

CLEAR Meeting

August 9, 2022

Hosted by Sponsored Research

Today's Agenda

- SR Announcements
- Federal Sponsor Updates
- CERES
 - Basic Concepts & Navigation
 - Demo

Announcements from Sponsored Research

Sponsored Research Staffing

- Proposal & Award Acceptance
 - Sponsored Research Officer
- Subcontracts Management
 - Sponsored Research Officer
 - Assistant Sponsored Research Officer (multiple)
- Awards Management
 - Awards Management Associate (multiple)



Change Request Processing

- SR is deprioritizing Change Requests (CRs) August 1 - 31, 2022, except for those related to incoming awards
- If you have a time-sensitive CR (i.e., a CR related to a sponsor deadline that falls during August) use the [CR Prioritization Request Form](#) to submit a request for prioritized review.
- Reminder: Check CR status in InfoEd at any time
 - Use the [How to Check Status in InfoEd](#) job aid for assistance.
- Read more
 - [CR Processing at FY End](#)
 - [CR Prioritization Request Process](#)

FY End Award Set-up Reminders

- Get back to SR as quickly as possible on awards that are awaiting department action.
- If your budget includes subawards, include the specific entity name(s), detail(s), and amount(s) for each.
- Refrain from sending status check emails. If InfoEd shows a system status of awarded, know that it is in our queue and we will get it set up as soon as we can.
- Awards are processed in the order they were received.

Federal Sponsor Updates

Extended Grants.gov Downtime

- Grants.gov planned production system outage to migrate services to the Cloud:
 - Friday, September 23 - Thursday, September 29
- NIH has announced their impacted deadlines:
 - NIH and AHRQ deadlines that fall between September 22 - 30 will move to October 3.
 - Full details: NIH Notice [NOT-OD-22-190](#) “Adjustments to NIH and AHRQ Grant Application Due Dates Between September 22 and September 30, 2022”
- Agencies other than NIH will have their own policies and procedures for the Grants.gov downtime; SR will send updates as they are announced.

Downtime Functional Impacts-InfoEd

- InfoEd users will still be able to create, develop, and review applications in Proposal Development.
 - They just cannot be submitted during the Grants.gov downtime.
- NIH pre-submission validation and image building will continue to function from InfoEd.
- Users will NOT be able to submit (or resubmit).
 - Clicking the “Submit to Grants.gov” button during this period will result in failure. Submissions will not be queued for later processing.

Upcoming NIH Due Dates

Due Date	Description
September 25* <i>*moved to Oct. 3</i>	All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Project Grants and Center Grants (P-series)• Research Demonstration Edu. Projects (R18, U18, R25)• <i>Institutional</i> National Research Service Awards (T-Series)• Multiple other activity codes (C, D, G, S, U)
October 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• R01 (new)• U01 (new)
October 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Career Development (new) K-series
October 16 <i>(Sunday)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements (new) R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, R36, U34, UH2, UH3, UH2/UH3

Other NIH Items of Note

- FORMS-H coming for January 2023 deadlines (NIH Notice [NOT-OD-22-195](#))
- NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy
 - Implementation details released on August 5th ([NOT-OD-22-189](#))
 - Several upcoming DMS Policy-related webinars:
 - August 11: [NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy Webinar Series Part 1: Understanding the New NIH Data Management and Sharing \(DMS\) Policy](#) ([Register now](#))
 - August 23: Northwestern Sponsored Research SPA Series: [Data Management Sharing Plans](#) with staff from Northwestern Libraries and Research Computing ([Register now](#))
 - September 22: NIH DMS Webinar Series Part 2: Diving Deeper into the New NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy ([Register now](#))

CERES Basic Concepts & Navigation

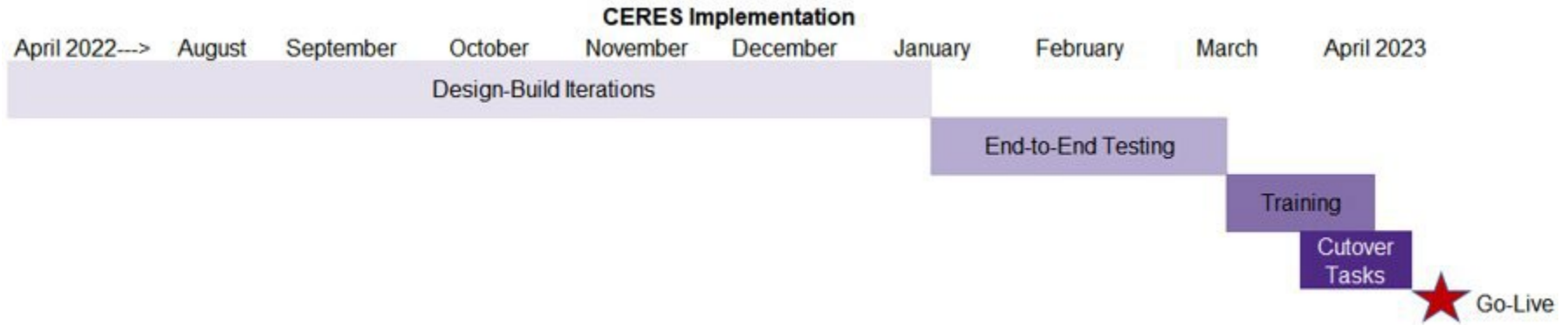
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System Introduction

