

INHERENTLY GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

An inherently governmental activity is an activity that is so intimately related or inherent to the public interest as to require performance by U.S. Government direct hire employees. Such activities generally require the exercise of substantial discretion in applying government authority and/or in making decisions for the government.

Inherently governmental activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Awarding government contracts;
2. Making final policy, planning, budgeting, personnel or programming decisions which determine the allocation of resources available to the Peace Corps;
3. Supervising Peace Corps employees;
4. Binding the United States to take or not to take some action by contract, policy, regulation, authorization, order, or otherwise;
5. Determining, protecting, and advancing economic, political, territorial, property, or other interests by diplomatic action, civil or criminal judicial proceedings, contract management, or otherwise;
6. Significantly affecting the life, liberty, or property of private persons; or
7. Exerting ultimate control over the acquisition, use, or disposition of United States property (real or personal, tangible or intangible), including establishing policies or procedures for the collection, control, or disbursement of appropriated and other federal funds; and
8. An activity defined by statute as an inherently governmental activity.

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