



# 2002 NIH Update

- **Hot** Topics
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# Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research

# Stem Cell Research Policy

## Criteria for Federally-Funded Research:

- Derivation of the cells from the blastocyst (early embryo) must have been initiated prior to 9 p.m. EDT August 9, 2001
- Embryo was created for reproductive purposes and no longer needed
- Informed consent from donors to use the cells for research
- No financial inducements for the donation

# OER Stem Cell Web Site

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/stem\\_cells.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/stem_cells.htm)

Listing of FAQs by topic:

- *Research Funding Opportunities*
- *Administrative Issues*
- *Training*
- *Grant Application Assistance*
- *Research Prohibitions*
- *Institutional Review Board Issues*
- *Acquisition of Stem Cells*
- *Intellectual Property Issues*

*(Topic list as of 7/26/2002)*



# Biodefense



# NIH Plan for Biodefense Research, FY2003

## **Research Facilities Construction**

- Build BSL-3 and BSL-4 labs (including at the comprehensive research centers)

## **Basic Research on Agents of Bioterrorism**

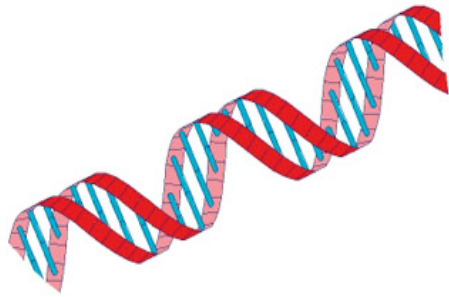
- Support research programs in at least 4 comprehensive extramural centers in FY03
- Conduct genomic sequencing and proteomic analysis on up to 25 pathogens
- Expand training programs

## **Drugs/Vaccine/Diagnostic Discovery and Development**

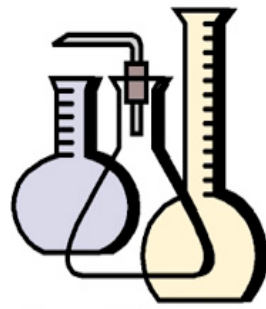
- Test and develop candidates for next-generation anthrax vaccine
- Engage industry through challenge grants
- Establish repositories for diagnostic and drug reagents
- Develop animal models, establish high-containment facilities and services

## **Clinical Research**

- Expand clinical trials infrastructure (VTEUs)
- Conduct smallpox, anthrax, and ebola clinical trials



**Genomics**



**Basic Research**



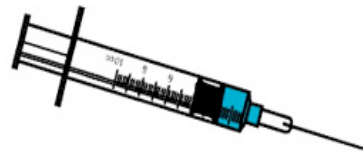
**Antimicrobials**



**Diagnostics**



**Expansion of  
Research  
Capacity**



**Vaccines**





# Select Agents



# Select Agent Rule

- Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act of 2002 (H.R. 3448)
  - Signed by the President on June 12, 2002
  - Includes possession and use of agents
  - Requires registration of
    - Facilities
    - Individuals
  - Generation of a SA list by the USDA




# Select Agent Interagency Working Group

- Lead agency: CDC
- Participating agencies: NIH, FDA, USDA, CIA, FBI, DOD, DOJ, DOT, DOC, EPA, US Postal Service, Office of Homeland Security

# For more information on Select Agents:

- Current CDC Select Agent Rule  
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/nltm/sar.asp>
- Public Health Safety and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002  
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/lrsat/bioterro.htm>
- Proposed Revisions to Select Agent List  
[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/a020823c.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a020823c.html)
- *NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules*  
<http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/rac/guidelines/guidelines.html>
- FAQs About Institutional Biosafety Committee  
<http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/IBC/IBCindexpg.htm>



Health Insurance Portability and  
Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) –  
effective April 13, 2003

*Guidance for grantees currently in  
development*

# **New IOM Report Published -**

***Integrity in Scientific Research:  
Creating an Environment that  
Promotes Responsible Conduct , July  
2002.***



# Proposed OMB Changes

- Proposed changes in cost principles (Circulars A-21, A-87, and A-122) is an effort to make the descriptions of similar cost items consistent with one another;
- Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-107)
- Standard data elements for program announcements through E-Grants in Fed Biz Opps; and
- Standard format for program announcements.
- Revision of Circular A-133, proposes to increase audit threshold from \$300,000 to \$500,000

# Loan Repayment

- The LRP provides for the repayment of the educational loan debt of qualified health professionals who agree to conduct biomedical research.
- Payments will be a contract (not a grant) and disbursed directly to the financial institution holding the education loan
- Will cover up to \$35,000/year (principal & interest), plus Federal taxes

See Oct 10 NIH Guide (NOT-OD-03-004)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-03-004.html>

And Oct 10 NIH Guide (NOT-OD-03-005)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-03-005.html>



# Loan Repayment Program:

## “What Does the Future Hold?”

- Program continues to be refined
- Multiple receipt dates can be anticipated in the future
- Possible changes to eligibility criteria
- Possible growth in the number awarded
- All changes will be announced in NIH Guide

Grantees can sign up for listserv to receive information on next application cycle.

