

# Grants.gov Update

## Grant Coordinator Meeting

### 11/16/2006

#### Report from NCURA Annual Meeting, November 2006

**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) was supposed to be released on November 1, 2006. An “early release version” has just become available for download today @ [http://www.grants.gov/resources/download\\_software.jsp#pureedgeviewer](http://www.grants.gov/resources/download_software.jsp#pureedgeviewer).

#### 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 must be submitted twice through Grants.gov before it can be accepted by the eRA Commons. Submit early!

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.

**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!!