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1 Change of Institution Overview

The Commons Change of Institution process allows the extramural grantee institution to submit an electronic version of a Relinquishing Statement (RS) to the Grants Management community for processing and allows the other grantee institution that is proposed to take over the relinquished grant to access the submitted RS.

The institution holding the grant must complete a Relinquishing Statement through eRA Commons that states it is giving up the grant and identifies the receiving institution. The receiving institution must submit an application via Grants.gov using the Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement listed at [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/parent_announcements.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/parent_announcements.htm). Please look for an NIH Guide Notice.

**NOTE:** This functionality only applies to NIH grants. This is an open pilot. This means that either the electronic process documented here can be used or the traditional paper process can be used.

1.1 Features

The Commons system has the following features to accommodate a Change of Institution:

- Create, view, update, save, submit, and route the RS via the Commons Status screen
- Create RS in PDF format upon submitting the RS to the Agency
- Event generated and time sensitive eMail Notifications to appropriate users

1.2 Users

The following users are involved in the Change of Institution process.

1. Signing Official (SO)
   a. The original institution’s SO can perform the following RS functions: Start a new one, View, Edit, Save, Route, Cancel, Delete and Submit RS to Agency.
   b. The receiving institution’s SO can perform the following functions: View RS

2. Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI)
   a. The original institution’s PD/PI can perform the following RS functions: View, Edit, Save, Cancel changes, and Route the RS to the SO for submitting to the Agency.

3. NIH Internal User
   a. The internal user can perform the following RS functions: View, Save, Cancel changes, and Link the RS.

4. Grants Management Official (GMO) or Grants Management Specialist (GMS)
   a. The GMO or GMS can perform the following RS functions: View, Receive, and Return the RS.
1.3 Business Rules

1.3.1 Eligible Grants

All awarded and active grants are eligible to be relinquished except for the ones with the following statuses:

- 02 – Withdrawn
- 21 – Ineligible organization - application withdrawn
- 30 – Withdrawn by Institute/Center (IC)
- 34 – Administratively withdrawn by IC prior to review or council

Subprojects, Institutional Allowances, and Supplements are excluded from being eligible.

RS(s) may be submitted for any activity code.

1.3.2 Access to Relinquishing Statements

Only users with the SO authority at the grantee institution can access the Change of Institution option on the Commons Status screen.

The RS can be accessed only by the SO for grant applications from their grantee institution eligible for transfer.

Only the SO for the grantee institution has the authority to submit the RS to the Agency.

The RS can be accessed by the PD/PI for grantee applications where the PD/PI role is the current reviewer of the RS.

The internal user is able to access the RS in Submitted or Accepted for Consideration status and is able to update the New Institution Name, IPF code and DUNS number of the new institution to which a grant is relinquished.

1.3.3 Relinquishing Statement Reviewers

If the SO initiated the RS and routed it to the PD/PI, then the PD/PI can review, edit specific fields, save and route the RS back to the SO.

Any SO at the grantee institution is able to create, review, edit, save, route, and submit the RS.

1.3.4 Relinquishing Statement Routing Order

The next reviewer in the list of valid next reviewers is always the contact PD/PI on the application. The current user is not shown in the list of valid next reviewers on the RS. If SO is the current reviewer, then the contact PD/PI is the next reviewer by default.

If the PD/PI is the current reviewer, the SO who initiated the RS is the first and default entry in the list on the RS. All other users with the SO role appear alphabetically by last name after the first
entry. The information displayed for each valid next reviewer is as follows: Name (LAST, FIRST).

If the SO routes the RS to the PD/PI, the Route to Next Reviewer screen is named: Route to PD/PI.

If the PD/PI routes the RS to the SO, the Route to Next Reviewer screen is named: Route to SO.

The RS can be routed back and forth between the SO and the PD/PI for an unlimited number of times.

1.3.5 Validation

PD/PI verification is not required. The SO is able to submit the RS without routing it to the PD/PI.

