

REEport Update – June 9, 2011

Q: Why can't I seem to hear this webconference when I start it?

A: Bart inadvertently hit the record button 9 minutes and 30 seconds too early. You will need to fast forward to the 9 minute and 30 seconds mark. Then the presentation begins from there.

Q: Given REEport is scheduled to be implemented April 1, 2012; is it correct that there will be NO changes to the POW for this next reporting cycle, i.e. for Annual Report 2011 and the POW 2013-2017?

A: No. There will indeed be changes coming to the Plan of Work and Annual Report which are not related to the use of REEport. These changes are based on NIFA agreed to recommendations made by the Plan of Work Expert Panel assembled last year as a result of the 2008 Farm Bill requirements.

Q: For the new AD-419 (Financial Report): Will non-formula grants be reported under "Other Federal Grants"?

A: No. NIFA non-formula grants do not get reported anywhere on the new Financial Report (Old AD-419). The new Financial Report (as well as the current AD-419 still in existence) does not include non-formula grant reporting. Only the Hatch, Hatch Multistate, Evans-Allen, McIntire-Stennis, and Animal Health 1433 Grants are reported on this form. We will also still accept State projects financial reports for which there are projects in CRIS (and the new REEport) for the purposes of calculating the Animal Health capacity for the Animal Health formula.

Q: When will we get feedback about whether our 2012 POW and 2009 report have been accepted or need revision?

A: When the National Program Leader (NPL) who is reviewing your POW and Annual Report has determined it is acceptable or needs revision. We ask that the NPL complete the review within 60 days of submission.

Q: If the only change in POW we need to do is reword from Nutrition and Childhood Obesity to Childhood Obesity and Nutrition do we have to go through the entire approval process again?

A: Unfortunately, yes. The only way the Plan of Work can be resubmitted back to NIFA is by the Directors of record logging in and completing the submission process. That is their signature on the document.

Q: Can you expand on the REEport linkage to POW change that Hatch project information including KAs will be brought into the POW software?

A: In the future, the Plan of Work system will be linked to REEport so you can go into REEport and indicated within each Hatch and Evans-Allen project which Planned Program(s) it belongs. Then when the Financial Report is completed before February 1 of year, the Annual Report will grab the financial data and the FTE data to pre-populate your Annual Report with that data so they match.

Q: You indicated that site administrators and project directors would have access to REEPort. In our institution, departmental administrators frequently monitor departmental faculty compliance with their project initiation and reporting requirements in the current CRIS system. Can REEPort also provide appropriate access to departmental administrators to review their faculty's submissions (both project initiation forms and annual project reports) without full site administrator privileges?

A: Yes. The site administrator will be able to set the roles of each user to either be editors or read-only folks.

Q: Any idea when the new REEport sandbox will be up before it rolls out next April?

A: We anticipate you will be able to go into a test system by Autumn.

Q: Will there still be separate site administrators for research, extension, vet and/or forestry, depending on institutional structure?

A: Yes.