

Significant Changes to the PRF

As of 8/28/09

- Re-formatted PDF version of the PRF to be shorter & easier to read/review
- Added x.500 lookups for PIs and Investigators to auto-populate names, phone and email, departments, and job titles (with option to override defaults for those cases where special contact info is needed)
- Added EMPLID for PIs and investigators
- Added F&A rate and base
- Changed "Unpaid Effort" to "Cost-shared Effort" and improved display of total effort
- Added option to provide cost-sharing or matching chart-strings (optional) at time of proposal to expedite award setup, or alternative option to wait until award
- Added departmental directions to SPA for award setup
- Added ability to update certain fields during routing (including Dept IDs) and for SPA staff to update PRF –with all changes (who, when) recorded in history
- Expanded information on F&A waivers or reductions, including facilitating use of the PRF for small project waiver descriptions
- Enhanced ICR sharing options to allow for voluntary ICR sharing among units and to (optional) record percentage splits among sharing units to expedite award setup
- Added Notes/Comments that print on the PDF version of the PRF
- Added automatic inclusion of PI(s) as signatories on the PRF with their role listed.
- Added Lookups for PRF signers and ability to record their role for this PRF (e.g., investigator, unit head, research associate dean, dept representative)
- Added ability to quickly view who had already e-signed the PRF and who still needed to sign (based on review list established as routing begins)
- Added the time the proposal is due to the agency (e.g, 2 p.m. EST) (Optional)
- Changed submission mechanisms to include Grants.Gov (versus other electronic)
- Changed submission mechanisms to make it easier to copy and paste a sponsor's address and to provide submission instructions to SPA
- Clarified wording on number of proposal copies needed
- Expanded options for why the PRF is being submitted to include Administrative Changes
- Expanded options for proposal purpose (new options include equipment only, master agreement, student support only)
- Added additional clinical trial information to specify whether the trial is sponsor-initiated or PI initiated, and if the latter, whether the PI is the Sponsor-Investigator
- Added ability to note whether an investigator is key personnel/subject to REPA
- Expanded reference information for non-new PRFs to include agency assigned award numbers, EFS award and primary project numbers
- Refined Invention questions
- Expanded ability to record other units involved in the project
- Added questions about international work on the project
- Updated Fairview references to include TASCs request number
- Enhancing Help Text that is used for preparation of on-line PRF (September/October 2009)
- Improving email notifications used during PRF routing (September/October 2009)
- Enhancing interface to port data to EFS
- Creating updated PRF training class
- Clarified wording and made on-line version consistent with PDF version of PRF