**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

**Selection of FY 2015 Special Interest Function for Analysis**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has selected Product Service Code (PSC) AZ11, “R&D – Other Research and Development (Basic Research)” for further review during fiscal year (FY) 2016. NRC obligated $2,825,499.00 on contracts under this PSC during FY15. PSC AZ11 has been selected for further analysis for the following reasons:

* It has not appeared previously on NRC’s Top 10 PSC list;
* The remaining Top 9 PSCs for FY15 are either being evaluated as part of NRC’s Technical Assistance/ Research (TA&R) Portfolio Council, and additional analysis in these areas would be duplicative, or further analysis would be unwarranted due to the nature of those services; and
* PSC AZ11 was not the subject of a previous focused analysis.