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The United States Office of Management and Budget has published new guidance consolidating and aligning previously issued rules governing the awarding, expenditure, and audit of federal awards to universities, states, and other nonprofit entities. The rules, known as the "Uniform Guidance," are intended to "significantly reform and strengthen Federal grant-making to improve outcomes for the American people while reducing bureaucratic red-tape." A few of the areas of change in the new regulations: liberalizing rules under which administrative salaries essential to a project may be directly charged to the project, providing less restrictive governance of small purchase procedures and acquisitions of computing devices, and allowing all institutions (instead of a select few) to recover utility costs of operating research facilities.

Many of the changes are effective for new awards issued after December 26, 2014; most of the new procurement regulations will not be effective until December 26, 2015. Links to the new regulations and guidance about their implementation from government agencies and higher education organizations are consolidated at <http://research.nmsu.edu/UG>.

A taskforce is studying the new rules to determine what effects they will have on NMSU policies and procedures. The group includes representatives of the research faculty and administrators with responsibilities in the administration of federal funds. Details of changes in NMSU procedures to comply with the Uniform Guidance will be forthcoming from the Vice President for Research office as they are finalized.

With best wishes for the Holidays,

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