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**NIH Web-Based Foreign Component  
Tracking System For Grants and  
Contracts**



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## Special Thanks

This system is being developed as a joint venture between NHLBI and FIC staff. NHLBI has provided significant assets in developing this web-based system that will benefit all of NIH.

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**What is this new web-based system and how will this affect most NIH ICs?**

## New System

- This new system is designed to capture information that is normally required to request a State Department Clearance for a grant, cooperative agreement, or contract.
- NIH IC staff users will use the system to generate their State Department Clearance “NIH 1820 Form”.



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- The system will allow IC staff to track the request from submission to approval.
- The system will allow IC staff to verify awarded dollar information after a grant or contract is awarded. Reports can easily be generated to check on the status of the information verified for an IC.
- The system will allow staff at the Division of International Relations (DIR), FIC, to communicate any clearance-related issues with IC staff by entering comments that are viewable in the system.



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- The system will utilize IMPAC II data so it will reduce some of the data entry normally required.
- The system will allow NIH staff to generate reports on all data accumulated in the system in addition to IMPAC II data.
- The system is not part of the enterprise system, but is compliant with the enterprise system. This means that if eRA wanted to pull the data into the enterprise system, it would be possible. We have cleared this new system through the new governance system.



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- The system will also allow IC staff and State Department Staff to enter comments into the system to improve communication.



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# Pilot Program with the State Department

State Department Staff has agreed to utilize this this new web-based system to obtain concurrence from U.S. embassies for certain countries on a a pilot basis. The pilot began November 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 and will affect the clearances submitted for Canada, UK, and Italy. The system will allow State Department staff to access information through the web-based system which is normally provided in the 1820 form. The normal paper process has not changed during this pilot but we hope to streamline the process in the future. The countries involved in this pilot make up about 30% of the clearances requested by NIH for approval.



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Demonstration of the live system.

<https://fts.nhlbi.nih.gov/nihfts/>



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