The PD/PI has edit capability only for the New Institution Name information and Contact information in the new Institution Section of the RS.

Saving the RS does not execute any validations. The RS is validated upon submitting it to the Agency. The exception is that new Institution data is validated upon routing the RS by the PD/PI to the SO.

The RS cannot be submitted to the Agency with validation errors, but the RS can be submitted to Agency with validation warnings.

RS(s) submitted for pre-award are not validated for the costs relinquished. They can be zero or the original application’s requested funds amounts.

1.3.6 Other Rules

The system allows multiple RS submissions. The SO is able to submit a new RS only if no RS has been submitted or if the existing RS(s) have been acknowledged (Accepted for Consideration or Refused status) by the Grants Management Specialist (GMS) user.

The RS can be deleted by the SO from the relinquishing institution if it is in the SO Work In Progress (WIP) state and has never been submitted to the Agency.

All submitted and accepted versions of the RS(s) are visible to the receiving institution.

Grant applications for the new institution should be submitted within thirty days after the Relinquishing Statement is submitted from the former institution.

The Relinquishing Statement should be submitted within thirty days of the grant application for the new institution.
2 Manage Relinquishing Statement

2.1 Relinquishing SO Responsibilities

2.1.1 Start or Edit a Relinquishing Statement

The Change of Institution process is initiated by the Signing Official for the original grantee institution that has agreed to relinquish responsibility for an active grant. This must occur before the expiration of the approved project period.

1. On the Commons Status screen, click on the Change of Institution link.

The system displays the Status – Change of Institution search options.

2. To find the grant to relinquish, complete at minimum the required fields: Institution Code and Serial Num.

NOTE: The required fields are noted by an asterisk.
3. Click the **Search** button.

![Search button](image)

The system displays the search results on the **Status Result – Change of Institution** screen.

**NOTE:** The RS functionality is not available from other Status search result’s screens.

4. After the grant to be relinquished is found, click on the **Manage Relinquishing Statement** link on the **Status Result – Change of Institution** screen.

![Manage Relinquishing Statement](image)

The system displays the **Manage Relinquishing Statement** screen.

If the award is in a no cost extension or within three months of the project period end date, the following informational pop-up message appears:

*You have selected an award in a no-cost extension/within three months of the project period end date. NIH Institutes & Centers (ICs) policies may limit change of grantee organization requests based on the amount of time*
remaining on the award. Please contact the awarding IC to determine IC policy.

If this pop-up message screen appears, click the OK button to proceed to the Manage Relinquishing Statement screen.

5. To start a new RS: Click the Start a new RS button.

NOTE: If an RS has already been submitted, a new RS cannot be submitted unless the prior RS(s) shows a status of Accepted for Consideration or Refused.

6. To edit a RS that is in progress: Click the Edit link.

NOTE: To edit an RS, the RS’s status must be SO Work in Progress (WIP) or Returned.
When either the **Start a new RS** button or **Edit** link is selected, the system displays the *Relinquishing Statement* screen.

7. Complete or edit the RS Form as follows:
NOTE: The required fields are noted by an asterisk. The following fields are required: **New Institution Name**, **Contact Email at the Institution**, **Requested Termination Date (MMDDYYYY)**, and **Direct Cost $**.

a. Click the **Search** button in the **New Institution Name** section to search for the receiving institution within the NIH eRA Commons database. For more information please refer to the topic titled *Search for Institution on Page 8*.

b. Complete the remaining fields: **Contact Email at the Institution**, **Requested Termination Date (MMDDYYYY)**, **Direct Cost $**, and **Indirect Cost $**.

c. Type, NONE, in the **Equipment Transferring with the Project** section if there is no equipment to be transferred.

8. To save the RS, click the **Save** button.

The system displays the RS Form on the **Relinquishing Statement** screen and sets its status to **SO Work in Progress**.