<http://www.lrp.nih.gov/>





# The NIH Budget

# FY 2003 President's Budget Request

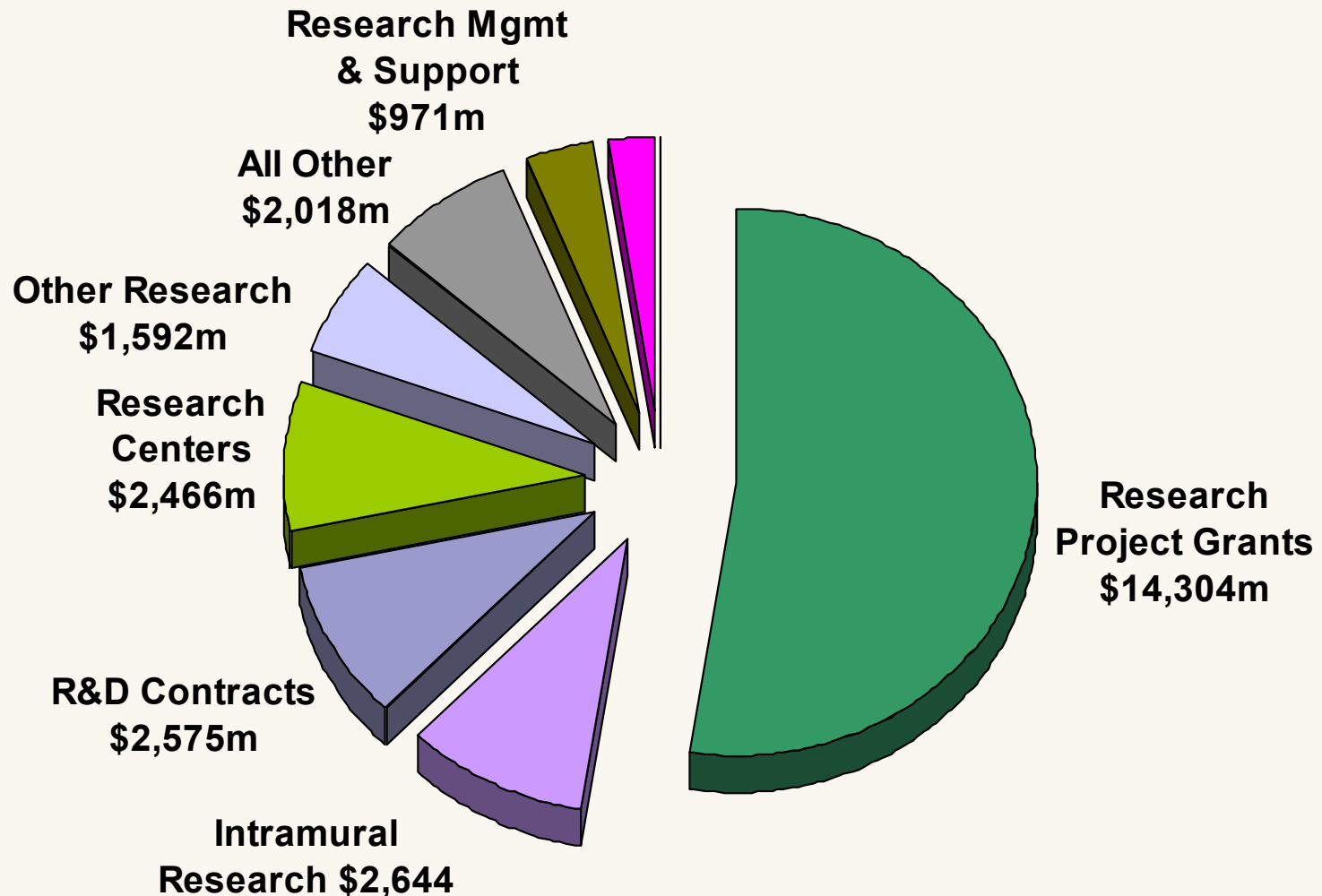
- Increase of 16.7% over the FY 2002 appropriation
- 9,854 Estimated Competing RPG awards
- The FY 2003 budget completes the President's commitment to double the FY 1998 appropriation level in five years
- New proposal to double the NIH budget yet again



# **Research Initiatives in FY 2003 President's Budget Request**

- Bioterrorism
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Minority Health and Health Disparities
- Parkinson's Disease

# FY 2003 President's Budget Request \$27.3 Billion





# Other Updates

# Non-competing Continuation Grant Progress Report

Last pre-printed “hard copy” Face Pages mailed in June 2002 for November 2002 start dates

Beginning with December 2002 start dates grantees must use website

[http://era.nih.gov/userreports/pr\\_due.cfm](http://era.nih.gov/userreports/pr_due.cfm)

