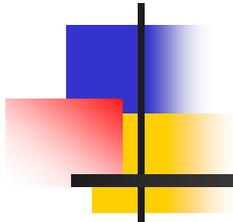




# E-Grants and the Research & Related Dataset



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# Overview



- Charter and Goals of The Inter-Agency Electronic Grants Committee (IAEGC)
- Common Datasets Approach of the IAEGC, which includes R&R
- Grants.gov approach to utilizing the R&R dataset for grant-making agencies
- How NIH Plans to Integrate with Grants.gov
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# Inter-Agency Electronic Grants Committee (IAEGC)



## Charter

- Established to coordinate, promote and facilitate the effective use of electronic commerce throughout the federal grants community.
- Charged with establishing common data requirements and common business processes, in order to eliminate redundancy and complexity experienced by the grantee community.
- Promote the continued development of a “common face” to the government.
- For more information, visit their website: [www.iaegc.gov](http://www.iaegc.gov)

# Inter-Agency Electronic Grants Committee (IAEGC)



## Mission/Goals

- Assist the Grants.gov PMO with the major areas under the E-Grants initiative
- Promote the standardization of grants data, while recognizing the need to support unique requirements for different grant types and recipient communities.
- Work collaboratively among the Federal agencies to develop and maintain the use of standardized data and the electronic exchange of Federal grants information.
- Prepare guidelines on user interfaces and definitions for standardized data elements for grant applications and awards.

# Common Cross-Agency Datasets



- Core, based on the SF424
- Research and Related
- Arts and Humanities
- Other Cross-Agency
- State, Local, Non-Profit and Other

# Status of Research & Related Dataset



- Version 1 data elements and forms completed and submitted to Federal Register for public comment.
- Interim OMB approval in progress for R&R version 1, so that Grants.gov can start using it right away in its current form
- Public and agency remarks received during public comment period will be rolled into version 2

# Grants.gov approach to utilizing the Research & Related Dataset



- Currently developing a PureEdge form for Research and Related Dataset (version 1) that can be used immediately for posting/submitting applications.
- An agency that posts a Research and Related grant opportunity must use the Research & Related Form
- Any agency-specific data that is not supported on the Research & Related form must be collected in one of two ways:
  - As a binary attachment (PDF file)
  - As a separate, supplemental form
- Agencies strongly encouraged to re-evaluate need for data that falls outside the Research/Related set

# Benefits of Grants.gov approach



- Use of the R&R form promotes the goal of “common face to the applicant”.
- Promotes efficiency for applicant since some of the same information (e.g., for institution and PI) can be reused on subsequent proposals to other agencies.
- Efficient for Grants.gov since it helps to reduce the number of unique application forms that it must try to maintain.

# NIH Integration with Grants.gov



- NIH to develop an agency-specific form, to account for the gaps between the new 398 and the Research & Related Form
- Plan to pilot a grant opportunity, using R&R dataset and NIH-specific form in October 2004. Number of submissions will be limited.
- Plan to accept volume submissions in January 2005, contingent on success of pilot
- Need to start working internally to address challenges posed by new, two-form approach

# Challenges for NIH



- Analyze and evaluate data elements required on the 398 but not found on the R&R form.  
Examples:
  - New Investigator flag
  - PI Degrees on face page
  - Clinical Trial Questions
  - % Effort on Project
  - Patient Care Costs
  - Inventions/Patents Questions

# Challenges for NIH (cont'd)



- Analyze data solicited on the R&R form to see if NIH can capitalize on the opportunity to collect new information.
- Determine how grant image will be maintained and presented, what will reviewers see
- Chart the future ... OMB clearance for the PHS398, after 2004, may take a different shape

# Next Steps / Questions

