

## **Rensselaer Selected for Membership in Phase V of the Federal Demonstration Partnership**

The Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) is an association of federal agencies and institutional recipients of federal funds whose purpose is to reduce the administrative burdens associated with research grants and contracts. Participating federal agencies include the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Department of Energy, National Aeronautic and Space Administration, Office of Naval Research and Air Force Office of Scientific Research. The FDP is a unique forum for individuals from universities and nonprofits to work collaboratively with federal agency officials to improve the national research enterprise. At the three annual FDP meetings members hold open discussions to identify problems and develop action plans for improvement. In addition there are many collaborative working groups and task forces that meet often by conference calls in order to develop specific work products. One major accomplishment of the FDP is the implementation of streamlined terms and conditions for research grants which has created greater consistency in the administration of federal research grants.

Phase V of the FDP will commence at the annual meeting to be held on September 7-9, 2008. As an FDP member, Rensselaer will work with federal agency and peer institution representatives from around the country to contribute to the goals of the FDP. During Phase V, the FDP will continue its efforts to increase efficiency of administrative and compliance practices and maximize the time available for researchers to focus on research. Rensselaer's participation in Phase V of the FDP will provide the opportunity to work side by side with government agencies in determining the future direction of federally funded research programs and processes. Membership in the FDP will ensure Rensselaer is on the forefront of research related issues and allow us to continue our efforts to establish Rensselaer as a premier Research Institution. Additional information on the FDP and Rensselaer's participation in Phase V can be found at the sites listed below.

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[Rensselaer's Memorandum of Understanding](#)

[FDP Terms and Conditions](#)

[Research Terms and Conditions Prior Approval and Other Requirements Matrix](#)

[Phase IV Highlights](#)

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