NIH Guide Notice: August 13, 2002

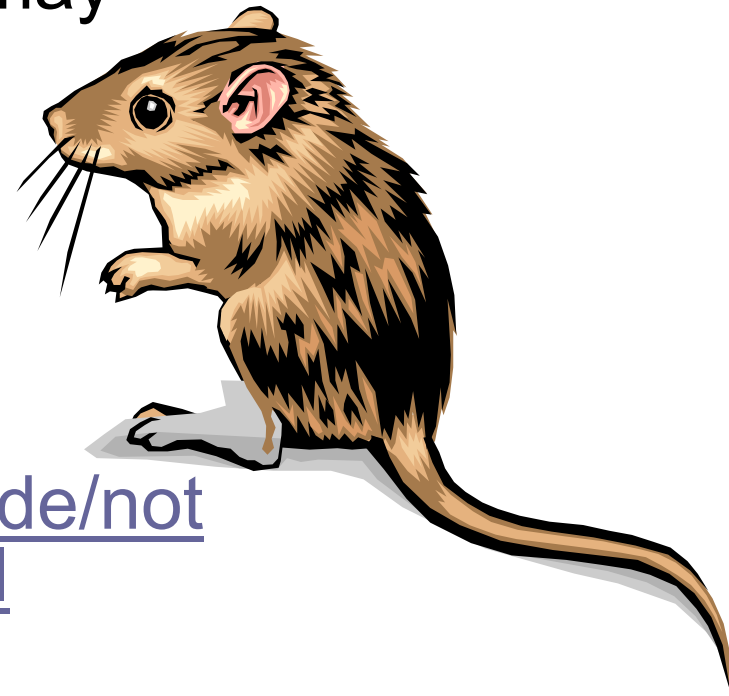
<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-066.html>

# Change in PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

As of October 1, 2002 receipt date, IACUC approval information may be provided “just-in-time”

NIH Guide, August 8, 2002

<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/not-ice-files/NOT-OD-02-064.html>





# Hottest Topic in NRSA News: New Name

National Research Service  
Award Program

**Ruth L. Kirschstein National  
Research Service Awards**

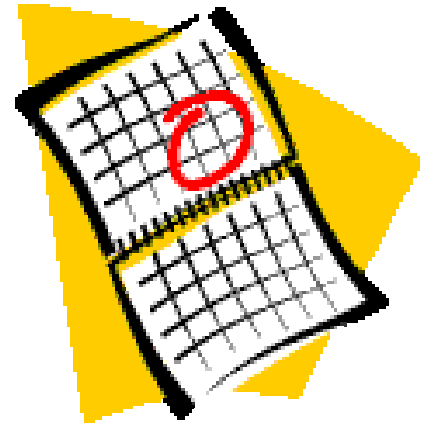
Enacted via Public Law 107-206, signed 8/2/02



# Revised Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual National Research Service Award Application

- The revised application for an Individual National Research Service Award (PHS 416-1) and Progress Report for Continuation Support (PHS 416-9) are now available and may be used by applicants.

# Receipt Dates for Revised 416-1 and 416-9 (cont'd)



- For December 2002 receipts, both versions (rev. 12/98 and rev. 6/02) will be accepted.
- For April 2003 receipt date, use of the new version (rev. 6/02) is required.



# Notable Changes in PHS 416-1

- The forms will only be available electronically
- Fillable forms using Adobe Acrobat
- Human Subjects – specific instructions provided for use of human subjects in research
- New format pages for women and minority enrollment
- Vertebrate Animals –now under the “just-in-time” procedures



# Notable Changes in PHS 416-1 (cont')

- Face Page – Human Subjects Research box and Vertebrate Animals box modified
- Personal Data Page – updated Race and Ethnicity Categories
- New Format Pages – Targeted/Planned Enrollment Table and Inclusion Enrollment Report



# Intellectual Property

# Invention Reporting Requirements of Grantee/Contractors

Administrative Requirements (per 37CFR, 401.14)

- Implement Employee Agreements ⇒ **as needed**
- Disclose Each Invention ⇒ **within 60 days**
- Resolve Election or Waive of Title ⇒ **within 2 years**
- File Patent ⇒ **within 1 yr. of election**
- Provide License to the Govt. ⇒ **upon title election**
- Indicate Govt. Support on Patent ⇒ **with patent appl.**
- Share Royalties With Inventor ⇒ **when available**
- License Small Businesses ⇒ **where feasible**
- Product Manufacturing in U.S. ⇒ **required**
- Report on Invention Utilization ⇒ **annually**

# Grantee/Contractor Reporting of Intellectual Property Utilization

- Effective January 1, 2002, invention utilization reporting requirements will change
- Most substantive change involves the addition of a question that requires the commercial name of any FDA approved products, utilizing any invention, that have reached the market during the annual reporting period

See NIH Guide 12/13/2001,

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-019.html>





# **Rights To Subject Inventions Made Through Funding Agreements To Foreign Entities**

Implementation of this policy will be deferred for twelve months.

NIH Guide, August 8, 2002

<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/noticefiles/NOT-OD-02-065.html>

NIH Guide, March 14, 2002

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-039.html>



# Pre-Award and Post-Award Administration



# Applications and Forms: Restriction on Submission

Prior approval is required for competing applications that request \$500,000 total direct costs or more for any budget period.

NIH Guide, October 16, 2001

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-004.html>

# Applications and Forms: PHS 398 and 2590 - New Requirements for Reporting Race and Ethnicity

Investigators must follow new OMB standards for collecting data on race and ethnicity

Requires asking subjects minimum of 2 questions:

- Ethnicity
- Race with option to select more than one



# Applications and Forms: Application Format

The Center for Scientific Review will check competing applications for adherence to format.

