

Adobe Transition At-a-glance

Grants.gov is migrating from developing and supporting Federal grant application forms that can be completed using PureEdge software to forms that require the use of Adobe Reader. There are two major advantages to the Adobe form versions: platform independence (works with both Mac and PC operating systems) and familiarity with the Adobe reader software among users.

The new Adobe forms look and feel very similar to the PureEdge forms. Check them out by viewing Grants.gov's [animated Adobe tutorial](#) or by visiting Grants.gov's Adobe [FAQs](#). (Please note that the Grants.gov FAQs are generically written for users across all agencies, and therefore do not highlight a couple important points about NIH. First, we will only allow pdf attachments to the application. Second, we currently have FOAs that are active for up to three years. These FOAs will be replaced in the December timeframe with new ones that use Adobe forms, rendering the PureEdge forms obsolete. **Please check the FOA for any changes before submitting your application!**)

The move to forms that require only the free Adobe Reader will be positive for our community. We are working to ensure a smooth transition by planning carefully. To view the many considerations we are taking for the December 2008 transition, view our [April 22 news release](#).