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## NIH Opens eSNAP Pilot to all FDP Organizations

Effective January 1, 2004, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) invites all Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) members to participate in its NIH electronic Research Administration (eRA) electronic Streamlined Non-competing Award Process (eSNAP) pilot. eSNAP, a component of the NIH eRA Commons system, enables extramural grantees to submit an electronic version of the <a href="SNAP">SNAP</a> Type 5 (non-competing) progress report through a Web interface.

To access the eSNAP Web interface, institutions and users must <u>first</u> enroll in the Commons. Once an institution is registered, an authorized business official needs to request eSNAP functionality. <u>Since eSNAP is testing potential changes to the progress report business process</u>, as a part of granting eSNAP access, NIH requires the institution to sign a letter of agreement. FDP organizations wishing to participate in the eSNAP pilot should contact the <u>NIH eRA Commons Helpdesk</u>.

Commons users are welcome to visit the eRA Commons demonstration site at <a href="https://commonsdemo.era.nih.gov/commons-demo/index.jsp">https://commonsdemo.era.nih.gov/commons-demo/index.jsp</a> to simulate the entire eSNAP process from initiation through final submission. An eSNAP <a href="users guide">users guide</a> also is available online.