To The RPI Research and Academic Community:

On December 26, 2013, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements (Uniform Guidance) for Federal Awards in the Federal Register. The Uniform Guidance streamlines and supersedes guidance that was previously contained in eight different OMB Circulars. Included in the new guidance are definitions, uniform administrative requirements (both pre- and post-award), cost principles, procurement standards and audit requirements. From the Institute’s perspective, the Uniform Guidance will supersed OMB Circulars A-110, A-21, and A-133. These new guidelines will be effective with awards issued after December 26, 2014. Adherence to the procurement standards is delayed until July 1, 2016 and the Audit requirements will be effective July 1, 2015.

I have included links below to the Guidance appearing in the Federal Register and a recently released Frequently Asked Questions document. Please note some of the positive outcomes of the Uniform Guidance will be the ability to budget for computing devices and administrative and clerical support on federal grants provided the proper procedures are followed. Proposals being prepared now for possible award after 12/26/14 can reflect these items. For assistance with budgeting these items, please contact your Senior Grant Administrator. In addition, Research Administration and Finance’s website will be populated with very useful information concerning the Guidance very shortly.


https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/12/26/2013-30465/uniform-administrative-requirements-cost-principles-and-audit-requirements-for-federal-awards#sec-200-413

Research Administration and Finance in collaboration with the Division of Administration and the Business Manager community will be establishing an implementation committee to ensure the Uniform Guidance is properly interpreted and complied with at RPI. We are still awaiting final word from some of the federal agencies on their own implementation strategies. Should anyone have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the below number or via e-mail at strani@rpi.edu.

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