### 2.1.2 Search for Institution

When the **Search** button is clicked for the **New Institution Name**: field on the Manage **Relinquishing Statement** screen, the system displays the **New Institution – Search** screen.

To search for an institution:
1. Type in the receiving institution’s name, IPF or DUNS number and click the **Search** button.

![New Institution - Search](image)

2. If the receiving institution is found, click on the receiving institution’s **IPF Code**.

![New Institution - Search](image)

The system inserts the receiving institution’s name, DUNS number and IPF Code in the appropriate text boxes on the *Relinquishing Statement* screen.

If a new institution is registered with the eRA Commons, it is highly recommended to choose it from the search results. DUNS Number and IPF code are pre-populated from the institutional profile file.

The IPF Code is used to link the submitted RS to the receiving institution and to make it viewable for SO at the receiving institution.

3. If the receiving institution is not found, type the receiving institution’s name in the **New Institution Name** text box and click the **Insert** button.
The system inserts the new receiving institution’s name in the appropriate text box on the *Manage Relinquishing Statement* screen.

**NOTE:** If the receiving institution is not registered in the NIH eRA Commons (IPF Code is not provided), it may not be able to view the relinquishing statement until it is registered in the eRA Commons. The New Institution needs to register in the eRA Commons and contact the eRA Service Desk for assistance in linking the relinquishing statement to the new institution account.

### 2.1.3 Delete a Relinquishing Statement

The RS may be deleted if the RS is in *SO Work in Progress* state and has *never* been submitted to the Agency.

1. To delete an RS, click the **Delete** link on the *Manage Relinquishing Statement* screen.
The system displays the RS in a non-editable form and the following message appears on the Delete Relinquishing Statement screen:

*Please confirm that you would like to delete the following relinquishing statement.*

If you no longer wish to delete the RS, you may abort the action by selecting the **Cancel** button.

2. Click the Delete button on the Delete Relinquishing Statement screen to delete the RS.

If the **Delete** button is clicked, the system deletes all data associated with the RS and returns to the Manage Relinquishing Statement screen.

### 2.1.4 Route to PD/PI

SOs can route the relinquishing statement to the PD/PI for if necessary.

To route the RS to the appropriate PD/PI:
1. Click the **Route to PI** button on the bottom of the *Relinquishing Statement* screen.

   The *Route Relinquishing Statement* screen appears. The **Next Reviewer** field displays the contact PD/PI.

   ![Route Relinquishing Statement Screen](image)

2. **Optional:** Enter comments as necessary.

3. Select the **Route to PI** button.

   The system displays *Route Relinquishing Statement* screen with the confirmation message and sends an email notification to the PD/PI regarding the RS. For more information please refer to the section titled **eMail Notifications**.

   ![Route Relinquishing Statement Screen](image)

4. Click the **OK** button to go back to the *Manage Relinquishing Statement* screen.

   The system returns to the *Manage Relinquishing Statement* screen.
The **Status of RS** field displays *PD/PI Work in Progress*. If the routing process was canceled (**Cancel** button) before completion, the **Status of RS** field displays *SO Work in Progress*.

### 2.1.5 Submit a Relinquishing Statement

Only an institution's Signing Official can submit a Relinquishing Statement to the Agency.

To submit the Relinquishing Statement:
1. Click the **Submit** button on the *Relinquishing Statement* screen.

**NOTE:** The institution name and contact information are required at the time of submission to the Agency.

The system displays the *Submit Relinquishing Statement to NIH* screen. The Certification Acceptance Statement is displayed and reads as follows:

**APPLICANT ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE:**

*In view of the fact that we do not wish to nominate another program director/principal investigator or continue the research project at this Institution, this is to signify our willingness to terminate this grant as of [*Requested Termination Date*] and to relinquish all claims to any unexpended and uncommitted funds remaining in the grant as of that date, as well as to all recommended future support of this project.*

*That portion of the estimated unexpended balance which has been received will be returned to the Public Health Service, upon request, with a final adjustment, if required, to be made after the grant account has been audited.*
I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and accept the obligation to comply with Public Health Services terms and conditions if a grant is terminated as a result of this application. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties.

