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State Research Plagiarized

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Federal authorities wasted almost all of the 6.2 billion rubles ($207 million) they spent on scientific and construction research in 2009, obtaining no patents for products they ordered and plagiarizing many of their reports, a state watchdog said Tuesday.

The 1,586 research contracts handed out by the state resulted in only two patentable computer programs worth a combined 30 million rubles ($1 million), neither of which were patented, the Federal Financial Monitoring Service said on its web site.

Five percent to 58 percent of the text in reports about research carried out on the contracts was plagiarized, the watchdog added.

No cases have been opened into the findings.

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