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SUBJECT: Office of Research Expedited Operations and Internal Deadline for Grants.gov Submissions Authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

The federal government has recently approved the above mentioned stimulus act. Under this act, federal grant making agencies such as NIH, NSF, and others will be receiving a substantial infusion of short term stimulus driven funds to invest. Most funding agencies have advertised that a large portion of their stimulus money will be used to fund sponsored research applications that were previously reviewed and deemed meritorious, but were not funded to due agency budget constraints. Additionally, federal agencies will also be creating new funding opportunities through separate requests for applications that will be publicized through Grants.gov and other public websites. The Office of Research has attempted to get this information out to the community as it is received.

To expedite these submissions, the Office of Research will be utilizing a streamlined review process. This streamlined review will incorporate a review of regulatory items, and approved University rates. All remaining aspects of the grant submission will be the responsibility of the submitting area/department including revisions that may be required.

For those new funding opportunities authorized under the ARRA and mandated to be submitted through Grants.gov, the University acknowledges that a reduction in its internal deadline is in order to properly accommodate the quick turn around necessary for these applications. Effective immediately, the internal deadline for stimulus driven Grants.gov submissions only is being reduced from 10 working days to 5 working days.

Please consult the Office of Research website for further information on procedures relevant to stimulus driven applications and related requests for information.