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TO: eRA Project Committee

RE: AHRQ Survey questions

1. What are the technical components to the ICs' IMPAC II extension system: what is the foundational database? What is/are the reporting tool(s)? What part(s) of the extension system are Web-aware or -based? What software makes those part(s) Web-aware/-based? Do the system reporting tools provide an export function (e.g., to Excel or comma-delimited format or tab-delimited format)?

2. How do ICs deal with Congressionally mandated reporting codes that are not included in the main IMPAC II database, e.g., Field of Science and Moyer cross-cut codes?

3. How do the ICs adjust to back-end IMPAC II changes when those changes affected their extension system? Has the process for these changes been more pro-active or reactive from the ICs perspective?

4. How are downloads from and uploads to IMPAC II handled, e.g., as a shadow-system-launched Oracle query, or FTP dump, or other method?

5. Do other ICs have unique grants that they handle differently or separately from IMPAC II? What are the natures of those grants? Do those grants get uploaded or in some other way recognized by IMPAC II?

6. Do their extension systems allow for grant-portfolio management? If so, how? What improvements could be made to the system to address this direction?

7. From both a technical (system) and managerial (process) perspective, how do the ICs handle matching-funds grants?

8. Do the IC extension systems allow for a free-text search (a la Google)? What are the text-searching capabilities in the extension system?

9. How are funding recommendation documents generated? Does the system or some other package generate an electronic funding recommendation memorandum?

10. How does the IC track intramural grants both from a managerial and technical aspect? Do they come through CSR or do they start in the IC and then get uploaded to IMPAC II?