

### ACCOUNTING SERVICES UPDATE

- I. PAMIS BEA GRID Modification. Revision to add BC13 – Academic Admin has not yet been completed. Revision requested by Jane Gunther, School of Education.

Status: Completed - PAMIS BEA revision was deployed February 20, 2009.

- II. IRS Form 1099-MISC Reporting. At the February 10 meeting a commitment was made to research and report on the requirements of reporting payments to individuals who are not affiliated with UC or UCR.

This issue is of particular relevance to NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) stipend allowance under Participant Support Cost and similar type payments made to non-affiliated UC and/or UCR individuals and similar type payments.

We expect complete our research, report the findings and communicate any change in practices that may result on or before April 30, 2009.

### OFFICE OF RESEARCH UPDATES

- I. New Facilities & Administrative rate agreement executed; OR will update eCAF, website, etc;
- ✓ On-campus research rate is 50.5% for 7/1/08-6/30/09 and will increase to 52.0% for 7/1/09-6/30/13 and will be provisional until new rate agreement is executed
  - ✓ Off-campus research rate remains at 26% (which is the max allowed for off-campus research)
- II. NSF and NIH received funds from the federal stimulus package; these funds will be used to fund proposals recently submitted but not funded because they didn't have a high enough merit score to be funded from old NSF/NIH appropriations; federal stimulus package requirements include increased reporting requirements and have other special terms and conditions- i.e. quarterly reporting due 10 days after quarter ends; this is seen as an administrative burden and the Council of Governmental Relations has sent a letter to Office of Management and Budget requesting that institutions be allowed to waive A-21 and allow us to charge administrative costs associated with increased administrative burden to be directly charged to federal stimulus funds
- III. NSF still gives a choice between NSF Fastlane and Grants.gov for proposal submission for most of its programs; OR strongly recommends Fastlane if we have a choice because of all of the problems with Grants.gov and the conversion to Adobe forms; there's a handful of programs that require submission via Grants.gov so pay close attention to the solicitation.

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If we use Grants.gov for NSF proposals, there are some changes to some of the forms;

- ✓ SF424- on section that lists funds needed- if you enter something in field labeled “total non-federal funds”, it automatically populates line M of the NSF budget which is voluntary cost-sharing.
- ✓ Effective 4/6/09, each application that requests funds for a postdoc, needs to add a mentoring plan as a supplemental document- it is no longer part of the 15-page narrative.

IV. RTC- Research Terms and Conditions - some federal awards are now using RTC instead of Federal Demonstration Program (FDP) terms and conditions; RTC adopted many of the FDP terms and conditions and now non-FDP partners can take advantage of the more flexible FDP terms because they've been incorporated into RTC; not many differences between general RTC and general FDP; most of the changes occurred in the agency-specific terms and conditions- for instance, the Dept of Commerce (DOC) has now adopted RTC; most significant change is that, for NIH, absence or change of PI, or any other specifically named individual, requires prior approval from NIH

V. Other issues-

- ✓ Due to technical problems with Grants.gov, OR is asking that we provide the final complete version of a proposal to OR at least 24 hours prior to previously established deadline so that they have time to work through technical problems; the OR guarantee is still in place- if we provide requested documents via eCAF to OR within 3-day or 7-day lead time, they guarantee to submit proposal on time.