



Redesign of the eRA website

Commons Working Group Meeting
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- Existing public eRA website is woefully outdated and badly in need of overhaul.
 - Immediate goal is to move quickly to replace existing eRA website.
 - Plan is to stand up new eRA public website by mid-June.
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- **We need your input now!**



Existing eRA Website



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Welcome to eRA

National Institutes of Health: Electronic Research Administration

The electronic Research Administration (eRA) is the NIH infrastructure that provides for the secure receipt, review and administration of electronic grants. eRA provides full grant life-cycle systems: from initiative management, through receipt, referral to proper reviewers, electronically assisted review, flexible award processing, post award program management and oversight, fiscal administration, reporting and closeout. As of August 2006, eRA is in use by about 7,300 research institutions worldwide. It integrates the [NIH eRA Commons](#) and [IMPAC II](#) projects.

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[NIH Announces Initial Plans to Transition to the SF424 \(R&R\) and Electronic Submission](#)
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NIH eRA Commons

[Commons home page](#)
[FAQs](#)
[eRA Interface to the Extramural Community](#) (Commons Working Group Information)
[Support page](#) (latest information, release notes, user guides)

Interagency Edison (iEdison)

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- Choice of Formats

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[Committee Management \(CM\)](#)
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Project News

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June 2006
- [Helpdesk Hours of Service](#)
03/21/06
- [Supporting NIH Collaboration through Communities of Practice](#) 12/23/05
- [eFRRM Implements New System to Plan and Track eRA Projects](#) 10/29/05
- [eRA and NLM Implement New NIH Public Access Policy](#)
04/30/05



Current Vision for New eRA Website

- Purpose
 - Guide Applicants to the Commons and other resources
 - Guide Federal Agencies to an Intranet and other resources
 - Provide an overall view of the services provided by eRA.
- Preliminary concept
 - Include popular Commons resources
 - Provide “plain language” descriptions of eRA modules and features (including Commons features), along with relevant policy links.
 - Include link to Intranet for federal users that will be developed soon after launch of eRA public site.
 - Portal to more information.





Preliminary Mock-up of eRA Website



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- Link Analysis: What are People Linking to? Looked at 150 Websites
- Web Log Analysis: What are People Visiting? Analyzed six months of eRA website traffic.
- What did we Find?
 - Commons Support Page
 - Tools to find pending Progress Reports, etc.
 - eSubmission sub-site
- We'll migrate “used” content. Existing eRA website will be archived and available for a time.



- What are the resources you most commonly use on the old eRA website?
- What resources do you think should be added to the new website? Why?
- What do you think works well or isn't particularly useful on the new website? Why?





Email Us Your Thoughts

- When you return to your institutions, please ask your Principal Investigators and Grant Administrators what they would like to see on this website.
- Email your input to Jim Angus at oris@mail.nih.gov



We look forward to a new eRA together !!

