Submitting Proposals Online
- By Chris Millard

Online submission of proposals is becoming the standard. While National Science Foundation has successfully operated Fastlane for a number of years, other federal agencies have lagged behind in the area of electronic submission. The software currently being implemented by the government is housed under grants.gov. Applications can be downloaded with a free program called PureEdge Viewer. Forms are completed in the PureEdge Viewer package, and submitted through grants.gov. OSP has had experience with the program and is prepared to guide you through the online process.

Grants.gov has some issues that make submitting proposals different from the old paper format to which Principal Investigators are accustomed. The issue with the most significant impact is the submission time. In the past, if a proposal was due on April 15th, we simply had to be certain that it was delivered to the agency prior to the close of business on that day. This was done easily with FedEx.

With the online submission, the following must happen: (1) the proposal must be submitted electronically; (2) the entire proposal must be uploaded to the agency’s server; (3) the agency transmits an acknowledgement form; and (4) the university must send electronic confirmation of the acknowledgement. The bottleneck occurs when proposals are in the que to be uploaded to the agency’s server. If the due date is 5:00 PM EST, and the university submits at noon on that day, chances are the proposal won’t be uploaded by the cut off time at 5:00 PM. And, the confirmation documents will not have been exchanged.

In the event that there are errors, the system will typically notify the submitter. The errors must be corrected and resubmission completed prior to the due date. This includes the confirmation documents.

What does this mean to you? As the Principal Investigator, this means that you should complete the submission package one week prior to the due date. Experience has shown that this allows for correction of errors, successful uploading at the agency, and completion of confirmation documents.

The government has robbed us of the privilege of procrastination! What next? We can only speculate. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact OSP early in the submission process. We will help you download the PureEdge Viewer. We will complete the necessary forms, and we will hit that submit button early in the process to ensure successful submission.
Newsletter Links

You will note a change in this month’s newsletter. We have included a calendar with submission due dates. Each date is linked to a short title for the project. Each short title is linked to a project description. At the end of the description you can click on the link for the entire Request for Proposals.

The calendar gives you an easy snapshot of the deadlines for the next few months.

We encourage you to try it out! You can easily view all the agency’s requirements as you consider what is of interest to you. The hyperlinks provide an easy way to navigate through our newsletter and target information that might lead to a sponsored project in your specialty. Note that these are just some of the possibilities for funding. Contact our office for specialized help and searches.

Again, do not hesitate to call us if you see something of interest, or if you want more information.

OSP Hits $10 Million!

During this month OSP has reached an important goal. In the past five years the number of dollars awarded for sponsored projects has increased from $3.3 million to over $10 million. The dramatic increase represents the impressive talent of WSU faculty and staff. The awards show that funding agencies recognize the ability and competence at WSU. We are proud to be associated with all of you.

![WSU Dollars in Sponsored Projects](chart)

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| Project will acquire diagnostic scan tools for all makes and models of vehicles. The scan tool will enable technicians to interface with on-board computers of cars and trucks, and allow proper teaching of diagnostic procedures.
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May 22nd: Application due for Adolescent Family Life Demonstration Projects by HHS. Click here
    Application due for Ambassadors for Change Program by HHS, OWH. Click here
    Letter of intent due for International Training and Research in Environmental and Occupational Health (ITREOH)[D43] by FIC, NIEHS, NIOSH. Click here
    Application due for Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Click here
    Proposal due for Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program by USDA, ERS. Click here

May 25th: Application due for Theoretical Foundations 2006 by National Science Foundation. Click here

June 12th: Application due for Grants for Arts Projects: Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth by National Endowment for the Arts. Click here

June 13th: Proposal due for Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs Phase I Solicitation FY- 2001 (SBIR/STTR) by ENG, Office of Industrial Innovation. Click here

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July 10th: Full proposal due for Buried Mine Sensing from an Unmanned Air Vehicle by DoD, ONR. Click here

July 27th: Full proposal due for Environmental Remediation Sciences Program – Integrated Field-Scale Subsurface Research Challenge by DOE, SC, OBER, and ERSD. Click here

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); Economic Research Service (ERS)
Due Date: May 22, 2006
Amount: $1.5 million
# of Awards: Unspecified
Synopsis: Notice seeking economic research proposals that focus on USDA’s food assistance and nutrition programs.
More Info . . .

Agency: U.S. Department of Defense (DoD);
Department of the Army; Army Material Command (AMC); Army Research Office (ARO);
Chemical Sciences Division
Due Date: June 20, 2006
Amount: $5 million per year
# of Awards: Unspecified
Synopsis: BAA notice seeking white papers and proposals for basic research in the following sciences: Atmospheric and Space Sciences; Biological and Life Sciences; Chemistry, Cognitive and Neural Sciences; Computing and Information Science; Electronics; Mathematical Science; Materials Science; Mechanical Science: Physics; Terrestrial and Ocean Sciences; and Nanoscience. Requested white papers are due by April 27, 2006
More Info . . .

Agency: National Endowment for the Arts
Due Date: June 12, 2006
Amount: $5,000- $ 150,000
# of Awards: Unspecified
Synopsis: Funds projects that help children & youth acquire knowledge, skills, & understanding of the arts consistent with national, state, or local arts education standards. It also funds projects that recognize & cultivate best practices & exemplary research that explores the effect of arts learning on the cognitive & social development of children & youth. Projects may take place in school-based or community-based settings. Projects based at IHEs are eligible if their ultimate impact is on children & youth.
More Info . . .

