

**43 USC Chapter 2 § 31** codifies the act of Congress that established the Geological Survey (common name “the Organic Act”).

**43 USC § 36c** authorizes USGS to prosecute projects in cooperation with other agencies, Federal, State, or private.

**43 USC § 36d** authorizes USGS to enter into non-competitive cooperative agreements, in support of joint research and data collection activities with Federal, State, and academic partners, including those that provide for space in cooperator facilities.

**43 USC 1457b** authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to enter into non-competitive cooperative agreements with any not-for-profit organization.

**Public Law 110-161, FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act**, authorizes the Climate Science Centers.

**Public Law 113-76, FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations**, authorizes USGS to use contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements as defined in section 6302 of title 31, United States Code.

**43 USC § 50d** authorizes USGS to contract directly with individuals or indirectly with institutions or nonprofit organizations for the temporary or intermittent services of students or recent graduates.

**48 C.F.R. pts. 1-53 (2006)**, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

**Exec. Order No. 13653, 3 C.F.R. (2013)**. Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change.

**Department of Interior Secretarial Order 3289 (September 14, 2009)**, Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change on America’s Water, Land, and Other Natural and Cultural Resources.