## Requirements:

Type size

Page limits

Margins

NIH Guide May 4, 2001,

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-01037.html>

# Applications and Forms: Questions?

Dedicated e-mail address for  
questions on format:

[format@mail.nih.gov](mailto:format@mail.nih.gov)

Frequently asked questions on  
format:

<http://www.format.nih.gov>





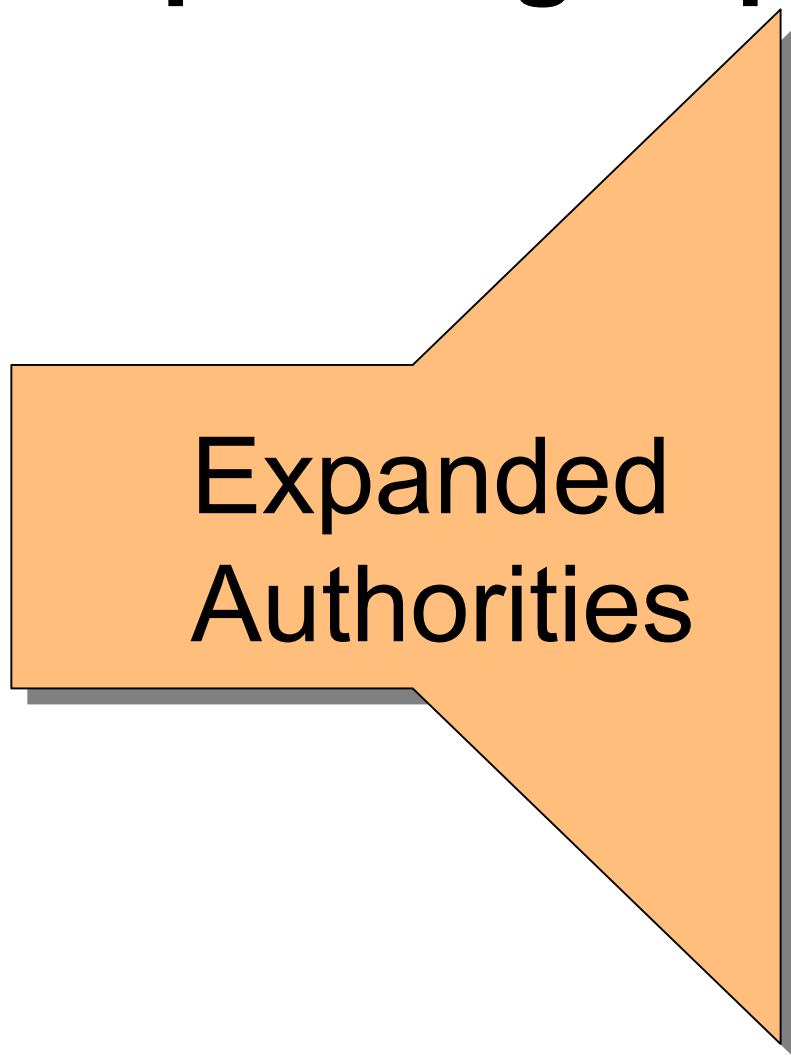
# **Change of Receipt Dates for AIDS or AIDS-Related SBIR and STTR Applications**

As of March 2002, the receipt dates for SBIR (R43 and R44) and STTR (R41 and R42) applications that propose AIDS or AIDS-related research will become the same as for all other AIDS applications: May 1, September 1, and January 2.

NIH Guide, March 7, 2002

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-036.html>

# Expanding Expanded Authorities



**NIH standard terms and conditions for all mechanisms**

**Exclude automatic carryover for mechanisms that currently do not have this authority**

See NIH Guide, September 28, 2001,

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-01-070.html>



# Requirement for Education in the Protection of Human Subjects

NIH education requirement remains in effect for all key personnel\*\* involved in human subject research

\*\* Key personnel are defined as those staff who are significantly involved in the design and conduct of the research.



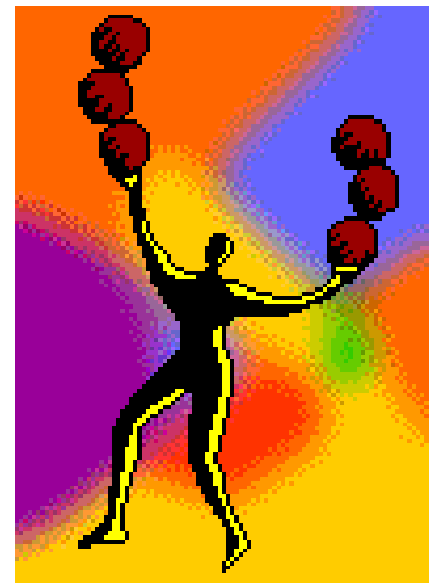
# NIH Announces Statement On Certificates Of Confidentiality

- Certificates are issued by NIH to protect identifiable research information from forced disclosure
- They constitute an important tool to protect the privacy of research study participants
- Information is available at the Certificate Kiosk
- NIH Guide March 15, 2002 ,  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-037.html>

# Financial Conflict of Interest

The grantee must:

- Notify Chief GMO to assure that the conflict of interest is being managed, reduced, or eliminated
- Provide additional information, if requested
- Address FCOI in consortium agreements



See the following NIH Guide Notices for additional info:

<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-00-040.html>

<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not95-179.html>

NIH Analysis of COI policies at:

[http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/policy/coi/nih\\_review.htm](http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/policy/coi/nih_review.htm)

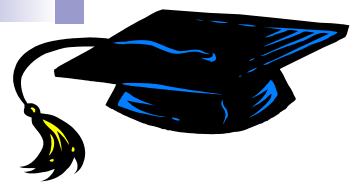


# Graduate Student Compensation

- Ties compensation on research grants to the zero level NRSA postdoc stipend in effect at the time of award
- Compensation continues to include “salary or wages, fringe benefits and tuition remission”
- If submitting an itemized budget, grantees should request actual institutional-based compensation and include justification

See NIH Guide, 12/10/2001,

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-017.html>



# Graduate Student Compensation (cont.)

- NIH staff will review and determine appropriate level at the time of award
- Revised budgets (modular or itemized) will not be accepted solely to adjust this compensation level
- No adjustments will be made to noncompeting award levels or future years
- Grantees may rebudget to accommodate the higher level
- This policy was effective with awards issued on or after 12/10/2001

# NRSA - What's New?

## Part-time Training

- NRSA legislation revised in FY2001 to include part-time training “in cases of disability or pressing family need” will apply to both fellows and trainees
- Will require awarding IC prior approval
- Must continue to be at least 50%, less than 50% would require leave of absence from NRSA support

## Discipline Coding

- Old “Discipline/Specialty/Field Codes” now called “Field of Training (FOT)”



# FY 2003 Proposed NRSA Budget and Policy Changes

- Proposed stipend increase – proposing 10% for Predoc and entry-level Post-doc, smaller increases for other Post-doc levels
- Discussing increase in Postdoc institutional allowance
- Discussing potential change in leave policy

# F&A Costs for Foreign and International Organizations

Grants to foreign organizations and foreign consortium participants are now eligible to receive F&A cost

## 8% F&A -less equipment

- F&A costs are provided to support the costs of compliance with DHHS and NIH requirements.
- NIH will not support any capital expenses (facilities), or normal general operations related to foreign and international organizations.

The policy change was effective 10/01/2001,  
see NIH Guide March 29, 2001:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-01-028.html>



# Updated Resource

- Revised “Grants Administration Information Sources” is now available at:  
[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/grants\\_info.pdf](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/grants_info.pdf)
- Provides updated contact information for Grants Administration individuals at all NIH ICs



# Compliance News



# **Division of Grants Compliance and Oversight**

- Established August 28, 2001
- Division within the Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration, OER
- Emphasis on external and internal compliance activities

# Audit/Review Oversight

- A-133 audits
- CFO audits
- IG and GAO reviews
- OMA reviews



# Other Compliance Activities

- Provide direction and advice to ICs and institutions on compliance issues
- Focal point for financial conflict of interest notifications
- Institutional compliance cases
  - Corrective action plans
- Outreach
  - Educational seminars
  - National and regional meetings
- Proactive Compliance Site Visits



# NIH Proactive Compliance Site Visits: Objective/Purpose

## Objective

- Move from reactive noncompliance to proactive compliance

## Purpose

- To assess the level of understanding of certain Federal/NIH requirements
- To assist in ensuring compliance with NIH requirements

# Proactive Compliance Site Visit Summary: FY2000-FY2002

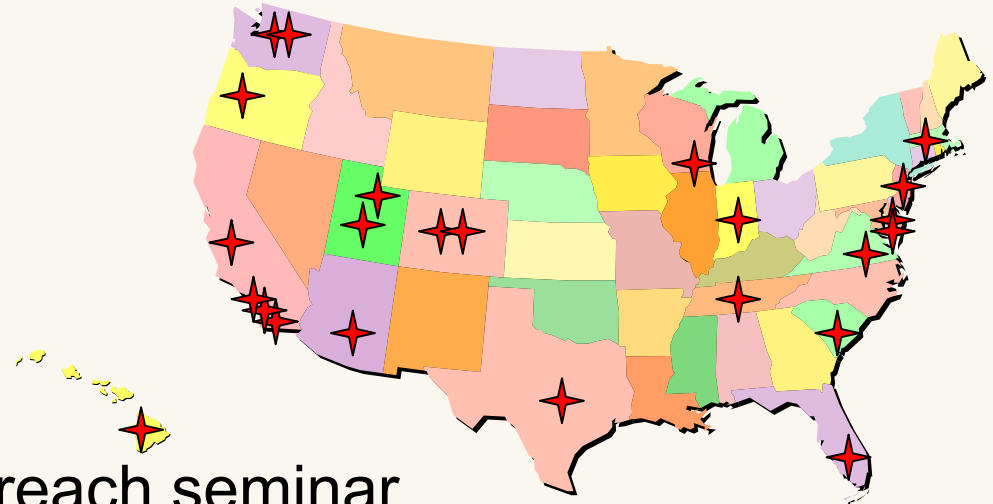
26 institutions:

