**FAQs – Equipment or Facility User Rental Fees**

**Q1.** How is this different from the equipment budget?

**A1.** This category could have been better described as User Rental Fees for Equipment or Facilities. Instead of asking the DOE to finance the purchase of a piece of equipment, see if that equipment can be borrowed or rented from a third-party.

**Q2.** Should rental of space be considered an indirect cost or a project cost?

**A2.** This depends on your rental agreement. If you are renting space, say at an incubator, month-to-month, then this can be a direct cost, since those costs end when the project ends. On the other hand, if you have a rent/lease agreement longer than the grant term, then these costs are considered indirect.

**Q3.** Can I be reimbursed for the use of my home office in a similar manner as a tax deduction?

**A3.** This question involves so much complexity/uncertainty to document as an allowable cost we prefer you not pursue this approach.