2. Click the I Agree button to submit the RS or click the Cancel button to exit the screen.

If the Cancel button is clicked, the following screen message appears:

This relinquishing statement will not be submitted to the National Institutes of Health without agreement to the ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE statement.

If the Cancel button is clicked, the following screen message appears:

This relinquishing statement will not be submitted to the National Institutes of Health without agreement to the ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE statement.

When the I Agree button is clicked, the system displays the Manage Relinquishing Statement screen with the following message:

The Relinquishing Statement has been submitted to NIH.
The system also creates the RS PDF file. If the system takes from thirty seconds to two minutes to generate the RS, then the system displays an informational message.

*The next reviewer is internal NIH user.*

The system returns to the Manage Relinquishing Statement screen. The **Status of RS** field displays *Submitted to Agency.*

For post awarded and post review applications, email notifications are sent to the centralized IC mailbox, the currently assigned GMS, and the PO. For pre-review applications, email notifications are sent to the Division of Receipt and Referral (DRR), the SRO if assigned, and the receiving institution contact email provided on the RS electronic form. For more information please refer to the section titled [eMail Notifications](#).

3. To **View** the RS or **View Routing History**, click the appropriate link. Please refer to the topics titled [Signing Official Search/View Relinquishing Statement](#) on Page 22 or [PD/PI Search/View Relinquishing Statement](#) on Page 29 for more information.

### 2.2 Program Director/Principal Investigator Responsibilities

If the Relinquishing Statement is routed to a PD/PI, the RS may be edited and routed back to the SO at the relinquishing institution. The PD/PI may edit only the institution information and contact email address.

#### 2.2.1 Edit Relinquishing Statement

Perform the following steps to find and edit a Relinquishing Statement:

1. Find the appropriate grant on the **Status Result – List of Applications** screen and click the **Relinquishing Statement** link.
NOTE: If there are multiple PIs for a grant, the letters MPI appear to the right of the Application ID.

The system displays the Relinquishing Statement screen.

2. If necessary: To add or change the institution information on the RS form, click the Search button in the New Institution Name section to search for the receiving institution within the NIH eRA Commons database. For more information please refer to the Search for Institution topic.

The system inserts the new receiving institution’s name in the appropriate text box on the Manage Relinquishing Statement screen.
4. If necessary: Complete the Contact Email at the Institution address.

NOTE: The email address should be in the following format: user_name@domain_name.com.
If the email address is not entered, an error message is produced. For more information please refer to the section titled Error Messages.

5. Perform one of the following on the Relinquishing Statement screen:
   a. To save the edits to the RS, click the Save button.
   b. To cancel editing the RS, click the Cancel button.

2.2.2 Route Relinquishing Statement to SO

After the appropriate edits have been made to the RS, the RS is routed back to the SO for submission to the Agency. To route the RS back to the SO:

1. Select the Route to SO button on the Relinquishing Statement screen.

   If the new institution name has not been provided, then the following warning message is displayed:

   *The New Institution Name has not been provided. This information will be required at time of submission to agency.*
If the new institution’s name is not blank, the new institution’s IPF number has to be provided. If the IPF number is not provided, then the following warning message is displayed:

You have selected an institution not registered in the NIH eRA Commons. Please verify the institution information. The new institution may not receive notification and will not be able to view the relinquishing statement until it is registered in the NIH Commons. The New Institution will need to register in the eRA Commons and contact the eRA Service Desk to access the relinquishing statement.

The system displays the Route Relinquishing Statement screen. The Next Reviewer is the relinquishing SO. If there is multiple SOs at the relinquishing institution, the Next Reviewer drop down menu can be used to select the appropriate SO to route the RS to that person. The names are displayed as last name, first name.

