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SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice

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A Federal Register notice of interest was published on Friday, January 25, 2008 (73 FR 4563) by the National Science and Technology Council, the Research Business Models Subcommittee of the Committee on Science.

The Notice announces a new standard core set of administrative terms and conditions on research and research-related awards that are subject to OMB (Office of Management and Budget) Circular A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations" (2 CFR 215). The standard core set of administrative requirements are posted on the National Science Foundation (NSF) Web site at: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rtr/index.jsp>. Research agencies and awarding offices that participate in the Federal Demonstration Partnership¹ (FDP) must use the core set of administrative requirements, to the maximum practicable extent, in research and research-related grant awards to organizations that are subject to 2 CFR 215.

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is a member of the FDP and will utilize the new terms and conditions accordingly. At a minimum, CSREES will post its implementation plans on the CSREES Web site, <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/>. CSREES also will make available its implementation plans through correspondence and other means to the extent practicable.

For more information, please see the attached file containing the Federal Register Notice. The Federal Register Notice also may be retrieved by entering pertinent data and performing an advance search at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/advanced.html>.

Attachment

¹ The Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) is a cooperative initiative among 10 Federal agencies and 98 institutional recipients of research funds; its purpose is to reduce the administrative burdens associated with research grants and contracts. For more information about the FDP, see <http://www.thefdp.org>.