

University of Minnesota
Report on Status of Grants.gov

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Agenda

- Experience to date with Grants.gov in SPA
- Availability of Training Sessions
- Availability of Adobe Writer for administrators and non-teaching research faculty through OIT – Faculty should get through the Faculty Toolkit.
- Status of EGMS system to system implementation
- Impact of Changes in Grants.gov on UMN implementation
- List of Things Faculty need to know regarding Grants.gov submissions
- Discussion

Experience to Date

- 150 Grants.gov submissions to date
- 40 submitted for the June 1 deadline
- No paper documents required for Grants.gov submissions in SPA
- Because of need for emails back and forth between SPA, Grants.gov, and sponsoring agency, need to allow plenty of time
 - Grants.gov – 2 days Agency (NIH) – 2 days
- No whiteout on electronic submissions

Stanford slide



Training Sessions

- Overview sessions for administrators and faculty
- Directed presentations on using PureEdge to complete applications
- Hands on training labs scheduled throughout the fall
- Schedule on the SPA website
- Available for special sessions – contact the EGMS helpline to schedule – egms@umn.edu
- One page handout on how to apply to Grants.gov

Adobe Acrobat

- Because Grants.gov requires attachments in PDF, OVPR requested that OIT provide this software free of charge
- Available to faculty through the Faculty Toolkit
- For Administrators and non-teaching researchers
 - Contact egms@umn.edu to request a copy.
- Important for faculty to be aware that they need the Adobe Writer, not just the Reader in order to prepare Research plan, and other documents in PDF.

Status of EGMS System to System (S2S)

- Working on ability to prepare new R01 applications to NIH for the February 2007 deadline
- Proposals can still be created in EGMS and that data can be used to input into PureEdge forms
- Expect to have EGMS ready by December 1, 2006 so that you can start preparing your applications in EGMS
- Specific training classes on using EGMS will start in November, 2006
- Eventually, all forms needed for Grants.gov submissions will be available through EGMS – No PureEdge forms

Impact of Grants.gov changes

- New contractor for Grants.gov as of November 1, 2006
- Moving to using Adobe Forms rather than PureEdge
 - Not sure of the impact of this on the entire Grants.gov initiative
 - Expecting April 2007 implementation
 - Will facilitate MAC users
- Adding more servers and Changing the architecture to improve functionality

Comments from NIH regarding their Grants.gov implementation



- No changes planned for now
- Analyzing risk – don't want to backtrack – want to make it work for all
- Expect to make a decision by end of October if changing their transition timeline
- Will be moving receipt dates off the first of the month to level the submission load on the NIH eRA Commons
 - Will implement by NIH funding mechanism
 - E.g. new R01 submissions from 2/1 to 2/5
 - Waiting for official announcement from NIH before announcing in RNO
- Strongly encourage that faculty use the 2 day window for viewing the proposals in the NIH eRA Commons



Things Faculty need to know

- **Method for submitting proposals is changing**
- **Timelines must change – for PIs, staff, departments, colleges, and SPA**
- **Application will now be a collection of data sets and/or PDF documents- not as much control over how it looks**
- **Do NOT register with Grants.gov, SPA is registered**
- **Faculty cannot submit to Grants.gov – only SPA**
- **For NIH submissions, PIs must be registered in the eRA Commons**
- **For NSF submissions, PIs must be registered in FastLane**
- **How to find application information on Grants.gov**
- **Need to use Adobe Writer – all forms to Grants.gov with PureEdge must be pdf forms**
- **Person month calculations rather than % Effort – use EGMS or template on the SPA website**
- **Recommend that faculty view the image in the NIH eRA Commons**

PRFs Processed – Fiscal Year 2006

COLLEGIATE UNIT:

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PAPER</u>	<u>ELECTRONIC</u>	<u>%</u>
TECHNOLOGY, INSTITUTE OF	843	62	781	93%
AGRIC, FOOD, & ENVIR SCI, COLL	451	46	405	90%
PHARMACY, COLLEGE OF	98	12	86	88%
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, COLL OF	161	25	136	84%
EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVEL, COLL	182	30	152	84%
LIBERAL ARTS, COLLEGE OF	172	48	124	72%
MEDICAL SCHOOL	1623	1216	407	25%
PUBLIC HEALTH, SCHOOL OF	313	248	65	21%
VETERINARY MEDICINE, COLL OF	162	144	18	11%
DENTISTRY, SCHOOL OF	69	68	1	1%
NURSING, SCHOOL OF	42	42	0	0%
	4116	1941	2175	53%
Total submissions	5069	2249	2820	56%



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- Over 90% Electronic-
 - Humphrey Institute
 - Architecture and Landscape Architecture
 - Human Ecology
 - Natural Resources
 - Carlson School
- At 75% Electronic
 - Law School
 - Continuing Education