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SUBJECT: Impact of Federal Government Shutdown on Sponsored Funding

With the November 18, 2023 continuing resolution date fast approaching, the Office of Research and Economic Development is sending out a reminder about the impact of a potential federal government shutdown. If a continuing resolution or federal appropriations bills are not passed by the November 18th deadline, the federal government will shut down for an unspecified period beginning November 19, 2023. The information below was provided in a campus-wide memo on September 27, 2023 and is being shared again as we approach the current continuing resolution deadline.

If the federal government shutdown occurs, the Office of Research and Economic Development anticipates receiving operation plans from each agency. While awaiting those plans, we created frequently asked questions that you may find helpful. This is general guidance. Once agencies release their specific guidance this information will be updated and shared. Any guidance provided for a specific project will be shared as quickly as possible with the project Principal Investigator and Departmental Grant Administrator or equivalent. You can anticipate the following potential impacts:

- Federal contracts and some cooperative agreements will receive a stop-work order unless the work is deemed essential or critical by the funding agency.
- Joint appointments and Intergovernmental Acts (IPAs) will most likely receive a stop-work order and federal employees will not work during this period unless they are essential personnel.
- Access to federal laboratory spaces will be restricted or closed.
- Most grants and cooperative agreements will be able to continue with minimal disruption.
- Proposal submissions may be restricted or halted and proposal review panels will be delayed.
- Agency systems and personnel may be inaccessible.

It is imperative that only necessary operational expenditures be incurred during the government shutdown period. With agencies closed and federal payment systems inaccessible, we will not be reimbursed by sponsors during the shutdown and thus must be prudent to ensure we can continue operations for the duration of the shutdown. ORED will continue to monitor the federal funding situation and will keep you informed of new developments.

Please let us know if you have any questions or specific concerns not addressed in this reminder.

Thank you,

Sarah S. Martonick