2. Click on the Route to SO button to route the RS to the SO.

If you wish to abort the action, selecting the Cancel button to return to the Relinquishing Statement screen.

If the Route to SO button is clicked, the system displays the Route Relinquishing Statement screen with an OK button. The following message is displayed: The relinquishing statement was routed to <next reviewer commons user id>.
3. Click the **OK** button to complete the routing to the relinquishing SO.

An email notification is sent to the selected SO notifying that the RS has been routed back. For more information please refer to the section titled **eMail Notifications.**
3 Search/View Relinquishing Statement

3.1 Signing Official Search/View Relinquishing Statement

Perform the following steps to search for a grant to relinquish or to view an RS:

1. Click the Change of Institution link on the Status screen.

The system displays the Status – Change of Institution screen.
3.1.1 Search for a Grant to Relinquish or to View RS

**NOTE:** This search is designed for the SOs at the original (relinquishing) institution. For steps on performing a search as a PD/PI, refer to the topic titled *PD/PI Search/View Relinquishing Statement* on Page 29.

1. Enter the appropriate search criteria in the **Search for Grants** section on the *Status – Change of Institution* screen. At minimum the required fields must be populated: **Institution Code** and **Serial Num**.
2. Select the **Search** button.

The system displays the *Status Results – Change of Institution* screen.

2. Click on the **Manage Relinquishing Statement** link.

The system displays the **Manage Relinquishing Statement** screen.

If the RS has been routed to the PD/PI by the SO or the RS has been submitted to the Agency, then the **View** and **View Routing History** links appear.
If the RS has been submitted to the Agency and returned from NIH for corrections or the RS’s status is *SO Work in Progress*, then the **Edit** and **View Routing History** links appear.

**NOTE:** For editing the RS, refer to the section titled [Manage Relinquishing Statement](#).

3. To view the RS, click the **View** link.

If the RS has not been submitted to NIH, then the system displays the non-editable *Relinquishing Statement* screen. You can select the **Cancel** button on the *Relinquishing Statement* screen to return to the [Manage Relinquishing Statement](#) screen.
If the RS has been submitted to NIH, then the system displays the RS in PDF format in a separate window.
4. **Optional:** To view the RS routing history, click the **View Routing History** link.
The system displays the View Routing History screen. The following statuses may be seen depending on where the RS is in the process: SO Work in Progress, PD/PI Work in Progress, Submitted to Agency, Returned, Accepted for Consideration, Submitted to Agency and Linked, or Accepted for Consideration and Linked.

5. Click the Back button to return to the Manage Relinquishing Statement screen.

### 3.1.2 Search for Relinquishing Statements Submitted by Former Institution

SOs have the ability to search for Relinquishing Statements submitted by the former institution. This search is performed using the Search for Relinquishing Statements section on the Status – Change of Institution screen.

To search for RS submitted by the former institution:

1. Enter the appropriate grant information in the Search for Relinquishing Statements search fields and select the Search button.

If no search parameters are entered, the search returns all the RS(s) linked to the current institution by Institutional Profile File (IPF).

If the current institution has not been registered with Commons before the RS is submitted, the search does not return any results until the RS is updated with the IPF and/or the DUNS number.

If the system determines that no Relinquishing Statements have been linked to the receiving institution, then the following warning message appears:
No relinquishing statements have been associated with your institution. Please contact eRA Service Desk.

The system displays the Status Results – Search for Relinquishing Statements screen.

2. Click the **View Relinquishing Statement** link.

![View Relinquishing Statement](image1)

The system displays the **View Relinquishing Statement** screen. Relinquishing Statements with a status of *Accepted for Consideration* or *Submitted to Agency* are displayed.

