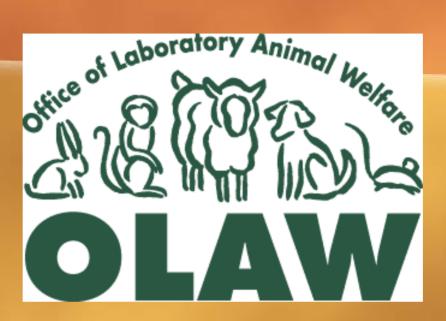# Proposal: OLAW Interface with eRA

COMMONS WORKING GROUP

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NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare Responsibility: implementation and administration of PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

Institutional Submissions to OLAW

- **Animal Welfare Assurance – once every 5 years**
- **Annual report**
- **Some information currently maintained in OLAW database; most in hard copy files**

OLAW's eRA Goals

- **Provide institutions with option of electronic submissions to OLAW**
- **Comply with Government Paperwork Elimination Act**
- **Reduce regulatory burden**
- **Avoid redundancy**
- **Coordinate electronic efforts with eRA**

Proposed Interface with eRA

- **NIH Commons to serve as** entry point **to electronic OLAW**
- **Commons user ID and password for authorized institutional officials**
- **Annual report data submission**
- **Assurance – upload file**