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Due Date: May 22, 2006
Amount: $5.94 million
# of Awards: Unspecified
Synopsis: Assists HSIs in addressing community development needs such as neighborhood revitalization, housing, & economic development. Projects must benefit low & moderate income residents, improve slums, &/or meet an urgent need in the community where the HIS is located.
More Info . . .
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS)
Due Date: May 20, 2006
Amount: $4.4 Million
# of Awards: 22
Synopsis: Notice seeking applications for the Rural Cooperative Development funds for FY06. The purpose of this program is to establish and operate centers for cooperative development to improve the economic condition of rural areas through the development of new cooperatives and improving operations of existing cooperatives. More Info...

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); Rural Utilities Service
Due Date: May 15, 2006
Amount: $4.97 million
# of Awards: Unspecified
Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to acquire, lease, and/or install the facilities and software necessary for public television stations serving rural areas to perform the transition from analog to digital service. More Info...

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Due Date: May 15, 2006
Amount: $350,000
# of Awards: 1 or more
Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to work in partnership with commercial trucking companies to reduce fuel consumption and emissions. More Info...

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); Rural Utilities Service
Due Date: May 15, 2006
Amount: $4.97 million
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Agency: Fogarty International Center (FIC); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEMHS); National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Due Date: June 22, 2006
Amount: $3 million
# of Awards: 15
Synopsis: RFA supporting to train environmental and occupational health scientists from developing countries for careers in research and public health in their home countries. Letters of intent are optional and due May 22, 2006. More Info...

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), and Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC)
Due Date: May 11, 2006
Amount: $ Unspecified
# of Awards: 11 to 25
Synopsis: Broad agency announcement seeking proposals for research and development to improve national capabilities to detect, locate and identify nuclear explosions in support of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, the U.S. government agency responsible for operation of the nuclear explosion monitoring systems. More Info...

Agency: National Science Foundation
Due Date: May 25, 2006
Amount: $42 million
# of Awards: 80-120
Synopsis: Supports research in the TF cluster that addresses fundamental issues of information science & technology, both within Computation & Communication, and also at the interface between these, & other disciplines. A new focus in FY 06 highlights research efforts for the Internet's next generation, in areas covered by former CISE programs: communications research, numeric symbolic graphic computation, signal processing, & theory of computing. More Info...

Agency: National Science Foundation
Due Date: May 18, 2006
Amount: $Unspecified
# of Awards: Unspecified
Synopsis: Supports enhancement of undergrad. ed. & training at the intersection of biological & math sciences to prepare students to pursue graduate study & careers in fields that integrate these disciplines. Core of activity is long-term research experiences for interdisciplinary balanced cohorts of at least 4 undergrads that provide exposure to contemporary math & biology, addressed with modern research tools & methods. Must involve students & faculty in research. More Info...

Many funding possibilities exist. If you do not see one listed that fits your interests, please call x7537 or email sspendlove@weber.edu with your ideas and what you’d like to do with them so we can tailor a search just for you.
**Office of Sponsored Projects**

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**Agency:** Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR); Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH); National Cancer Institute (NCI); National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI); National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD); National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA); National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH); National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD); National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)  
**Due Date:** May 17, 2007  
**Amount:** Unspecified  
**Synopsis:** PAR supporting research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is jointly conducted by communities and researchers. Letters of intent due by April 17, 2007.  
[More Info . . .]

**Agency:** Directorate for Engineering (ENG); Office of Industrial Innovation  
**Due Date:** June 13, 2006  
**Amount:** $16.25 million  
**Synopsis:** PA inviting eligible small business concerns to submit Phase I proposals for its FY-2007 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Do not submit proposals prior to May 13, 2006.  
[More Info . . .]

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**Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); Office of Science (SC); Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER); Environmental Remediation Sciences Division (ERSD)  
**Due Date:** May 11, 2006  
**Amount:** $6 million  
**Synopsis:** Notice seeking proposals to conduct hypothesis-based field research on key processes influencing the subsurface transport, immobilization, or remobilization of metal and radionuclide contaminants at DOE sites and to manage the field sites.  
[More Info . . .]

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); Department of the Navy; Office of Naval Research (ONR)  
**Due Date:** July 10, 2006  
**Amount:** $8 million  
**Synopsis:** Notice seeking white papers describing innovative technology concepts to provide standoff detection or indicators of buried mines, mine lines, or minefields from an unmanned air vehicle. White papers are due by May 8th.  
[More Info . . .]

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
**Due Date:** May 22, 2006  
**Amount:** $5 million  
**Synopsis:** Notice seeking applications for projects to demonstrate effective means of strengthening families by providing an array of services that help prevent repeat pregnancy and enhance the well being of pregnant or parenting adolescent mothers, their children, and their partners.  
[More Info . . .]

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Office of Women’s Health (OWH)  
**Due Date:** May 22, 2005  
**Amount:** $30 million  
**Synopsis:** Notice seeking applications to enhance women’s health programs at OWH-funded academic health centers and community-based organizations.  
[More Info . . .]