



**Federal Demonstration
Partnership
January 13-14, 2005**
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Final Agenda

Thursday January 13, 2005

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| 7:30 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast | Foyer A |
| 7:30 a.m. | Faculty Coffee | Parlor B |
| 8:00 a.m. | New Attendee Orientation | Parlor C |
| 8:45 a.m. | Welcome and Introductions - FDP Chair Julie Norris,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Welcoming Remarks - Dr. Paul Ferguson, Vice President
for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Nevada,
Las Vegas | Reno Room |
| 9:00 a.m. | Opening Plenary – Grants Streamlining Efforts

Update on Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
Grants Streamlining Efforts under Public Law 106-107
(Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of
1999)
Beth Phillips, Office of Federal Financial Management,
Office of Management and Budget

In 1999, the Grants Streamlining Act (Federal Financial
Management Improvement Act, PL 106-107) became law.
The Act mandated that improvements occur between
2000 and 2007. This effort is just past the halfway point.
This presentation will provide an update on grants
streamlining activities, accomplishments and future
initiatives.

Update on Grants Governance Committee
Tom Cooley, Director and Chief Financial Officer, Office of
Budget, Finance and Award Management, National
Science Foundation; and Co-Chair, Grants Governance
Committee, Chief Financial Officers Council | Reno Room |

Update on Research Business Models Initiatives
Geoff Grant, Staff Director, Research Business Models
Subcommittee, Office of Science and Technology Policy

10:30 a.m. **Break** Foyer A

11:00 a.m. **Panel on Use of Project Relatedness (Documentation and Allocation Standard – OMB Circular A-21)** Reno Room
Panelists: Mary Ellen Sheridan, University of Chicago;
Beth Israel, Columbia University; and Sarah Wasserman,
Indiana University School of Medicine

Panelists will discuss the post award advantages that can accrue to the PI when two or more projects are declared as "related." The panel will present the benefits to PI's and examples of procedures.

Noon **Lunch** Tahoe Room

Faculty Lunch and Standing Committee Meeting Tonopah/Goldfield
Co-Chairs: Marv Paule, Colorado State University, and
Carole Liedtke, Case Western Reserve University

Topics: Faculty initiatives including PI Grant Administrative Burden Survey; and faculty discussion on what institutions are doing about the deemed export problem at research universities

1:30 p.m. **Committee and Task Force - Concurrent Session 1**
Payroll Certification Working Group Laughlin Room
Facilitators: Joe Gindhart, Washington University, and
Maureen Joyce, Northeastern University

OMB Circular A-21 requires institutions to confirm after the fact that payroll charges to sponsored programs are commensurate with the effort provided. This working group is examining ways to simplify the regulations and find effective and efficient means to assure that the distribution of salaries and wages to sponsored agreements is appropriate. A proposed demonstration will be discussed.

Terms and Conditions Copper Room
Co-Chairs: Jean Feldman, National Science Foundation
and Dick Seligman, California Institute of Technology

This standing committee monitors new and changed statutes and OMB Circulars to determine whether changes to FDP General Terms and Conditions or Agency-Specific Requirements are needed.

Models for Support of Instrumentation Reno Room
Nat Pitts, Scientific Opportunity Co-Chair, Research
Business Models Subcommittee, Office of Science and

Technology Policy
Geoff Grant, Staff Director, Research Business Models
Subcommittee, Office of Science and Technology Policy

One of the priority areas of the Research Business Models Subcommittee is to identify models for stability and predictability of support for instrumentation independent of individual projects. This session is an opportunity for faculty and administrators to provide feedback on this priority area.

Private Foundations and Public Charities Task Force
Co-Chair: Jay Walton, Johns Hopkins University

Ely Room

The FDP and the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) are engaged in a joint effort to research the development and roll out of electronic research administration systems by private foundations and other non-profit grant making organizations.

2:45 p.m.

Committee and Task Force - Concurrent Session 2

Allocation of Space Costs Working Group

Ely Room

Facilitators: Tracey Fraser, California Institute of Technology, and Mike Anthony, University of California-San Francisco

The allocation of facilities (space) costs is one of the most complicated and contentious issues in the calculation and negotiation of indirect cost rates. This session will provide status on efforts to develop simplified methodologies to assign facilities costs in order to reduce the burden of the space survey.

Contracts

Copper Room

Facilitators: Samuela Evans, University of California System, Paul Powell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Rosemary Hamill, National Institutes of Health

This task force identifies common practices in contracts processing that can be expedited by uniform procedures and provides a forum for discussion of and possible resolutions for contracting issues as they arise for member institutions and federal agencies.

Electronic Research Administration

Reno Room

Co-Chairs: Steve Dowdy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and David Wright, National Institutes of Health

This standing committee informs the federal e-grants activities by providing institutional input and support to the development of a single electronic interface between the federal government and the research community. The

authentication needs of Grants.gov will be met through the E-Authentication project. This session will discuss the business needs for authentication including a single government-wide user identification system.

Emerging Research Institutions: Issues Facing ERIs

Facilitators: Joanna Rom, National Science Foundation, and Stephen Horan, New Mexico State University

Laughlin Room

The FDP has been working with Emerging Research Institution members and minority serving institutions to address issues specific to smaller institutions. This session will provide a best practices "swap meet" in areas such as intellectual property, conflicts of interest review, export controls, and institutional review of human subjects and animal care in research grants.

4:00 p.m.

Break

Foyer A

4:15 p.m.

Committee and Task Force - Concurrent Session 3

Basic Assistance Grants

Facilitators: Jim Randolph, University of Michigan, and Susan Ross, Northwestern University

Copper Room

This task force is examining new award mechanisms to support basic research laboratories through research program funding vs. specific research projects. The task force is examining the expansion of the NIH Modular Grant concept to additional federal agencies. A proposed demonstration will be discussed.

Financial Reporting Working Group

Facilitators: Mike Ludwig, Purdue University, Michelle Bulls, National Institutes of Health, and Scott Blackwood, University of North Carolina

Laughlin Room

This working group is identifying the financial reporting requirements of various federal agencies with the goal of standardizing the reporting frequencies and formats. This session will provide the results of recent surveys to determine the cause of late submissions of financial status reports.

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Following on the previous session, this will be an in depth discussion of the technical details behind the E-Authentication initiative.

5:30 p.m.

Reception

Tahoe Room

Friday January 14, 2005

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet	Foyer A
7:30 a.m.	Faculty Coffee	Parlor B
8:00 a.m.	Membership Standing Committee Co-Chairs: Joanna Rom, National Science Foundation, and Donna Helm, Johns Hopkins University Topic: Committee business	Parlor C
9:00 a.m.	A Look to the Future Incoming FDP Chair, Nancy Wray, Dartmouth College Incoming FDP Faculty Representative, Joe Konstan, University of Minnesota The incoming FDP Chair and Faculty Representative will present their plans for the next 2 years of FDP Phase IV	Tahoe Room
10:00 a.m.	Break	Foyer A
10:30 a.m.	Agency, Committee and Task Force Reports A brief report from federal agencies, each standing committee and task force will be provided.	Tahoe Room
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