3. Click the **View** link for the appropriate RS.

![View Relinquishing Statement](image2)

The system displays the RS in PDF format in a separate window. If the PDF file does not exist, the system displays the following message: *Document Not Found.*

4. Click the **Cancel** button to return to the **Status Result – Search for Relinquishing Statements** screen.

### 3.2 PD/PI Search/View Relinquishing Statement

Once a Relinquishing Statement has been submitted to the Agency, it is viewable within the Commons Status Information screen.

Perform the following steps to view the submitted form.

1. On the **Status Result – List of Applications/Grants** screen, click on the appropriate grant number link in the **Application ID** column.

   ![Status Result - List of Applications/Grants](image)

   The system displays the **Status Information** screen.

2. From the **Status Information** screen, click on the **Relinquishing Statement** link in the upper right hand corner.
The system displays the *Relinquishing Statements* screen.

3. Click the *Relinquishing Statement* hyperlink to view the Relinquishing Statement PDF.
4 eMail Notifications

4.1 eMail to the New Institution Contact eMail Provided on the RS Electronic Form

Subject: eRA Commons: Relinquishing Statement for Grant <Grant Number> Submitted

To: New institution contact email provided on the RS electronic form

eMail Content: <Do not reply warning>

A relinquishing statement for NIH Grant Number <Grant Number> has been submitted electronically through eRA Commons identifying this email address as a contact for the new institution.

You may view this relinquishing statement by going to the Change of Institution Search in Status and executing a query for the relinquishing statement.

NIH prior approval is required for the transfer of the legal and administrative responsibility for a grant-supported project or activity from one legal entity to another before the expiration of the approved project period (competitive segment). The proposed new grantee must submit a change of institution application. See the NIH Grants Policy Statement for policies regarding change of institution requests.

If your institution is not registered in the NIH eRA Commons, you will need to register in the eRA Commons and contact the eRA Help Desk for assistance in linking the relinquishing statement to your new institution account.

If you have any questions about this email, please contact the eRA Help Desk via the web at http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/, by phone 1-866-504-9552 (tty: 301-451-5939) or commons@od.nih.gov <mailto:commons@od.nih.gov> or the Grants Management Officer or the Grants Management Specialist identified in the Notice of Award (NoA).

Please access the NIH Commons at [URL to Commons Home Page]

4.2 Confirmation eMail to PD/PI & SO from Former Institution Acknowledging NIH Receipt of RS

TO: PD/PI, SO (who actually submitted the RS)

SUBJECT: eRA Commons: Relinquishing Statement for Grant <Grant Number> Submitted

eMail Content: <Do not reply warning>

A relinquishing statement for Grant <Grant Number> was electronically submitted to NIH and may now be viewed in the eRA Commons on the Status Information screen.
If you logged in as PD/PI, go to Status - List of Applications/Grants and select the link associated with the Grant Number.

If you logged in as SO, you can access the Status Information page by going to Status, executing a query for the grant, and selecting the link associated with the Grant Number. Also, you can view the submitted relinquishing statement through the Manage Relinquishing Statement page.

NIH must review and acknowledge the receipt of the relinquishing statement before a change of institution can be processed.

If you have any questions about this email, please contact the eRA Help Desk via the web at http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/, by phone 1-866-504-9552 (tty: 301-451-5939) or commons@od.nih.gov <mailto:commons@od.nih.gov> or the Grants Management Officer or the Grants Management Specialist identified in the Notice of Award (NoA).

Please access the NIH Commons at [URL to Commons Home Page]

### 4.3 The Relinquishing Statement Routed eMail Notification

**Subject:** eRA Commons: Request That You Review Relinquishing Statement for Grant
<Grant Number>

**To:** PD/PI, SO - Individual selected by the current user as the next reviewer using the Route button

<User Last Name>, <User First Name> has completed processing the Relinquishing Statement for Grant <Grant Number>, and has forwarded it to you.

Please review the Relinquishing Statement in the NIH eRA Commons system and take the appropriate action for its eventual submission to the NIH. Please be aware that the correct new institution name and the contact email address provided on the relinquishing statement are necessary for the appropriate interactions between the awarding IC and grantee institutions involved in the process of the grant transfer.

