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This spring, the Office of Grant and Contract Administration (GCA) will begin its replacement of the current proposal and award system with a new web-based software application, developed by *InfoEd International, Inc.* This application will provide a firm foundation for future enhancements to the proposal submission and award process and enable administrators to manage the proposal/award lifecycle in a more efficient and compliant manner for years to come. Phased deployment to departments is planned to occur through FY 2011.

Robust Reporting

What's the status of my proposal? What's delaying my award set-up? These questions are but a sampling of the inquiries fielded by administrators on a daily basis.

With new standardized report capabilities, business offices and administrative staff can more easily provide up-to-date information to department administrators, faculty, researchers, and chairs about the status of their sponsored projects. The reporting solution will enable users to confirm the status of their proposal and award information, including detailed information regarding budgets, regulatory compliance requirements, and training.

Re-designed Process for Disclosure of External Interests (COI/COC)

Submitting an annual disclosure of external activities and financial interests (formerly the COI/COC disclosure) through *InfoEd's* COI module will make compliance monitoring simpler and easier. It is estimated that the majority of disclosers will be able to complete the disclosure process more efficiently allowing more time to focus on teaching and research activities.

The system will continue to allow for the disclosure of external activities for the purpose of assessing conflict of interest and conflict of commitment, but in a more streamlined fashion. Additionally, the new and enhanced disclosure system will electronically route proposal data, resulting in faster award setup and will provide users with the ability to view their disclosure status.

Timetable for Rollout

In May, *InfoEd* Proposal Tracking (PT) will replace GCA's Grant Proposal and Award System (GPAS) that Yale developed in the 1990's, as the pre-award system of record for sponsored projects. Also in May, the new External Interests Disclosure Form will be available to faculty and staff, and the COI Office will start using *InfoEd's* COI module.

In June, the University will pilot *InfoEd's* Proposal Development (PD) module, which uses web-based technology to manage the proposal, award, and compliance requirements throughout the lifecycle of the sponsored project. Upon completion and evaluation of the pilot, PD will be rolled out to additional departments in a phased approach, anticipated to begin this September.

Stay Tuned

The Research Enterprise team is in the process of completing the schedule for testing, training, and deploying *InfoEd's* Proposal Tracking (PT) module to departments. The conflict of interest (COI) module will be available in May to faculty in order to submit their external interest disclosure.

Further details and timeframes for pilot and phased deployment will be forthcoming. In the meantime, if you have further questions please email YaleNext Research Enterprise at:

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