

Sense of the Board

The Board is responsible for determining whether requests for reimbursement and user fees are reasonable. The Board had previously issued procedures for determining the reasonableness of reimbursement expenses in 2010, but this Board has concluded that such procedures do not require reporting of sufficient information with respect to research and development, maintenance, and user fees. As a result, the Board will be revising its procedures to require more meaningful information that will allow it to better assess the work required and whether the hours, wage, and rates claimed to accomplish that work are reasonable.

Exhibit 4383