NSF Proposed Implementation of the OMB Uniform Guidance and Other Changes to the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG)

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Topics

• NSF Uniform Guidance Implementation
  – PAPPG Sections Significantly Revised

• Other Proposed Policy Changes

• Q&A
Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards “Uniform Guidance” Implementation: Key Dates

• OMB published Uniform Guidance on December 26, 2013

• Agencies are required to submit implementation plans, policies and procedures on June 26, 2014

• Guidance will apply to awards and funding increments on existing award made on or after December 26, 2014

• Visit cfo.gov/cofar/ for the latest information.
Uniform Guidance Implementation: NSF Implementation

- NSF submitted request to use policy document in lieu of regulation to implement the Uniform Guidance
- This request was approved by OMB on April 23, 2014
- NSF posted notice of intent to revise the PAPPG in the Federal Register on May 8, 2014
- Comments from the external community accepted until cob July 8, 2014
  - Uniform Guidance related changes highlighted in yellow
  - References to relevant sections of the uniform guidance are provided
  - Policy Changes highlighted in blue
- Deviations from the Uniform Guidance requested in only two areas:
  - Limitation to two months salary compensation for faculty; and
  - Alternative to use of the Federal Financial Report (i.e., ACM$)
Sections of the PAPPG Significantly Revised to Comply with the Uniform Guidance

- Definitional Changes
- Budget Preparation Instructions
  - Administrative and Clerical Salaries & Wages Policy
  - Subawards
  - Visa Costs
  - Indirect Cost Coverage
- Risk Management Framework
- Composition of an NSF Award
- Grantee Notifications & Request for Approval from NSF
- Allowability of Cost Coverage
- Standard Terms and Conditions
Proposed Policy-Related Changes in PAPPG

• NSF’s electronic capabilities modernization status
• NSF closure in the event of inclement weather
• Definition of Travel for Budget Preparation Purposes
• Participant Support Prior Approvals
• New Proposal Mechanism: Ideas Labs
• Dual Use Research of Concern
• Change to Cost Sharing Notification Requirements
• NSF’s Abstracts and Titles
• Process to Appeal NSF’s Decision to Decline a Proposal for Financial or Administrative Reasons
Uniform Guidance Implementation: NSF Implementation

• Draft PAPPG

• Federal Register Notice:

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