

Grants.gov Update

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Application software: The contract with the vendor for PureEdge has not been renewed (ended 10/31/2006). The new vendor is working on an application platform that is based on Adobe Forms Server. The Adobe version of the application package is scheduled to be released on April 1, 2007.

All application packages released beginning April 1 will use the Adobe version. Any application packages released before April 1 may remain in the PureEdge format until September 30, 2007. All application packages at Grants.gov will be in the Adobe version by October 1, 2007. So, there will be some use of both programs, PureEdge Viewer and Adobe, between April 1 and October 1, 2007.

A Mac compatible version of the application packages (IBM Workplace Forms Viewer) is available for download @ http://www.grants.gov/resources/download_software.jsp#pureedgeviewer.

Supported Operating Systems

- Macintosh OS 10.4 with patch level 6 or higher

Supported Browsers

- Safari browsers 2.0

Supported Processors

- PowerPC G4 and G5.
- Intel processors are not supported.

Agency-specific reports:

National Science Foundation – Only four of their programs have required Grants.gov. When submission through Grants.gov was an option, 1.8% of the applications were submitted through Grants.gov; the majority were submitted through FastLane.

The major problems encountered with Grants.gov submissions were:

- 1) the file attachments were not in PDF;
- 2) the PI or Co-PI typed their name differently in various portions of the application and the software couldn't tell if this was the same individual or not; and
- 3) the PI or Co-PI were not registered in FastLane.

File attachments must be in PDF!

Be sure to use the correct Institutional Name!

Use the Checklist!

Follow any special instructions in the funding opportunity.

Allow extra time for editing!!

Once the Grants.gov application has been received in FastLane, the PI and SRO will receive email notification. Any corrections from that point on will be done in FastLane using the File Update function.

NSF – Grants.gov Required Programs in 2007:

Antarctic Artists and Writers (OPP)
Scientific Computing Research Environments for the Mathematical Sciences (MPS)
Living Stock Collections (BIO)
Advanced Learning Technologies (CISE)
CEDAR, GEM, and SHINE Postdoctoral Research (GEO)
Research in Disability Education (JHER)
Infrastructure Materials Applications and Structural Mechanics (ENG)
Geography and Regional Science (SBE)

NOT to be submitted in Grants.gov 2007:

Separately submitted **Collaborative** proposals
Fellowship programs that require submission of reference letters
Letters of Intent or Preliminary Proposals
Changed/Corrected Applications
Revisions
Continuations
Supplemental Funding Requests

National Institutes of Health – R01 applications will be submitted through Grants.gov beginning February 5, 2007. They expect 4,500 – 5,000 applications to be submitted for that deadline. On *average*, an application is submitted twice through Grants.gov before it can be accepted by the eRA Commons. Submit early, at least two business days before deadline!

Multiple PI applications will also be eligible for submission for all Grants.gov submissions February 5, 2007.

ALL NIH grant applications will be submitted through Grants.gov by October 1, 2007.

Research & Related Other Project Information: Compliance Numbers have specific format for NIH.

A Vertebrate Animals attachment must be included on the PHS 398 Research Plan page if the response to the Vertebrate/Animals Subject Used Question on the Other Project Information page is 'Yes' Use **A3236-01** Either Exemption Number or Assurance Number must be provided if Human Subjects is "Yes". Use 8 digit number (**00002678**), don't include the letters (FWA)

Commons ID is required for the PI on the Research & Related Senior/Key Person form.

U.S. Department of Agriculture – All of the discretionary funds must be applied for through Grants.gov (CSREES and NRI).

The **McIntire-Stennis** formula funds will be submitted through Grants.gov, but the

application package will not be publicly available. Notification will be sent to the Project Director at recipient institutions (not OSPA). Information will include links to application instructions and application package.

Recommended reference materials: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/electronic.html>

Grants.gov Application Package

Grants.gov Application Guide

USDA application guide for paper-based applications

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/paper.html>

Request for Application (RFA)

Number One error is that the file attachments are not in PDF; take extra care to verify the **format of the subcontract's budget justification.**

USDA will send a email notification of errors, but it may take some time to work through their system. Submit early, at least two business days before deadline!!

Overall

- Submit early, at least two business days before deadline!
- If the deadline is earlier than 5:00 Central Time, please note it on the GoldSheet.
- SF424 – Cover Page, please complete with ISU contact information.
- Budget – effort should be listed and with the correct figures (funded effort, not type of appointment).
- SF424 Budget - Enter cognizant agency information.

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- Most agencies require PDF for attachments; this includes the budget justification for all subcontracts.
- Read the sponsor's guidelines for specific instructions.
- Use ISU Mini-guides when applicable
(<http://www.ospa.iastate.edu/ProposalProcess/eRA.aspx>).