Please use the link provided below to access the eRA Commons login screen.

The previous reviewer comments on why this action was taken are as follows: [Comments].

**Footer:**

If you have any questions about this email, please contact <Initiator First Name> <Initiator Last Name> at <mailto:initiator_email_addr>, who initiated this action.

If you have any questions about the change of institution request process at NIH, please contact the Grants Management Officer or the Grants Management Specialist identified in the Notice of Award (NoA).
If you have any questions about this email, please contact the eRA Help Desk at our preferred method of contact http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/ or call 1-866-504-9552 (tty: 301-451-5939) or commons@od.nih.gov <mailto:commons@od.nih.gov>.

Please access the NIH Commons at [URL to Commons Home Page]

4.4 The Relinquishing Statement Returned eMail Notification

Subject: eRA Commons: Relinquishing Statement for Grant <Grant Number> has been Returned by NIH

To: SO (who submitted RS to the agency), Centralized institution mailbox.

Relinquishing Statement for grant <Grant Number> has been reviewed by NIH and routed back to you with the following comments: [Comments]

Footer:

If you have any questions about this email, please contact Grants Management Specialist <Initiator First Name> <Initiator Last Name> at <mailto:initiator_email_addr>, who initiated this action.

If you have any questions about this email, please contact the eRA Help Desk at our preferred method of contact http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/ or call 1-866-504-9552 (tty: 301-451-5939) or commons@od.nih.gov <mailto:commons@od.nih.gov>.

Please access the NIH Commons at [URL to Commons Home Page]

NOTE: <initiator_email_addr> is the Employment address.

4.5 The Relinquishing Statement Acknowledged by NIH eMail Notification

Subject: NIH Automated Email: Relinquishing Statement for Grant <Grant Number> Received

To: SO (who submitted RS to agency), Centralized institution mailbox, PD/PI

NIH has acknowledged the receipt of the Relinquishing Statement for grant <Grant Number>.

Footer:

If you have any questions about this email, please contact <Initiator First Name> <Initiator Last Name> at <mailto:initiator_email_addr>, who initiated this action.
If you have any questions about the change of institution request process at NIH, please contact the Grants Management Officer or the Grants Management Specialist identified in the Notice of Award (NoA).

If you have any questions about this email, please contact the eRA Help Desk at our preferred method of contact http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/ or call 1-866-504-9552 (tty: 301-451-5939) or commons@od.nih.gov <mailto:commons@od.nih.gov>.

Please access the NIH Commons at [URL to Commons Home Page]

4.6 eMail Acknowledging RS Now Visible to New Institution After IPF is Entered by NIH Internal User

TO: PD/PI assigned to the grant, SO who submitted the RS from the former institution, new institution contact email provided on the RS electronic form

SUBJECT: eRA Commons: Relinquishing Statement for Grant <Grant Number> is visible to the New Institution

eMail Content: <Do not reply warning>

A relinquishing statement for Grant <Grant Number> was linked to the new institution by NIH and may now be viewed in the eRA Commons by going to the Change of Institution Search in Status and executing a query for the relinquishing statement.

Footer:

If you have any questions about this email, please contact the eRA Help Desk via the web at http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/, by phone 1-866-504-9552 (tty: 301-451-5939) or commons@od.nih.gov <mailto:commons@od.nih.gov> or the Grants Management Officer or the Grants Management Specialist identified in the Notice of Award (NoA).

Please access the NIH Commons at [URL to Commons Home Page]

4.7 Change of Institution Time Based Reminders

4.7.1 Change of Institution Application Reminder Notice (30 Days after RS Submit Date)

Recipients: New institution contact email provided on the RS form

From: eRANotifications@mail.nih.gov

Subject: NIH Automated Email: Relinquishing Statement has been submitted XX days ago

eMail Content: <Do not reply warning>
The relinquishing statement for NIH Grant Number [GrantNumber] has been submitted electronically through eRA Commons <XX> days ago.

