Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: Updates to the Electronic Proposal Routing Approval Form (ePRAF)

Date: January 22, 2020

The Office of Research and Economic Development would like to advise the University research community of the following additional questions that have been added to the Electronic Proposal Routing Approval Form (ePRAF).

Preeminent/Emerging Preeminent Programs
A new section has been added to the proposal section of the ePRAF to capture proposals associated with Preeminent and Emerging Preeminent Programs. The section has a pick list of the available programs to be selected. The field should be left blank if the proposal being submitted is not associated with a Preeminent or Emerging Preeminent Program. Please note that responses to the Centers and Institutes section is still required in the project screen for those projects that are associated with a Center or Institute.

Compliance Questions
Requirements from federal funding agencies require these additional questions on the ePRAF:

6. Did you disclose on the sponsor’s current and pending support form (or similar other form which may be required by the sponsor) all financial resources, whether federal, non-federal, foreign, commercial or institutional, available or to be provided in direct support of project personnel’s research endeavors, including but not limited to research grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and/or institutional awards?

9. Will this be an HHS funded study that involves cooperative human subject research (i.e., more than one collaborating institution/site)? If yes, all institutions that are engaged in conducting research with human subjects will need to use a Single IRB. More information: http://research.fiu.edu/irb/single-irb

19. Do you currently have any affiliations (whether paid or unpaid and even if described as honorary or adjunct) with foreign entities or foreign governments, including any talent programs (e.g. programs in which you have been recruited by a foreign entity)? If yes, please provide additional details in the comment box.

20. As part of this project, will the sponsor be providing any information under a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) or other confidentiality agreement, which is both proprietary and export controlled, or which you believe will require federal data security requirements (e.g. NIST 800-171 controlled unclassified information)? If yes, please provide additional details in the comment box.

Please note that these enhancements to the ePRAF and other items of interest will be discussed at our next Biannual Research Administrator’s Meeting (BRAM) scheduled via Zoom for January 28, 2020 from 10 am to 12 noon. There is limited seating available in MARC 340. If you have not RSVP’d yet for the BRAM, please do so by reaching out to Tatiana Chase at tchase@fiu.edu.

If there are any additional questions regarding these ePRAF enhancements, please feel free to contact your Pre-Award representative at 305-348-2494 for further assistance.