

REEPORT

Q: At the Wisconsin AES, we have a number of CRIS projects established as "state" projects. These projects are established to track and report on all non-formula grant, AFRI, Special, Other, SERD, etc. research activity for our AD-419 report. The notice we received indicated "REEport will eliminate the need to submit AD-419 data for non-formula grants (AD-419 data will still be required for formula grant projects)." Will this be effective with the FY10 report due by February 1, 2011? Also, since State AES's will no longer be required to report this information in the AD-419 report, would it be acceptable for us to terminate all non-formula grant, AFRI, Special, Other, SERD, etc. projects (all "state" projects) effective 9/30/10?

A: The 2009 FY AD-419 report data for the non-formula grants, which was due by February 1, 2010, is the final AD-419 for the non-formula grants. It will be eliminated for all non-formula grants beginning 2010. Thus, there will be no AD-419 due on non-formula grants for the FY2010 report due by February 1, 2011. The AD-419 will still be due, however, for FY2010 for the formula grants (Hatch, Evans-Allen, Animal Health, and McIntire-Stennis) by February 1, 2011. "State" project reporting is not required, so you may terminate all such projects. NIFA does not require submission of "state" projects in CRIS or REEport. Also, NIFA needs just the SF-424 to determine where the matching dollars are going to come from so we can determine whether the matching dollars are coming from "allowable" activities/costs. NIFA does not need a follow-up progress report on the matching activities; and thus, we don't require them to report to CRIS or in REEport for this purpose.

Q: Will REEPORT allow multiple site administrators per State, i.e. research, extension, vet, or forestry school, as is currently done in CRIS?

A: Yes, all CRIS sites will be transitioned into REEport.

Q: What is the status of aligning knowledge area codes with the 5 national priority areas and AFRI's Foundational Program? Alignment of KA codes with the proposed NIFA institutes?

A: NIFA is still working on this issue. The classification system more readily supports Food Safety, Childhood Obesity (as nutrition), and Global Food Security. Bioenergy and Climate Change are crosscutting issues and will involve manual review of projects.

Q: The AFRI RFAs provide insight into NIFA's definitions, outcomes, etc. of the 5 priority areas. Should states use these definitions for future formula plans and reports?

A: The AFRI RFAs show *some* of what is relevant to the 5 priority areas. The authoritative definitions were published in the most recent POW newsletter (<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/reporting/planrept/pdf/POWNewsletterVol5No1.pdf>).

Q: Will annual deadlines for submission of expenditures/progress-termination reports on formula funds remain the same?

A: This has not yet been determined. With the goal of linking projects to the AREERA Annual Report, a timing issue may be involved.

Q: How does this affect the site administrators?

A: The site administrators will be required to set up and manage users at their institution. We plan present on user set up and management at a special reporting web conference in about 6 weeks time. Other site administrator responsibilities depend on how an institution wants to manage their reporting. The system will contain separate roles for preparing and submitting reports and institution's need to decide who has which capability.

Q: Will CRIS load to REEport, or does the site admin have to enter all the PI's info by hand

A: NIFA is reviewing the ability to load project director data from the Vermont-hosted system. It is expected that at least some manual setup and data entry will be required.

Q: When will we need to start entering this PD info for non-formula funds?

A: NIFA does not have a definitive date for when the user management software will be available for use but hopes it will be by mid-summer, several months ahead of the first REEport implementation date of October 1 for new non-formula grants.

Q: Is there going to be some type of training on this? Hands on type training?

A: Yes, but plans have not been developed yet.

Q: How much will REEport be covered in the upcoming Admin Conference?

A: Bart Hewitt will focus on REEport in the Administrative Office Conference Session 12 entitled "REEport and Reporting Update" at 2:45 – 4:00 pm on Monday, May 17.