Now that the final version of the UG is upon us, COGR is shifting gears into “Implementation: Issues, Observations, and Solutions.” We expect this to be an ongoing effort throughout 2015. Our focus will be shaped by COGR leaders from your institutions, as well as feedback from you. The following list represents the initial items to be addressed, and we will be flexible to update based on the priorities of the COGR Membership.

1) Analysis of Technical Corrections to the UG. We are working on this and expect to share a document with the Membership next week (i.e., the week of January 12).

2) Agency Implementation Plans. Our preliminary assessment is that the published agency deviations are minimal and that more substantive items will be captured through the soon-to-be-released Research Terms and Conditions. We will keep the membership updated, accordingly.

3) COGR Response, 60-day Public Comment Period. Response letters must be submitted by midnight, February 17th. While COGR does not expect to comment with the same level of detail that we have in the past, we will comment on selected topics. We will provide regular updates on the status of our Response letter.

4) COGR Readiness Guide. This is available at www.cogr.edu on the Home page under Latest News (December 12, 2014). We will update selected sections from the COGR Readiness Guide, on an as-needed basis.

5) Compensation/Documentation/Effort, F&A, Procurement, and other specialized areas. COGR has established several workgroups to address those parts of the UG that require additional depth of analysis and possible engagement with federal officials. We will keep the Membership regularly updated on these topics.

6) March 5-6 COGR Meeting. We will be sharing the Agenda with the Membership in several weeks. We expect to include a Federal panel session covering the UG Implementation, as well as a “Costing-centric” session focused on specialized areas such as Compensation/Documentation/Effort, F&A, and other costing-related areas.

We encourage you to share your observations and questions related to the UG with COGR staff. We will triage issues, accordingly, and will respond as soon as possible.

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