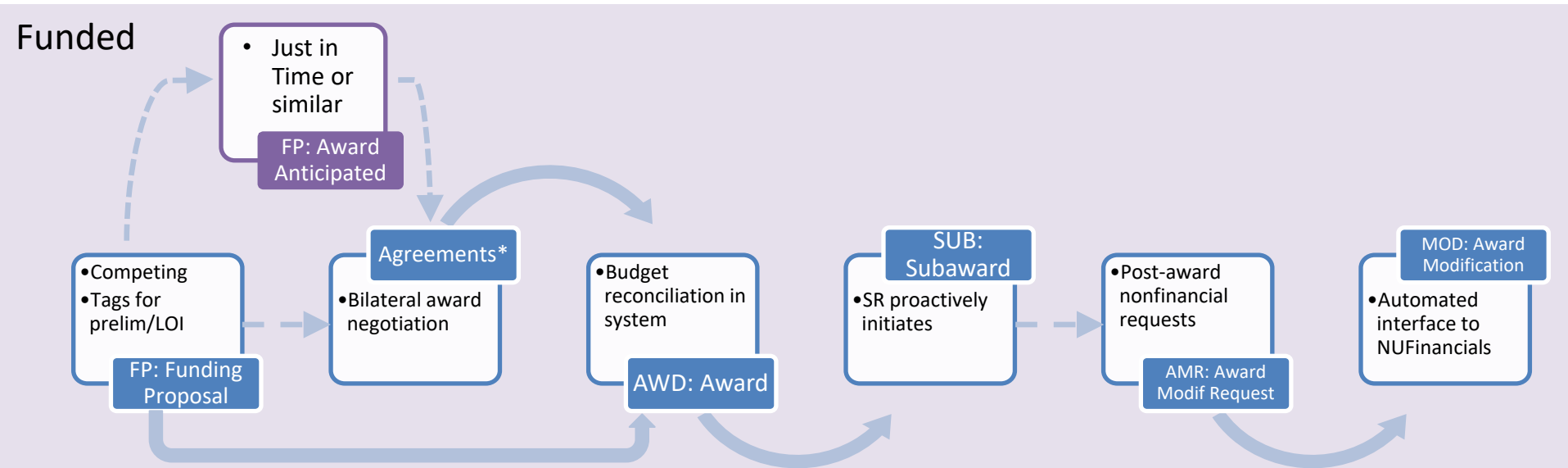
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- ❖ Working in CERES Demo

Basic Concepts & Navigation

Program Timeline



CERES Across the Lifecycle



Basic Concepts & Navigation – Structure & Status



Northwestern | CERES
CENTRAL ELECTRONIC
RESEARCH SYSTEM

SINGLE ID

Currently, Proposals and Awards are tracked as one item with one identified, known as the SP Number.

MULTIPLE IDs

Proposals, awards, and agreements are distinct elements within CERES, each with a separate unique identifier, tied together and easy to navigate between on related records.

STATUS DIFFICULT TO FIND

The process of viewing workflow status requires users to navigate to multiple screens depending on context.

VISUAL WORKFLOW

Insight into workflow progress will be easily visible in CERES, bringing transparency to processes. The drill downs work similarly from screen to screen.

Basic Concepts & Navigation – Sample Workflow

Funding Proposals



Working in CERES Demonstration



Demonstration Topics

Navigating
Dashboards

Module Basics

Finding a
proposal,
seeing a
workflow status

Navigating from
the proposal to
an award and to
an agreement

What Is Next



What to Expect

1 New CERES Core Concepts Meeting Series Beginning in September

2 Defining the journey to get stakeholders ready for go-live; details will be shared next month.

3 We are beginning some targeted workgroups to ensure processes & handoffs are clear and work for both Campus & Sponsored Research



Questions?

Join us for the
next CLEAR Meeting:

Tuesday, October 11, 10:00am