NIH Plans for Updating Form Sets (FORMS-C)

- NIH will transition to the latest OMB-cleared forms per the following schedule:

  All New/Resubmission/Revision/Renewal electronic applications must use updated forms (identified by application package Competition ID of 'FORMS-C') for deadlines on/after September 25, 2013 with the following exceptions:
    - Research Career Development (K series), Fellowship (F series), and Training (T & D series) will use updated forms for deadlines on/after January 25, 2014
    - SBIR/STTR will transition to updated forms when additional form changes associated with the Small Business Reauthorization are available (timing TBD)
    - As NIH's multi-project programs transition to electronic submission, they will use FORMS-C packages.

- The latest OMB-cleared SF424 (R&R) and PHS forms are now available in AT07 and Grants.gov plans to deploy them to production June 2013.
    - Grants.gov still needs to update the expiration dates on the SF424 RR forms.
    - FORMS-C test FOAs that process through to NIH will be available by mid-June.

- Most FORMS-C packages will include new Planned Enrollment Report form & Cumulative Inclusion Enrollment forms.
    - New Application Forms and Activity Code Mapping document to be posted by May 17.

- Style sheets will be used to generate the final application image for all submissions using FORMS-C packages.
    - Updated style sheets will be posted on the NIH Electronic Submission website in mid-June.

- Updated validations documentation to be posted by May 17.

ASSIST Update

On target to transition per the following schedule:

- Deadlines on/after September 25, 2013: P01, P20, P50, U19, R24*, U24*
  * Transitioning to single-project Grants.gov downloadable forms model.
- Deadlines on/after January 25, 2014: G12, P30, P40, P41, P42, P51, P60, R28, S06, U10, U41, U42, U45, U56, UC7
- Deadlines on/after May 25, 2014: U54, UM1

April 19 Software Release:

- Ability to save form data without entering all required fields

- Display Validate action results in a separate window so it remains available while making the application changes
- Allow Signing Officials (SOs) and Administrative Officials (AOs) to change component status directly from Work in Progress (WIP) to Final status (skipping Complete)
- Add Status History view at component level
- Support a 'short name' for components that will show in ASSIST navigation in addition to system generated name
- Add Project Period to Application Info in Summary screen
- Add hover text for statuses to provide short description
- Pre-populate Component End Date from Overall RR Cover
- Default screens to Expand All
- For Primary Performance Site, provide option to populate organization information from RR Cover for the component
- Change 'Edit & Get Lock' button label to 'Edit'
- Improve handling of session timeouts
- Add screen text to provide format examples for Zip Codes, Congressional District and DUNS
- Verify that AOR credentials provided to submit to Grants.gov are for an AOR for the applicant organization DUNS
- Address issues with attachment clean-up
- Manage Access feature improvement

July 18 Software Release:

- FORMS-C support
- Support for DUNS+4 for preparation and submission (Commons still only recognizes the nine digit DUNS)
- Ability to access Commons detailed status page from within ASSIST to view assembled application docs and other post-submission application information
- Allow for more than 5 budget periods for select FOAs
    - FOA Information service to be updated to include new flag in October release
- Tweaks to the standard application image order for Overall component
- Targeting July release to make the Submission Validation Service (SVS) available to external users
    - Validate entire multi-project application or single component against NIH business rules
    - New S2S Transaction Guide posted at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/files/S2S_Transactions_Guide.pdf
    - SVS to be available in Ext-UAT by end of May

Future Wish List

- Re-ordering of components within the final image
- Import/Export feature
- Copy feature