

Business Area: Grants Management

eRA Systems Used: Grant Closeout Module (GCM) Institute/Center Operations (ICO)

Grants Management (GM) Training Activities (TA)

Grant Closeout Module (GCM):

- ❑ Deployed for use by ICs in August 2002. Currently 24,500 closeout records in GCM (70% are in closed status). Currently 13,250 never funded records in GCM.
- ❑ Approximately 30 potential changes/enhancements listed for the future.
- ❑ Requirements are currently being developed for grantee submission of Final Progress Report and Final Inventions Statement via the Commons.
- ❑ Major Issue(s) for the future: As a community we have neglected the NRSA process. Not much consideration of leveraging Appointment/Term status for Ts and Term status for Fs.

GM Module:

- ❑ Client Server Version Deployed in 1998. Currently in Maintenance Mode.

J2EE initiatives in progress:

- ❑ Grant Folder: Subcommittee of the IMPAC II GM Lead Users is working with Dianna Dixon and Cathy Walker to define requirements for the J2EE Grant Folder (for GM Users) and to design the look. Important due to the fact that GM Office is responsible for maintenance of the Official Grant File.
- ❑ Standardized Checklist Pilot: Several ICs are testing the standardized GM Checklist that ultimately replaces IC designed and maintained checklists. ICs will be able to add/edit IC specific questions to the checklist. Future enhancements will allow multiple checklists (by award mechanism). Important to allow grant related documents to be stored in J2EE grant folder and is a big step to allow electronic processing of non-competing applications.

Other initiatives in progress for benefit of GM Business Area:

- ❑ Import/IC approval of subproject data via GM spreadsheet
- ❑ Expansion of Just-in-Time submissions via the Commons (currently includes percentiled applications to the 30th percentile – will include non-percentiled applications to Priority Score of 300).
- ❑ Scanning/Uploading/Indexing of Non-Competing (type 5) applications.

GM Redesign is Underway

Redesign JAD is meeting every two weeks. Currently discussing “high level/conceptual” issues. Will gradually move into business process modeling, requirements gathering and development. Program and Budget business areas will need to be included when business process modeling and requirements gathering begin.

Example of Benefits of eRA NIH and Grantee Community:

“Automatic” one-time no-cost extension of grant budget/project period by grantee:

Old Process:

Principal Investigator notifies Business Official of need for no-cost extension.

Business Official notifies IC Grants Management Office of no-cost extension via letter or e-mail.

IC Grants Management Office uses ICO to change the budget/project period end date per grantee notification.

IC Grants Management Office confirms extension of budget/project period end date via e-mail or fax.

New Process:

Grantee logs into the Commons.

Grantee queries for the grant that requires extension.

Grantee chooses no-cost extension option and chooses between 6/9/12 month time extensions.

Confirmation of no-cost extension displayed on screen for grantee. E-mail notification of no-cost extension sent to IC assigned Program Official and Grants Management Specialist.