

# MAXIMUS

## The Higher Education Practice

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MAXIMUS (MMS on NYSE) is the nation's largest consulting firm specializing in services for colleges and universities and state and local governments. Originally founded as a division of David M. Griffith & Associates in 1985, the Higher Education Practice was established to bring our clients the unique talents and skills specific to the academic research environment. Our staff is well experienced in the issues important to higher education and research institutions, as well as the requirements of OMB Circulars A-21, A-110 and A-122. Since merging with MAXIMUS in 1998, the Higher Education Practice has grown to serve over 130 top academic research institutions and continues to provide high quality services to the higher education community.



MAXIMUS has developed several software tools that are available to our clients. These tools allow an institution to more efficiently and effectively manage federal compliance in a timelier manner. These tools include:

**ERS - Effort Reporting System** – is the market leader in providing institutions with an effort reporting system. We offer a management tool to better comply with federal effort reporting requirements and to more efficiently facilitate the effort reporting process. ERS is a web-based solution designed to work with the institution's accounting and payroll systems that easily works on multiple platforms. ERS provides a comprehensive tool to manage, plan and track effort commitments from pre award, post award, to close-out.

**WebSpace.** One of the most important tasks associated with preparing an F&A rate proposal is conducting a space use survey. The survey is both time-consuming and intrusive on academic department administrators, but the survey is also extremely important to the institution in supporting its proposed F&A rate. WebSpace is a powerful tool that department administrators can use to more efficiently and effectively conduct the survey in a timelier manner.

**CRIS - Comprehensive Rate Information System** – CRIS is a software system that is used by over 130 educational research institutions to prepare and submit their F&A rate proposals. It is the most widely used F&A system on the market. Since its debut in 1988, CRIS has been updated annually to reflect both the needs of our clients and changes to OMB Circular A-21.

**Professional Consulting**– The MAXIMUS Higher Education Practice also offers a variety of other professional consulting services that are valuable to institutions of higher education. These services include, but are not limited to, F&A rate proposal development assistance or outsourcing, space use survey assistance, training and quality control, DS-2 development, effort-reporting compliance, recharge center rate development and audit resolution assistance.

Through our Asset Solutions Division, we can provide a total Facility Focus package that can reduce facilities costs while increasing federal reimbursement. Our Asset Service Practice can provide software for capital asset management and support it with valuation services.

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