20 universities/medical schools

4 non-profits (3 AIRI institutions)

2 hospital

Geographic diversity



Expanded education-outreach seminar



# NIH Proactive Compliance Site Visit Program has...

- Initiated the process of moving from reactive to proactive
- Confirmed that:
  - Compliance is an ongoing and dynamic process and is more likely to be present and effective if it is established as an institutional expectation
  - Site visits build a foundation of partnership
  - Recipients are committed to properly administering sponsored activities although institutional oversight is not always evident



# Outcome

Proactive Compliance Site Visits: A Compendium

Subject matter focus

Regulations/policies/guidelines

Summary observations

Examples of compliance in action

Available on Grants Compliance and Oversight page

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/compliance/compliance.htm>

**Newly updated**



# NIH eRA Objective: Full Electronic Grants Administration

**Applicant/Grantee Interface – NIH Commons**

225,000,000  
Pieces of Paper

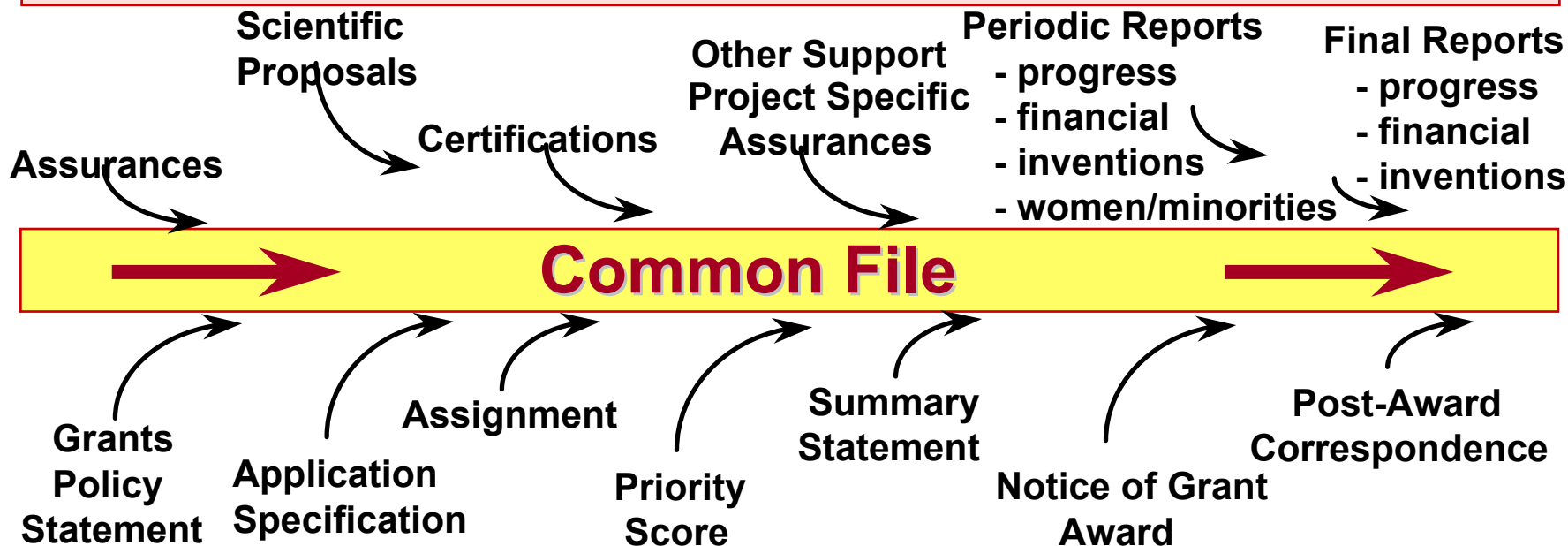
**NIH Grants Database Interface – IMPAC II**

1.6 million transactions daily

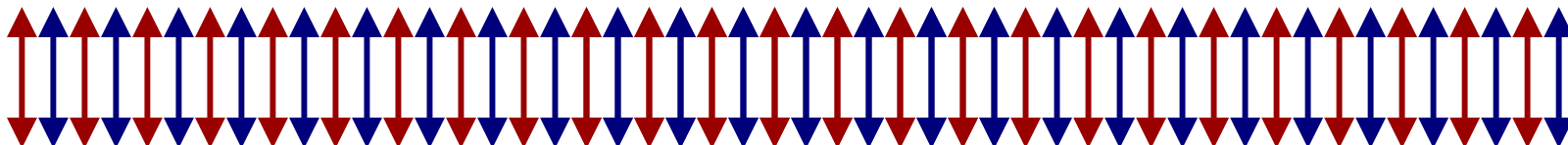
**NIH Institutes and Centers**

# NIH eRA Objective: Full Electronic Grants Administration

## Applicant/Grantee Interface – NIH Commons



## NIH Grants Database Interface – IMPAC II



NIH Institutes and Centers

# NIH ERA Components

## Unrestricted Interfaces

- NIH and OER Web Sites - <http://www.nih.gov/grants>
- CRISP on the Web – Awards Database – <http://crisp.cit.nih.gov>

