



eSubmission Update

Commons Working Group Meeting
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NIH Electronic Research Administration

- Continuing to service HHS partners
 - Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ)
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
 - Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- New Partner - Veteran's Health Administration (VA) (launching pilot summer 2007)



Onward & Upward: NIH eSubmission

- Approximately 80% of all NIH competing grant applications are now electronic.
- Over 40,000 unique electronic grant applications processed.





PureEdge to Adobe

- Working closely with Grants.gov on plan to move to Adobe forms that:
 - will be least disruptive to applicants
 - can be communicated clearly
 - confirms form stability prior to migrating hundreds of active announcements
- Adobe version of full set of SF424 (R&R) forms not yet released for testing



Strategy for Adobe Transition

- **New FOAs**
 - All FOAs posted on/after a specific date (to be determined) will be posted with an Adobe package.
- **Active FOAs**
 - Allow FOAs expiring by a specific date to continue to use PureEdge until expiration.
 - FOAs using standard submission dates will transition mechanism-by-mechanism according to a posted schedule.
 - FOAs with special receipt dates will be handled case-by-case



Fellowship, Career and Training Grants

- Expected to go electronic mid-2008
- Final transition dates dependent on Grants.gov development timeline

Complex Mechanisms

- Transition of complex grant programs still on hold
- NIH and applicant organizations will need to maintain dual systems to accommodate paper and electronic processes.



Attention Mac Users

Apple security update (2007-004 v1.0-1.1) affected IBM Workplace Forms (PureEdge) viewer users

- Grants.gov has posted workaround http://www.grants.gov/resources/download_software.jsp
- Fix targeted for May 25





Requests for Access to Research Data





NIH Implementing Electronic Request Process for Access to Research Data

- Moving from multiple paper-based or mixed-media processes to electronic systems
- New system supports two levels of access:
 - Open – data that is available to anyone without restrictions
 - Controlled – requires pre-authorization for use from NIH (because of consents required for access to individual-level data)
- Initial data to be included involves several data sets from multiple Institutes
 - Genotype and Phenotype Data



Using Commons e-Authentication

- Request for access to data will come from both the Signing Official (SO) and the Principle Investigator (PI)
- Both SOs and PIs will use their eRA Commons account logins to complete the request