Research Administration Lunch & Learn

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- **Coming Soon…New UPAF +**
- **Award Setup Procedure: Decoding the email subject line**
- **Agency Updates**

♦ **COMING SOON…UPAF+**

- *One form to capture many actions*
  - *Advance Account*
  - *Rebudget*
  - *Carryover*
  - *No-Cost Extension*
  - *Agreements & Miscellaneous*

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♦ AWARD SETUP PROCEDURE: *decoding the email subject line*

A-170123-PI Name-Sponsor-IP/G#-U-170029/Action Type

| Indicates Award Obligation/ Deobligation | Fiscal Year & Consecutive # | | Coeus Institute Proposal # or Banner Grant # | Indicates UPAF Action | Fiscal Year & Consecutive # | Indicates Action being transmitted, e.g. AIR Account |

♦ AGENCY UPDATES

- NSF
  - As of 9/26/16, NSF will perform automated compliance improvements for proposals submitted via FastLane (not S2S)
    - Combined text of Project Summary text boxes (or pdf attachment if special characters) does not exceed one page
      - See the *Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG)*, Chapter II.C.2.b, for further information.
    - Error Messages for the following:
      - Project Summary text exceeds one page limit
      - Project Summary text entered **and** Project Summary with special characters is also uploaded

♦ AGENCY UPDATES

🐾 NIH

🐾 NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution ([NOT-OD-17-001](#))

- 🐾 Continues government operations through December 9, 2016 at 99.504% of the FY 2016 enacted level.
- 🐾 NIH will issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award (generally up to 90% of the previously committed level).
- 🐾 Upward adjustments to awarded levels will be considered after FY 2017 appropriations are enacted, but NIH expects institutions to monitor their expenditures carefully during this period.
- 🐾 Salary limitation set at Executive Level II of the Federal Pay Scale ($185,100)(see [NOT-OD-16-059](#)) and the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award stipend levels and tuition/fees (see [NOT-OD-16-062](#)) are still in effect.

♦ AGENCY UPDATES

NIH

- *Optional* Electronic Submission Method to Request to Submit An Unsolicited Application That Will Exceed $500,000 In Direct Costs (NOT-OD-17-005)
  - Requests to submit an unsolicited application that will exceed $500,000 in direct costs will now have an option to submit this request electronically through eRA Commons, under a new **Prior Approval Module**.
  - **After initial communication** with the NIH, a NIH Program Officer (PO) may open up a request form for the Principal Investigator (PI) in eRA Commons. The PI will complete the form and submit it back to the initiating PO for review.
  - Instructions for how to use this new system can be found in the **Prior Approval User Guide**.
  - For more information on the policy, see section 2.3.7.2 of the NIH Grants Policy Statement.