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Audit Pitfalls

- Ramona Sessions



A recent Federal Grants Management conference in Washington, D.C focused on compliance with the federal regulations set forth in the OMB circulars under which WSU operates and understanding conditions attached to accepting a grant.

The presenters included an attorney who specializes in representing universities going through federal audits and two OSP staff members from Valencia Community College, which is currently in the midst of an intensive audit of several of their federal grants. Valencia could lose several hundred thousand dollars due to the way auditors interpreted the application of regulations.

The two major areas which federal auditors are focusing on include time and effort reporting and cost-sharing (match) requirements. Documentation of these two items is crucial in order to sail through an audit. The Office of Sponsored Projects would like for you to be aware that we are here to help you and to protect the university from any negative findings.



OSP would like to congratulate Ava on becoming a new Grandma! Kayden David Painter was born August 17th at 8:10 AM. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and 19 inches long. Congratulations!

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Audit Pitfalls, Continued...

If any portion of your salary is being paid with grant funds, please be sure your "Certification of Effort" forms are submitted consistently and in a timely manner.

If you are not receiving those reports, please contact OSP and we will look into the issue for you. Also, if your grant includes a cost-sharing (matching) requirement, please be sure to keep thorough and accurate records of items which will be used to meet the requirement. Our office will be happy to discuss this with you at any time.

Institutional Review Board

- Ava Painter



The Institutional Review Board members' at Weber State University are charged with the responsibility of protecting human subjects involved in scientific research. The groundwork of the IRB was laid by the Nuremberg Code, which was used as part of the Nuremberg Military Tribunal. This resulted in the National Research Act (Public Law 93-348).

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NEW PROPOSALS

Agency: Utah Arts Council
Principal Investigator: Fletcher Booth
Proposed Amount: \$8,000

Agency: U.S. Forest and Wildlife Service
Principal Investigator: John Cavitt
Proposed Amount: \$100,000

Agency: Utah Musical Theatre
Principal Investigator: Bruce Cohen
Proposed Amount: \$10,000

Agency: NIH
Principal Investigator: Julie Snowball
Proposed Amount: \$600,000

Agency: NASA - JPL
Principal Investigator: John Armstrong
Proposed Amount: \$25,000

Agency: Ogden City
Principal Investigator: Jack Loughton
Proposed Amount: \$18,500

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NEW AWARDS

Agency: University of Utah
Principal Investigator: Kristy Jones
Amount: \$185,820 (estimate)
Title: Model State-Supported Area Health Education Centers
Synopsis: Supports youth programs that are designed to train young people in health professions, supports practicing health professionals in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas and assists in clinical placements of health professions students in medically under-served areas.

Agency: Department of Health & Human Services
Principal Investigator: Kristy Jones
Amount: \$941,751
Title: Health Careers Opportunity Program
Synopsis: A three year program which promotes multi disciplinary professions for high school students through advisement, academic tutoring, seminars, conferences, presentations and summer camps.

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Expiring Awards

Agency: Salt Lake Community College
Principal Investigator: Beverly King
Amount: \$7,706
Title: 2005 Entrepreneurial Training
Date Ending: 10/31/05

Agency: National Science Foundation
Principal Investigator: John Cavitt
Amount: \$72,985
Title: Biology of the Great Salt Lake Ecosystem
Date Ending: 10/31/05

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Funding Opportunities

Agency: U.S. Department of Interior; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Due Date: December 1, 2005
Amount: \$ 4 mil
of Awards: 40
Synopsis: Notice seeking projects that promote the conservation of certain species of birds in the United State, Latin American, and the Caribbean. Modification of announcement originally published 11/4/03 to extend the proposal due date.

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; Office of Extramural Programs
Due Date: December 7, 2005
Amount: \$ 1.03 mil
of Awards: Unspecified
Synopsis: Notice seeking applications to support the continuum of research and extension efforts needed to increase the implementation of integrated pest management (IPM) methods.

