## Functional Differences: PureEdge vs. Adobe Applications How will my Adobe application behave differently?

| Topic:   | PureEdge:   | Adobe:  |
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| Opening Documents within a package   | In a PureEdge application package, mandatory and optional documents (components) could be opened from the "Mandatory Documents" box on the left hand side of the application.                   | In Adobe packages, documents <b>must</b> be moved to the right and into the "Mandatory Documents for Submission" box before they can be opened.   |
| Operating System Compatibility (Platform Independence)  Operating System Compatibility Table | PureEdge Software was not compatible with Tiger or Vista Operating Systems.  Mac users could not utilize PureEdge software without access to the citrix server.                                 | Adobe offers a wider range of system compatibility and is compatible with the latest Mac and PC operating systems.  |
| R&R Senior/Key Person Profile  | After the first 8 Senior/Key Persons are entered in the PureEdge form, up to four additional forms can be extracted, completed and attached for up to 40 Senior/Key Persons in structured data. | The Adobe version of the R&R Senior/Key Person Profile expanded form allows users to continue to click the "Next Person button for up to 40 Senior/Key Persons.  No additional forms are necessary to enter up to 40 Senior/Key Persons.  |
| Software Version Requirements  | No specific version of the PureEdge viewer is recommended.  | Adobe Reader 8.1.3 or higher are currently the recommended compatible versions for use with Grants.gov.  Applications opened with an incompatible version of the Adobe Reader can become corrupted, even if they are not saved.  Users are advised to regularly check the Grants.gov Download Software page for updates or changes to the recommended software. |

| Saving and Submitting the Application | If a previously saved PureEdge application was opened, it did not need to be saved again before submitting unless the application's content was changed. | Adobe reader forces users to save their applications before submitting – regardless of whether or not any changes were made since the last save.  |
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| "Previous" and "Next" Buttons         | In PureEdge, the "Previous" and "Next" buttons are always present at the top of the form.  | In Adobe PDF based application packages, the "Previous" and "Next" buttons are part of the form, so they "move up the page" as you progress to the bottom.  The Adobe Reader also allows scrolling from one form to the next, without requiring you to use the "Previous" and "Next" buttons. |
| Document Extensions                   | In PureEdge, all documents were created and saved as .xdf files.   | In Adobe, all documents will be created and saved as .pdf files   |

## **Cosmetic Differences: PureEdge vs. Adobe Applications** *How does the Adobe application look and feel different?*

| Topic:                                      | PureEdge:  | Adobe:   |
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| Dates                                       | PureEdge Required dates be entered in single specific format: mm/dd/yyy  | Adobe gives users the option of utilizing a drop down calendar. It will also accept dates manually entered in the following formats:  • mmddyy  • mmddyyyy  • mm/dd/yy  • mm/dd/yyyy |
| Grants.gov Mandatory Form Fields - Coloring | Mandatory Form Fields were indicated with an asterisk (*) and highlighted in yellow.   | Form Fields that are mandatory for submission are now indicated with an asterisk (*) and highlighted in yellow with a red border.  |
| Grants.gov Mandatory Form Fields            | PureEdge based forms did not allow users to submit applications if any of the Mandatory Form Fields were incomplete.                                 | Like PureEdge, Adobe based forms do not allow users to submit applications if any of the mandatory form fields are incomplete.   |
|   | PureEdge forms did not provide any warnings if mandatory fields were skipped.  | The Adobe based forms provide pop-ups to alert users whenever mandatory fields are skipped.  |
| Help Tips                                   | Users could toggle Help Tips off/on using a button on the tool bar.  After turning them on, Tips would appear by hovering the cursor over any field. | Help Tips will appear automatically by hovering the cursor over any field.   |
| Help Tips for Pre-Populated Fields          | PureEdge applications offered Help Tips for prepopulated fields.   | Help Tips are not available for pre-populated fields.  |