System Update

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eRA continues to revise and update system modules based on your comments and suggestions. Here is a System Update to keep you in the loop.

Subject: **Client-Server Conversion to J2EE for Each Application**
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Each of eRA's client-server applications is being converted to J2EE, which will make them available through a Web browser. As the applications become near final, they will be released into a limited-use **pilot** mode. We will run the J2EE and client-server versions of the application in parallel for a period of time.

During this pilot, only those users who participated in testing and validating the J2EE version will be asked to use the new version and to notify us immediately if they encounter problems. If no major problems are encountered, the J2EE version of the application will be released into full production and the client-server version will be scheduled for retirement. Should we encounter significant problems with the J2EE version during the limited pilot or full production, we will correct them before we shut down the client-server version.

Although the J2EE applications are new, they use data from the same database that the client-server version uses. This means any modifications and additions that the user makes to grant data will be reflected in the J2EE applications. The same account that users have for their client-server application also is used for the J2EE application.

We would like everyone to use the J2EE version of the application as soon as it is released to full production. We want to fully exercise the J2EE version of the application and uncover any possible issues before we shut down the client-server version.

User volunteers from multiple ICs have been validating the functionality of all applications and providing feedback in preparation for their conversions. This user acceptance process combined with additional internal testing is significantly improving the quality of the applications converted to J2EE. The status in the following table includes the "earliest" dates for when a J2EE version would be available and for when the client-server version could be shut down. These are *possible* dates but we cannot confirm the final release or shut-down dates until the application is fully tested. We want to ensure these applications are stable and of production quality before we release them to our user community.

In addition, Users Guides will be updated to reflect the newly converted applications.

We hope you find this information useful for your planning purposes. We anticipate presenting this table, showing dates and application status, in future publications so that together we can ensure a smooth transition.

Component	Most optimistic date for J2EE-version availability	Earliest date for client-server version shutdown	Status
Institute and Center Operations (ICO)	March 1 (next pilot release). Available now for all users.	March 20	Is currently in a production pilot mode. A few bugs have been encountered and must be fixed, tested and deployed in production before the client-server version can be shut down. One bug is related to users being occasionally logged out when returning to ICO from GUM. We are awaiting a fix from Oracle for this issue.
Crisp Plus (Crisp +)	February 22 (pilot)	April 19	Has undergone several rounds of testing and is currently being evaluated for pilot release.
Committee Management (CM)	March 6 (pilot)	April 28	Has undergone several rounds of testing and is currently being evaluated for pilot release.
Population Tracking (PopTrack)	February 20 (pilot)	April 28	Has undergone several rounds of testing and is currently being evaluated for pilot release.
Receipt and Referral (RR)	March 20 (pilot)	May 15	Has undergone several rounds of testing and is not yet ready for pilot. Needs to be modified to meet OpDiv and Multi-PI requirements.
Training Activities (TA)	March 20 (pilot)	May 12	Has undergone several rounds of testing and is not yet ready for pilot.
Peer Review (REV)	April 3 (pilot)	May 31	Has undergone several rounds of testing and is not yet ready for pilot.
User Admin	Already in Production	April 2006	Has been in Production since October 2005. Changes have been made and it will be ready to be deployed in April 2006 to support Single Login for eRA under OneView.

Additionally, Grants Management Redesign has been in Production since October 10. The client-server version will be shut down on February 20, 2006.