## Restricted Interfaces – <https://commons.era.nih.gov>

- Commons Registration – Secure access for grantee institutions
- Accounts Administration – Secure access for grantees
- Application/Award Status – Monitor pending grant applications
- Institutional & Professional Profiles – Maintain repetitive information about institutions and investigators
- Competitive Application – Competing Grant Application
- Trainee Appointments (X-Train) – Appointment and administration of grantee trainees
- Submission of non-competing progress reports (e-SNAP)
- Financial Status Report (FSR)
- Interagency Edison – Invention Reporting

# Commons Working Group (CWG)

## eRA feedback from the extramural community

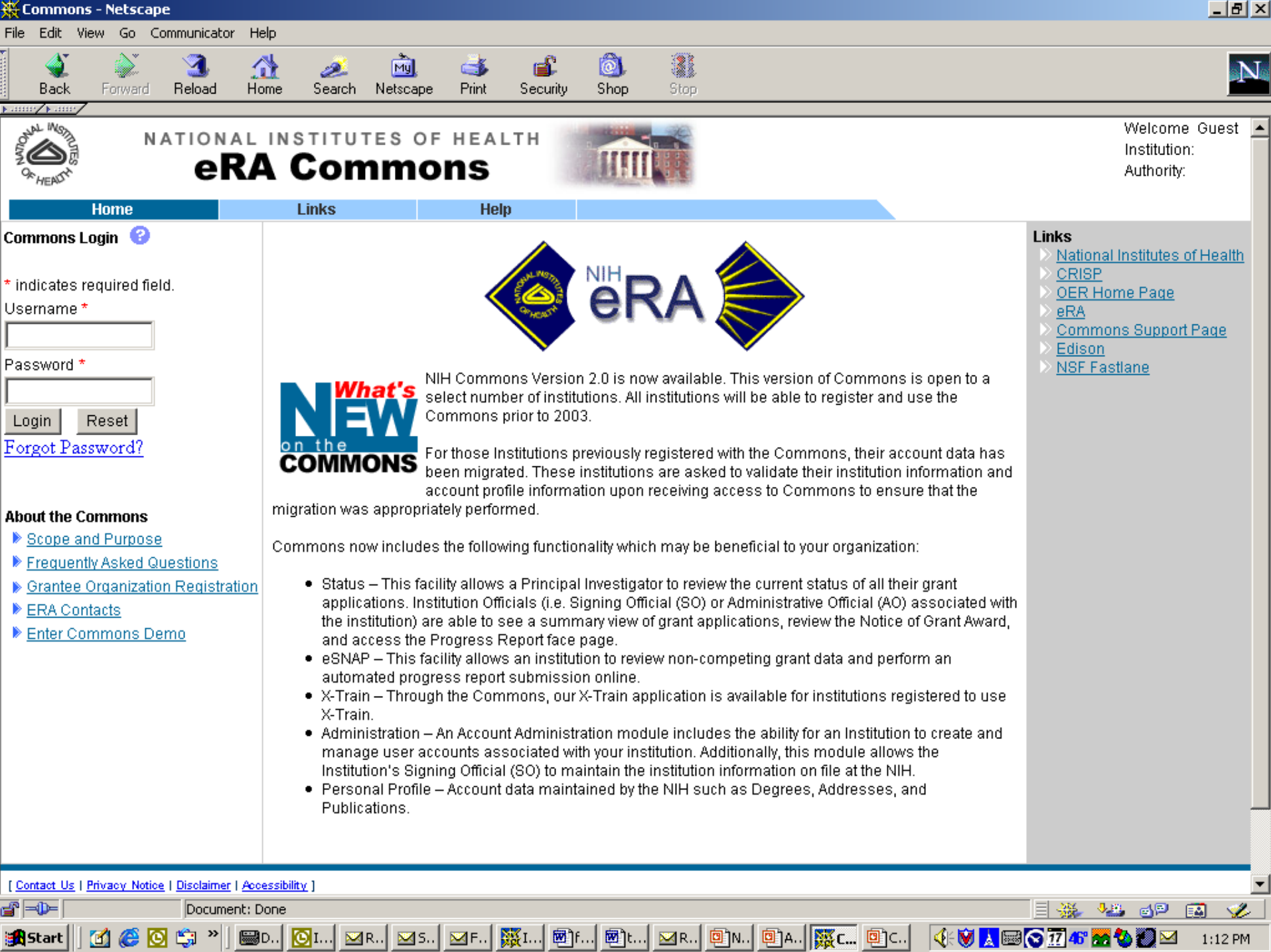
- Definition of user requirements
- Definition of future priorities
- Assistance with testing and deployment

## Representatives from 18 institutions

- Diverse skills
  - 14 Research Administrators
  - 6 IT Technologists
  - 4 Active Research Faculty
- Diverse institutional representation
  - 13 NCURA members
  - 11 SRA members
  - 10 FDP institutions represented
  - 13 COGR institutions represented

# CWG-Related Issues

- Commons V 2.0 User Interface
- Streamlining Noncompeting Progress Reporting
  - Type 5 Awards
- Review of Financial Status Report Software
- Review and Potential Streamlining of the Competitive Application Process



# NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH eRA Commons



Welcome Guest  
Institution:  
Authority:



## Commons Login ?

\* indicates required field.

