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Recovery Act Basic Funding

- NIH: $10.4 Billion
- NSF: $3.0 Billion
- DOE, Office of Science: $1.6 Billion
- ARPA-E: $400 Million
- NASA: $550 Million
- DOD, Energy-Related R&D: $200 Million
- NIST: $180 Million
- PLUS –Additional funds for the IGs and GAO
ORA is Preparing by:

- Adding temporary staff
- Preparing computer workstations
- Helpline
- Posting these slides
- Setting up a FAQ, as well as important ARRA links on OCGA’s web site.
Timeline

- Federal agencies must launch ARRA website by March 20, 2009
- First big deadline is the NIH Challenge grant- due April 27, 2009
- Federal agencies must post their spending plan by May 1, 2009
- Federal agencies must have disbursed their funds by September 30, 2010
UCLA expects a surge in research activity as well as...

- Construction grants
- Equipment grants
- Community policing grants
- Many areas on campus will be involved
- All Federal agencies involved
- May have flow down funds through State and local governments and other non-profit entities
Deadlines

- We suggest that you establish internal deadlines in your department
- Please notify OCGA of pending proposals as soon as possible to enable us to marshal appropriate staffing resources
Concerns with Grants.gov

- OMB memo of March 9 regarding Grants.gov and other critical systems
- Federal funding agencies advised to examine alternatives
- Department of Energy has suspended use of Grants.gov for submissions (eff. 3/12/09)
- FastLane available for NSF
- NSPIRES available for NASA
S2S-Cayuse

- Strongly encourage submission of proposals through S2S-Cayuse if it supports the agency to whom you are applying
  - Real-time error checking
  - Ability to generate hard copy or electronic copy (PDF) for alternate transmission to sponsor
  - Give faster submission and receipt of proposal
S2S-Cayuse

- Establish “placeholder” in S2S Grants
- At minimum, include:
  - Proposal name (using proper convention)
  - PI name and Deadline date

Naming Convention:
FML: Bruin, J; RFA-OD-09-003; Sample for RAF

FML = initials of grant analyst or DRA
Bruin, J = PI last name, first initial
RFA-OD-09-003 = funding opportunity number (FOA)
Sample for RAF = descriptive information for preparer/PI
S2S-Cayuse

- Additional hands-on training
  - Wednesday, April 1, 2009
  - 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
  - CLICC classroom
  - Seating limited
- Drop-in open house sessions
- Watch ORA List-serv for announcements
First Big Deadline is for NIH Challenge Grants
Deadline: Monday, April 27th

May submit as early as March 30th
Friday March 27 is UCLA’s Observance of Caesar Chavez Day
(State observance is March 30th)
NIH Challenge Grants

- Complete proposal packages must be in OCGA no later than 8:00 am on Tuesday April 21st (5 working days before the deadline to ensure submission)
NIH Challenge Grants

- Complete proposal package includes:
  - signed goldenrod
  - ready-to-submit proposal
  - 740 if required
  - PI exception letter if needed
  - a signed PI statement
  - complete subaward proposal
NIH Challenge Grants

- **Budget Preparation**
  - Requires a detailed budget
  - F & A waivers not generally considered
  - Foreign Subawards – not more than 10% or up to $25,000 in aggregate may be budgeted
NIH Challenge Grants

- Outgoing subawards may not provide “quick-start activities”
- RC1 awards count as substantial funding for New Investigator/ESI eligibility
- Additional support staff may be justified due to complexity of reporting and administrative requirements
Resources for S2S Grant Users

- **S2S Grants Login:**
  [https://s2sgrants.research.ucla.edu](https://s2sgrants.research.ucla.edu)

- **S2S Grants Resources:**
Links to important government websites related to ARRA

- Recovery.gov - Searchable database of how and where tax dollars are spent as a result of the ARRA
- Agency recovery site links
- American Association for the Advancement of Science report regarding ARRA
- National Institutes of Health
  - NIH statement regarding the ARRA
- National Institute of General Medical Science
- National Center for Research Resources
- National Science Foundation
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- NASA
- National Institute of Standard and Technology
Looking Forward...

- All contracts will be awarded as fixed price
- More deadlines throughout the year
- Some other agencies have deadlines posted—many will by March 20th
- Currently Dept of Energy has an 4/27 deadline as does EPA
- Some NASA programs are starting to post
More Information

- Check the OCGA website for more information - we will share as it becomes known
EFM is Preparing by:

- Setting up Recovery Act Indicator
- Template development which includes ARRA specific Terms and Conditions
- Cross training iPAS staff on eRAS processing
  - eRAS processing requires a backup fund number
  - Delays caused by:
    - Lack of Account or Cost Center (CC)
    - Account not linked to the Cost Center
Award Processing

- Recovery Act Awards will have priority status in processing – still requires overnight to obtain fund number
- Very Important to provide complete information on the Goldenrod – this will help avoid delays
Post Award Requirements

- Reporting details and mechanism are still being developed by government agencies
- Due dates: Not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter – starts with the quarter ending 6/30/09 and reporting by 7/10/09.
- Quarterly financial reports will have to be ledger based to meet the 10 day reporting deadline
Requirements, continued

- Monthly monitoring and review of expenditures and progress is critical to successful compliance
- Departmental / PI Responsibility Reporting Requirements
  - Description of the project or activity
  - Evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity
  - Estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained
Requirements, continued

- Detailed information on any sub-awards made by the grant recipient to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282)

- Specific Instructions for reporting, including required formats, and mechanisms will be provided in subsequent guidance
Other Terms and Conditions

- Buy American
- Wage Rate Requirements – Prevailing rates based on Secretary of Labor
- Preference for Quick Start Activities (ARRA) – recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50% of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of ARRA. Maximize job creation and economic benefit.