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What's New in The Awards Management Branch

eNotification

- Awards emailed with electronic signatures
- Phase 1 (Now) – Awards with No Attachments
- Phase 2 (Soon) – Awards with attached budgets
- Later Phases – Cooperative Agreements



What's New in The Awards Management Branch (cont...)

Review and Approval of Financial Reports

- Function transferred to AMB March 1, 2008

Transition

- Awards FY 2005 and Prior – Funds Management Section
- Awards FY 2006 and Later – Awards Management Branch
- All Formula Awards – Formula Staff in Oversight Section



What's New in The Awards Management Branch (cont....)

Processing of SF-269, Financial Status Report

New Business Process being developed

- Email notification 30 days prior to the Award expiration date
- Email notification 90 days after award expiration date
 - SF-269 due
 - Funds placed on “Manual Review” at DHHS-PMS
 - Grantee will need to contact AMB to get funds off “Manual Review”



What's New in Policy

- New Terms & Conditions
 - Effective July 1, 2008
 1. New awards
 2. Awards with increments

- All non Formula awards required to submit Progress and Final Technical Reports through current Research Information System
 - Transitioning to standardized reports



What's New in Policy (Cont....)

Research Misconduct

- Departmental regulations under review – Proposed
(7 CFR 3022)
- Agency Research Integrity Officer – POC for Biosafety
Issues related to Recombinant DNA
- Web page updated
 - New mailbox



What's New In Policy (Cont....)

eGrants

- Transition to new R&R forms (tentatively December 2008)
- Transition from Pure Edge to Adobe
- All applications required to be submitted through Grants.gov



What's New in The Funds Management Section

- New Responsibility – Reimbursable funds (i.e., entire process except billing)
- Transferring SF-269 Reports to AMB and Formula Grant Staff
 - Continue to process FY 2005 and earlier awards (non-formula)
- Use of “Manual Review” function at DHHS-PMS after 90 days of termination date



What's New With Formula

Focus on developing and revising clear policies and procedures

- Extension Formula Grants
- Research Formula Grants
 - McIntire Stennis



What's New With Formula (Cont....)

- Focus on soliciting input from Partnership and Agency staff
 - Nationwide formula grant teleconference
 - Annual conferences
 - Formula comment periods



What's New With Formula (Cont....)

Focus on transitioning to electronic business processes

- Grants.gov (SF-424M)
- All documents submitted electronically
- All communications done electronically
 - If applicable, posted to agency website



What's New With Formula (Cont....)

Focus on accountability

- Available Formula Grants Policies and Procedures
- Quality and tracking of responses to Formula Grant
Policy questions
- Resolving A-133 Audits promptly
- Improper Payment Information Act (IPIA) review



What's New With Formula (Cont....)

New Policies and Procedures for Comment

Proposed Revised Administrative Guidance for Multistate
Extension and Integrated Activities (5/1/08 – 6/30/08)

Proposed Administrative Manual for Extension Formula Grants
(5/1/08 – 7/31/08)

Proposed T&C for Extension Formula Grants (5/1/08 – 7/31/08)

Proposed Administrative Manual for McIntire Stennis
Cooperative Forestry Research Program ((5/1/08 – 7/31/08)



OEP Restructure

- New Branch called Financial Operations Branch
- Will handle all financial and funds management functions
- Will include the Formula Grants Section
- New Branch Chief to be hired soon



New OEP Organizational Chart

