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SUBJECT: Impact of Federal Government Shutdown on Sponsored Funding

As many of you are aware, a government shutdown is becoming more likely. A shutdown could be averted if a continuing resolution or federal appropriations bills are passed by the fiscal year deadline of Saturday, Sept. 30. If this does not occur, the federal government will shut down effective Sunday, Oct. 1, for an unspecified period. Those who receive federal funding should plan for the potential of a stop-work order, a reduction of expenditures, and delays in proposal submissions, reviews and prior approval processing.

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.

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