000 |  | 100% |  | 120,000 |
|  |  | Accounting Clerk (6) | 105,000 |  | 100% |  | 105,000 |
|  |  | Bookkeeper (5) | 87,500 |  | 100% |  | 87,500 |
|  |  | Internal Auditor (5) | 125,500 |  | 100% |  | 125,500 |
|  | Subtotal Budget & Finance | |  |  |  |  | 550,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Indirect Salaries & Wages | | |  |  |  |  | $1,105,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**3% LIMITATION ON SPORT FISH & WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS Schedule G**

NARRATIVE / Schedule G-1

| **Notes** |  | **Remarks** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| **A** |  | Actual expenditures as they relate to the direct Pittman-Robertson (PR) Act expenditures that were included in the actual direct cost base used to negotiate the indirect cost rate(s); e.g., modified direct costs (excludes capital expenditures and other distorting items, such as passthrough funds, major subcontracts, etc.), direct salaries and wages, or another base which results in an equitable distribution, such as direct salaries and wages including fringe benefits. |
|  |  |  |
| **B** |  | Actual expenditures as they relate to the direct Dingell-Johnson (DJ) Act expenditures that were included in the actual direct cost base used to negotiate the indirect cost rate(s); e.g., modified direct costs (excludes capital expenditures and other distorting items, such as passthrough funds, major subcontracts, etc.), direct salaries and wages, or another base which results in an equitable distribution, such as direct salaries and wages including fringe benefits. |
|  |  |  |
| **C** |  | This is a calculated amount. It totals the expenditures for the two Acts to arrive at total actual base expenditures. |
|  |  |  |
| **D** |  | Indirect cost rate negotiated for actual cost year; e.g., if the actual expenditures above are FY 2006 expenditures, then the negotiated FY 2006 indirect cost rate is to be used. |
|  |  |  |
| **E** |  | This is a calculated amount. It determines the recoverable indirect costs using the direct cost base related to the PR/DJ direct expenditures and the negotiated indirect cost rate. |
|  |  |  |
| **F** |  | Total actual PR/DJ expenditures including everything expended and recorded against the Acts. |
|  |  |  |
| **G** |  | This is a calculated amount. It determines the actual direct expenditures for the PR/DJ and is calculated by reducing the total actual PR/DJ expenditures by the recoverable indirect costs. |
|  |  |  |
| **H** |  | Total actual direct expenditures for the state/territorial government or department and before any adjustments. |
|  |  |  |
| **I** |  | This is a calculated amount. It calculates the ratio of the PR/DJ expenditures to the total direct expenditures as a percentage. This percentage is used to calculate the portion of the Central Services Cost Allocation Plan (CSCAP) and/or Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP) that is allocable to the PR/DJ expenditures. |
|  |  |  |
| **J** |  | Total CSCAP/SWCAP of actual cost year, in this example FY 2006. |
|  |  |  |
| **K** |  | This is a calculated amount. It determines the amount allocable to the PR/DJ from the CSCAP/SWCAP. |
|  |  |  |
| **L** |  | This is the final apportionment amount of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (PR) Funds for the actual cost year. It can be obtained from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs’ Division of Federal Assistance home page of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services at **http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov**. |
|  |  |  |
| **M** |  | This is the final apportionment amount of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (DJ) Funds for the actual cost year. It can be obtained from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs’ Division of Federal Assistance home page of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services at **http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov**. |
|  |  |  |
| **N** |  | This is a calculated amount. It determines the total apportionment for PR/DJ funds for actual cost year. |
|  |  |  |
| **O** |  | Three percent limitation, see 50 CFR Part 1, Wildlife and Fisheries, chapter I, paragraph 80.15(d). |
|  |  |  |
| **P** |  | This is a calculated amount. It determines the 3 percent limitation on CSCAP. |
|  |  |  |
| **Q** |  | If the CSCAP/SWCAP portion related to PR/DR (K) is less than the 3% limitation (P), there is no reduction to the FY 2006 CSCAP/SWCAP amount. Claim the amount from "J." |
|  |  |  |
| **R** |  | This is a calculated amount. If the portion of CSCAP/SWCAP related to PR/DJ **(K)** is **greater than** the 3 percent limitation **(P)** then the difference between the amount based on the ratio of direct expenditures and the amount calculated using the apportionment and limitation is calculated. The outcome is deducted from the actual year CSCAP/SWCAP amount, resulting in the CSCAP/SWCAP that can be claimed (See "Q" above). |

