Q: I cannot seem to find the allowable indirect cost rate for this RFP. Many of the allowable budget lines (e.g. rent/lease expenses, phone/utilities, maintenance/repair, insurance, etc.) are included in our indirect cost rate, and cannot be separated out for this proposal. Our negotiated IDC is 56%, although I doubt that is acceptable. What would be an acceptable rate to include in this proposal?

A: Applicants are allowed to include an additional line in the budget proposal for an indirect rate; however, you must have all supporting documentation from the federal government for this federally negotiated rate to be approved. The highest federally negotiated rate approved in our grants (to the best of my knowledge) is 25 percent.