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Grants.gov Webcast Focuses on System Improvements, Adobe

Grants.gov held its quarterly webcast on July 16, 2008 to update the community on the status of various Grants.gov initiatives and announced that testing of the Adobe Reader 9.0 is complete. This latest version, along with Adobe Readers 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 and Adobe Acrobat 9.0, are all supported by Grants.gov.

Transition Timeline Updated

Speakers updated stakeholders on the transition to Adobe. As of June 30, agencies are no longer posting opportunities in PureEdge and as of Sept. 30, unless an exemption is granted, agencies will no longer receive PureEdge submissions. On June 30, 2009, the PureEdge submission system will finally be retired.

While many agencies are using Adobe already, with more scheduled by Sept. 30 (see Federal Grants News, May 2008), the majority of research grant-making agencies are postponing their use of Adobe for submission packages until December. The National Institutes of Health, however has posted three pilot Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) in Adobe with October 2008 receipt dates (see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-090.html>). All other NIH submissions with receipt dates through December will be in PureEdge. NIH will post the majority of their FOAs with Adobe versions of the updated SF 424 (R&R) forms in December.

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