

General Recommendations:

Forms:

1. Develop a common set of forms for all agency submissions. All agencies would not need to require the same forms with each submission, but all required forms would be consistent. In other words, a bio sketch submitted with an NSF proposal would look the same as a bio sketch submitted for an NIH proposal. The budget form for all agencies would be consistent.
2. Accept the Community of Science (COS) or equivalent profile for bio sketches; COS format should meet specified guidelines.
3. Emphasize user-friendliness in forms.

Grant Announcements:

1. Develop consistent/reasonable timelines for notification/submission of grant proposals across agencies. A 90-day period would be preferable.
2. Develop a consistent method for publicizing grant opportunities across and among agencies.

Electronic Submission/Management:

1. Use the National Science Foundation submission process as a model. It works!
2. Use the electronic process for review/tracking/post-award administration of grants.
3. Develop a way for PIs to check current status of proposals electronically.

Human Subjects:

1. Office for Human Research Protection: The Office of Human Research Protection should come to consensus on regulations regarding human subjects protection and retain those regulations for at least one year before revision.

Response Time:

1. Achieve a goal of making decisions on grant awards within 6 months of submission across federal agencies.