Agency: Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering; Division of Computing & Communication Foundations; Division of Information & Intelligent Systems; Division of Computer & Network Systems

Due Date: January 6, 2006

Amount: \$ 1 mil

of Awards: 20-30

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals for projects that will bring creative, scientific advances to design as it pertains to computer-based artifacts, especially software-intensive systems.

Agency: U.S. Department of Interior; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Due Date: December 1, 2005

Amount: \$ 4 mil

of Awards: 40

Synopsis: Notice seeking projects that promote the conservation of certain species of birds in the United State, Latin American, and the Caribbean. Modification of announcement originally published 11/4/03 to extend the proposal due date.

Agency: U.S. Agency for International Development; Overseas Missions; Afghanistan USAID-Kabul

Due Date: December 20, 2005

Amount: \$ 40 mil

of Awards: 1

Synopsis: Notice seeking applications to implement activities to support the Afghanistan Higher Education Project. The objective of this activity is to assist in the government and people of Afghanistan in improving the quality of higher education, particularly teacher training.

Agency: U.S. Department of Defense; Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Chemical and Biological Defense Science and Technology Program

Due Date: November 10, 2005

Amount: \$ Unspecified

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to identify, seek and establish relationships with non-traditional and traditional entities capable of providing required solutions or technologies to support the CB Defense and A&T programs over the next five years. The multiple disciplines include materials science, computer science, chemistry, biology, medical research and systems engineering.

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency; Office of Grants and Debarment

Due Date: October 3, 2005

Amount: \$ 2 mil

of Awards: 10 cooperative agreements

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals from eligible entities to provide environmental job training projects that will facilitate assessment, remediation, or preparation of brownfield sites. Modification of announcement originally published 6/25/05 to extend proposal due date.

Agency: U.S. Department of Defense; Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Information Processing Technology Office

Due Date: October 26, 2005

Amount: \$ Unspecified

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to perform research, development, modeling, design, and testing to support the AC program. Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Minority Institutions are encouraged to submit proposals and join others in submitting proposals..

Agency: U.S. Department of Defense; U.S. Department of the Air Force in conjunction with Air Force Research Lab; Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's; Information Directorate

Due Date: October 28, 2005

Amount: \$ 47 mil

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: Pre-solicitation notice seeking innovative ideas in four critical technology areas requiring further development: low aerial-density, advanced airship hull material; lightweight, low-power density active electronically scanned array (AESA) which is bonded to the advanced hull material; extremely low-power transmit-receive modules; and novel power systems for long-endurance (greater than 1 year) stratospheric airship operation.

Agency: Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences: Division of Mathematical Sciences; Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering; Directorate for Engineering

Due Date: Chemistry: 1/13/06, Mathematical Sciences & Computer Science: 3/1/06, Mathematical Sciences & Engineering: between 10/1/05 & 3/1/06

Amount: \$ 15.4 mil

of Awards: 55-70

Synopsis: Notice seeking applications for the opportunities available for support through the Foundation's Mathematical Sciences Priority Area.

Agency: Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering; Division of Computing & Communication Foundations; Division of Information & Intelligent Systems; Division of Computer & Network Systems

Due Date: January 6, 2006

Amount: \$ 1 mil

of Awards: 20-30

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals for projects that will bring creative, scientific advances to design as it pertains to computer-based artifacts, especially software-intensive systems.

Institutional Review Board, continued . . .

On July 12, 1974, this Act was signed into law, thereby creating the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research.

The mission of the WSU IRB is not to evaluate what does or does not constitute scientific merit, but to assure participants asked to take part in research, stemming from or supported by Weber State University, are treated as individuals with respect for their rights. With the direct commission to assure all research projects adhere to Federal, State and University Guidelines.

Three basic principles of ethics are particularly relevant to the protection of human subjects in biomedical and behavioral research. They are:

1. Respect for Persons: recognition of the personal dignity and autonomy of individuals and special protection of those persons with diminished autonomy
2. Beneficence: obligation to protect persons from harm by maximizing anticipated benefits and minimizing possible risks of harm
3. Justice: fairness in the distribution of research benefits and burdens.

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