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We would like to congratulate
the CSU Stanislaus 2013-14
Sponsored Program PI

Stars

for a successful and
productive fiscal year!

Government of the people, by the
people, for the people, shall not perish
from the Earth.

Abraham Lincoln

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Policy Series

In the third of our four-part series on OMB Uniform Guidance definitions for the cost principles of **Allowability, Allocability, Consistency, and Reasonableness** related to Grant expenses, we would like to further our discussion in July by focusing on the principle of **Consistency**.

Consistency

Is the expense consistent with past practice or similar programs?

“All for one and one for all, treated the same,” could be the slogan of the consistency principle. The beauty of consistency is the seeming simplicity of the concept. In reality, adhering to the same cost treatment and uniting similar expenses can sometimes be a little tricky. It is the homogenization of costs across an evolving history and diverse stratum of unique projects, which requires reigning in individual expenses so that they are appropriately grouped and categorized.

The OMB sites the following, “An educational institution’s practices used in estimating costs in pricing a proposal shall be consistent with the educational institution’s cost accounting practices used in accumulating and reporting costs.” Additionally, it states that, “An educational institution’s cost accounting practices used in accumulating and reporting actual costs for a sponsored agreement shall be consistent with the educational institution’s practices used in estimating costs in pricing the related proposal or application.”

In other words, do the actions taken with respect to the incurrence of the cost provide a cohesive, congruous picture that mirrors the University’s policies and practices and likewise provide the same cohesiveness across

Consistency Cont...

diverse projects.

Ideally, a widget is a widget is a widget! With **consistent** and prudent cost applications, the widget will look the same and act the same no matter what the individual project circumstances may be. All for one, and one for all indeed!

Programmatic Reporting Flow

Information Flow

The importance of adhering to timely reporting deadlines facilitates several key advantages for the University;

- ◆ It enhances the reliability of the University's overall Sponsored Programs ebb and flow. Projects that report timely don't become a bottleneck to the flow of other project timelines and deliverables.
- ◆ It **promotes a positive reputation** with sponsor agencies that can result in **additional funding and future awards**.

Conflict of Interest Forms

The completion of Conflict of Interest Forms is required:

- ◆ At the start of the project and **BEFORE** spending can commence.
- ◆ **ANNUALLY**
- ◆ 90 days after the close of the project.



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