

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mary Mace, Contract Administrator  
Division of Contracts  
Office of Administration and Resources  
Management

FROM: Joseph O. Bunting, Chief  
Systems Engineering and Evaluation Branch  
CNWRA Program Manager

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CNWRA'S REQUEST FOR MICROCOMPUTER USE  
EXCEPTIONS

By letter of January 7, 1988 the CNWRA requested certain exceptions to their contract for microcomputer use in the area of hardware and software (list of exceptions enclosed). Hardware exceptions were required because of a change by IBM to their PC computer line; and software exceptions were requested for compatibility with other Southwest Research support operations and/or desirability for their use. Subsequent to the CNWRA letter, Center staff and I met with APM personnel; and in late February Joyce Amenta, Deputy Director for Information Resources Management, discussed this subject with the Center staff.

The conclusion of these meetings is that the exceptions were acceptable to NPC with the exception of the PC/ORACLE products SQL, RDBMS and Network. In addition, the use of the AS, SQL, and DW370 on the Southwest Research mainframe computer were considered acceptable. However, it was noted that NPC plans to phase out AS in the next few years. The PC/ORACLE products were not rejected, but additional information was requested by IRM concerning their need and advantage. Center staff agreed to meet with Joyce Amenta and her staff in the near future concerning this subject.

Please take the necessary action to modify the contract for those exceptions agreed to by IRM personnel.

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CNWRA Program Manager

Enclosure: As stated.

cc: Joyce Amenta  
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## List of Exceptions for Microcomputer Use

### Microcomputers

IBM PS/2 Models 50, 60 and 80 with 20 megabyte to 364 megabyte hard disk drives.

Compaq Deskpro and Portable Model 386 with 40 megabyte and larger hard disk drives.

### Options

Ethernet Card (IEEE 802.3)

### Peripherals

Hewlett-Packard Laser Jet Printers and Plotters

Hayes Smartcom Modem

### Software

PC/ORACLE SQL RDBMS and Network

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