

**Headline: NIH and AHRQ shifting to Electronic Grant Application Process**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) are converting to the electronic SF424 Research and Related (R&R) grant application forms. Beginning December 1, 2005, individual research programs will begin requiring electronic submission on the SF424 (R&R) through Grants.gov, with a complete transition scheduled by 2007. NIH and AHRQ are encouraging applicant organizations to register now with both Grants.gov (<http://grants.gov/>) and NIH eRA Commons (<https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/>), as the registration process can take up to 4 weeks to complete.

More information on these changes is available at <http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/>.