

To: Research Administrator Support Group
From: Hamilton Brown
Date: December 4, 2006
Re: Fwd: NIH eSubmission Items of Interest - November 2006

Many of you may have already seen the attached email from the NIH Electronic Submission Team dated November 20, 2006. Of immediate importance is to inform you and your PIs that an R01 Parent Announcement (PA-07-070) is now available on Grants.gov and must be used for any applications to be submitted for the February 5, 2007 receipt date. The critical thing to stress is you and your PIs can download this announcement now and begin working on it. Once your application is completed, please forward it to the Office of Sponsored Research (OSR) or the Sponsored Programs Office (SPO) in the School of Medicine as soon as possible for our submission on Grants.gov.

Because OSR and SPO anticipate reviewing and approving the largest number of NIH proposals we have ever submitted on Grants.gov, we have two immediate concerns to bring to your attention. First, we're encouraging early submission as much as possible to avoid being overwhelmed by an unmanageable bolus of applications the closer we get to the February 5 deadline. You can help by getting proposals to us well before the deadline and including as much documentation/attachments as possible in RAMSeS to allow us to perform an expedient and thorough review. Second, it is uncertain how well the Grants.gov system will be able to handle a larger than ever, February 5 influx of proposals from across the country. Although, NIH states that we will not be penalized for a Grants.gov or eRA Commons system problem the mere fact that they are making this statement should be incentive to plan early, prepare early, and submit early.

In fact, we can submit R01 proposals as early as January 5, 2007. Submitting error-free proposals after that date becomes more challenging the closer we get to the February 5, 2007 receipt date because of the sheer number of proposals being funneled through our offices and the vagaries of the Grants.gov and NIH system capabilities. * Accordingly, we are requiring final R01 applications be forwarded to us no later than five (5) business days prior to the February 5, 2007 receipt date; i.e. by close of business Monday, January 29, 2007. Any proposals submitted after that date are in jeopardy of not being submitted on time or with the necessary degree of accuracy that would assure Grants.gov and eRA Commons acceptance.*

We appreciate your understanding of this matter and should you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Marlow (962-3950) or Hamilton Brown (843-0874).

Attachments:

DDD Memo 6_26_06 (http://research.unc.edu/osr/documents/DDDMemo6_26HB.pdf)

PI certification of eIPF (<http://research.unc.edu/osr/documents/PIcertificationofeIPF.pdf>)

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