

## **Allowability of Costs**

- 1. According to Uniform Guidance, "The tests of Allowability of Costs under these principles (UG) are:
  - a. they must be reasonable;
  - b. they must be allocable to sponsored agreements under the principles and methods provided herein;
  - c. they must be given consistent treatment through application of those generally accepted accounting principles appropriate to the circumstances; and
  - d. they must conform to any limitation or exclusions set forth in these principles or in the sponsored agreement as to types or amounts of costs items."
- 2. A cost may be considered reasonable if the nature of the goods or services acquired or applied and the amount involved reflects the action that a prudent person would have taken under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision to incur the cost was made.
- 3. A cost is allocable to a specific sponsored agreement if the goods or services purchased are assignable with a high degree of accuracy to the sponsored agreement in accordance with relative benefits received or other equitable relationship.