Username \*

Password \*

[Forgot Password?](#)

## About the Commons

- [Scope and Purpose](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Grantee Organization Registration](#)
- [ERA Contacts](#)
- [Enter Commons Demo](#)



NIH Commons Version 2.0 is now available. This version of Commons is open to a select number of institutions. All institutions will be able to register and use the Commons prior to 2003.

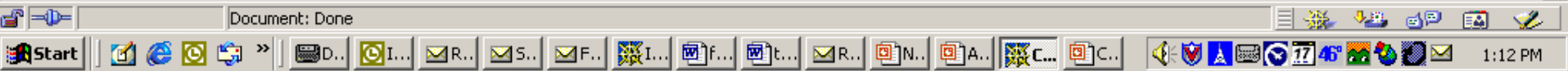
For those Institutions previously registered with the Commons, their account data has been migrated. These institutions are asked to validate their institution information and account profile information upon receiving access to Commons to ensure that the migration was appropriately performed.

Commons now includes the following functionality which may be beneficial to your organization:

- **Status** – This facility allows a Principal Investigator to review the current status of all their grant applications. Institution Officials (i.e. Signing Official (SO) or Administrative Official (AO) associated with the institution) are able to see a summary view of grant applications, review the Notice of Grant Award, and access the Progress Report face page.
- **eSNAP** – This facility allows an institution to review non-competing grant data and perform an automated progress report submission online.
- **X-Train** – Through the Commons, our X-Train application is available for institutions registered to use X-Train.
- **Administration** – An Account Administration module includes the ability for an Institution to create and manage user accounts associated with your institution. Additionally, this module allows the Institution's Signing Official (SO) to maintain the institution information on file at the NIH.
- **Personal Profile** – Account data maintained by the NIH such as Degrees, Addresses, and Publications.

## Links

- [National Institutes of Health](#)
- [CRISP](#)
- [OER Home Page](#)
- [eRA](#)
- [Commons Support Page](#)
- [Edison](#)
- [NSF Fastlane](#)





# NIH Commons V 2.0 User Interface

## Deployment of new User interface – October 2002

- New GUI (user interface) standards
- Production deployment to all grantee institutions
- Interfaces
  - Commons registration
  - Accounts administration
  - Application/award status
  - X-Train (Trainee Appointments)
- October 14, 2002: Production deployed to CWG
- Open Registration: December 10, 2002 

## All institutions to register whether submitting electronically or in paper

- Improve data quality for electronic and paper submissions

# e-Notification (Type 5 Notification)

## Phase 1 - OER Website

[http://era.nih.gov/userreports/pr\\_due.cfm](http://era.nih.gov/userreports/pr_due.cfm)

- Launched August 13, 2002. See Guide Notice OD-02-066
- Provides institution-specific list of Type 5s according to Due Date
- Records drop off the list as NIH staff indicate “received” in IMPAC II
- Mailing of Face pages discontinued as of December 2002 start dates. See NIH Guide Notice OD-02-047.

# e-Notification (cont.)

## Phase II - NIH Commons “pull technology”

- Status Interface will provide AO with list of Type 5's according to Due Date
- Each Type 5 will include link to pre-populated face pages (PHS 2590 & PHS 416-9)

## Phase III - NIH Commons “push technology”

- Commons Registration includes new e-mail address for “push” notifications
- Later release – “push” to individual PIs and list to AOs

# Streamlining Noncompeting Award Process (SNAP Progress Report)

## e-SNAP: Pilot Deployment November 2002

- Optional sign-off by business official
- Flexible routing for approvals prior to submission to NIH
- Submit 45 days before budget period start date
- Separate data area for science highlights
- Ability for interim updates
- Eliminate IRB and IACUC review dates
- Assurances and certifications part of institutional profile

# Electronic Financial Status Report (eFSR)

## Commons-based submission and approval of FSRs

### eFSR: Pilot Deployment November 2002

- Deployment critically dependent on shut down of mainframe system (IMPAC I) 12/31/02
- Full implementation critically dependent on Commons registration



Open Registration begins December 10, 2002

- See NIH Guide Notice OD-03-008; November 1, 2002

# Reengineering the Competitive Application

## November 2001 CWG meeting

- Streamlining data requirements
  - Advantages offered by implementation of profiles
  - Advantages offered by recategorizing of information
  - Opportunities to question need for information

## January 2002 CWG meeting

- Streamlining business process
  - Receipt, referral, review
  - Just-in-time submissions
  - Application schedule and content

## Design/develop of Electronic Competing Grant Application

- Pilot datastream deployment possible near end of FY03


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## Welcome to eRA

The Electronic Research Administration (eRA) integrates NIH's [Commons](#) and [IMPAC II](#) projects.

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### Business Areas

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[Review \(REV\)](#)

### Project News

[IMPAC II 2002 Deployment Schedule Announced](#)  
 IMPAC II will move to a bi-monthly release schedule beginning in January.

[New Production Environment Enhances System Performance](#)

A new production and development environment available in January will increase system speed, enable faster backups and recovery, and support additional database instances.

[All Inside eRA Headlines](#)

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- Advice on implementation planning
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- eRA Help Desk:

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