As the proposed new grantee, you must provide the GMO with a change of institution application prior to the anticipated start date at the new organization and preferably several months in advance. Failure to provide timely notification may result in disapproval of the request or significant delays in processing.

If you have already submitted a paper change of institution application, you may disregard this notice.

If you do not intend to submit a change of institution application, please contact the grants management officer or the grants management specialist at the awarding IC to inform them.

If you have any questions about the change of institution request process at NIH, please contact the grants management officer or the grants management specialist at the awarding IC.

If you have any questions about this email, please contact the eRA Help Desk via the web at https://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/, by phone 1-866-504-9552 (tty: 301-451-5939) or commons@od.nih.gov <mailto:commons@od.nih.gov>.

Thank you.

4.7.2 RS Reminder Notice (30 Days after Change of Institution Application Submit Date)

Recipients: Any SO at the Former Institution (of the Parent Grant), Former Institution centralized mailbox, PD/PI on the application

From: eRANotifications@mail.nih.gov

Subject: NIH Automated Email: Change of Institution Electronic Request has been submitted XX days ago

eMail Content: <Do not reply warning>

The Change of Institution request for NIH Grant Number [Parent Grant Number] has been submitted electronically through Grants.gov <XX> days ago.

The request to change the grantee institution indicates that there may be a change in status of the PD/PI which requires prior approval from the NIH. Please contact the grants management officer or the grants management specialist at the awarding IC to discuss the status of the award.

If you have already submitted a relinquishing statement on paper, you may disregard this notice.

If you have any questions about this email, please contact the eRA Help Desk via the web at http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/, by phone 1-866-504-9552 (tty: 301-451-5939) or commons@od.nih.gov <mailto:commons@od.nih.gov>.
Thank you.
5 Error Messages

If the system may determine that an unexpected error occurred, then the following error message appears.

An unexpected error occurred. Please contact eRA Service Desk.

If the system determines that the required field information was not entered on the search screen, then the following error message is produced:

You must enter the following required fields to proceed.<field>.

If the system determines that the grant being searched for is not found, then the following error message is produced:

No grants to relinquish have been found.

If the system determines that the new institution name has not been entered on the RS, then the following error message is produced:

New Institution Name is a required field.

If the system determines that the new institution’s Email Address has not been completed on the RS, then the following error message is produced:

Please enter data in the Email Address field (e.g. user_name@domain_name.com) (ID: 30102).

If the system determines that the Termination Date has not been completed on the RS, then the following error message is produced:

Termination Date is a required field. (ID: 200241)

If the system determines that the Termination Date is not within the current budget period on the RS, then the following error message is produced:

The requested Termination Date must be within the current budget period.

If the system determines that the Direct Cost field has not been completed on the RS, then the following error message is produced:

Direct Cost is a required field.

If the system determines that the Direct Costs of unexpended balance on the RS exceed the amount awarded for the current budget period, then the following error message is produced:

The direct costs being relinquished must not exceed the direct costs for the current budget period for transfers of active awards.
If the system determines that the Indirect Costs of unexpended balance on the RS exceed the amount awarded for the current budget period, then the following error message is produced:

*The indirect costs being relinquished must not exceed the direct costs for the current budget period for transfers of active awards.*

If the system determines that the total unexpended balance on the RS exceeds the amount awarded for the current budget period, then the following error message is produced:

*The total costs being relinquished must not exceed the costs for the current budget period for transfers of active awards.*

If the system determines that the Direct Cost, or the Indirect Cost or the Total Cost exceeds 999,999,999, then the appropriate error messages are displayed:

- *Direct Cost amount cannot exceed 999,999,999.*
- *Indirect Cost amount cannot exceed 999,999,999.*
- *Total Cost amount cannot exceed 999,999,999.*