CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT & OTHER SUPPORT

WHAT ARE WE REPORTING, AND WHY?

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"CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT" VERSUS "OTHER SUPPORT"

- "Other Support" is specific to NIH and entails the submission of information regarding research funding that is either active or pending review or award of research funding
 - Submitted for all key personnel
 - Submitted once NIH has reviewed a proposal and initiates the JIT (Just in Time Process)
- "Current and Pending Support" is a term generally used by NSF and other federal sponsors to request the submission of information for key personnel's active and pending review or award research funding.
 - Submitted at the time of proposal. The most commonly used format is the one requested by NSF.

NIH "OTHER SUPPORT"

- •Other Support includes all financial resources, whether Federal, non-Federal, commercial or institutional, available in direct support of an individual's research endeavors, including but not limited to research grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and/or institutional awards. Training awards, prizes, or gifts do not need to be included.
- •Information on Other Support is also required in the progress report for all senior/key personnel, excluding consultants, when there has been a change in active other support.

NIH JUST-IN-TIME PROCEDURES: OTHER SUPPORT

IC scientific program and grants management staff will review this information before award to ensure the following:

- Sufficient levels of effort are committed to the project.
- There is no scientific, budgetary, or commitment overlap.
 - •Scientific overlap occurs when (1) substantially the same research is proposed in more than one application or is submitted to two or more funding sources for review and funding consideration or (2) a specific research objective and the research design for accomplishing the objective are the same or closely related in two or more applications or awards, regardless of the funding source.

NIH JUST-IN-TIME PROCEDURES: OTHER SUPPORT (CONT'D)

- Budgetary overlap occurs when duplicate or equivalent budgetary items (e.g., equipment, salaries) are requested in an application but already are provided by another source.
- •Commitment overlap occurs when an individual's time commitment exceeds 100 percent (i.e., 12 person months), whether or not salary support is requested in the application.
- Overlap, whether scientific, budgetary, or commitment of an individual's effort greater than 100 percent, is not permitted.
 Any overlap will be resolved by the IC with the applicant and the PD/PI at the time of award.
- •Only funds necessary to the approved project are included in the award.

NSF CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT

• This section of the proposal calls for required information on all current and pending support for ongoing projects and proposals, including this project, and any subsequent funding in the case of continuing grants. All current project support from whatever source (e.g., Federal, State, local or foreign government agencies, public or private foundations, industrial or other commercial organizations, or internal funds allocated toward specific projects) must be listed. The proposed project and all other projects or activities requiring a portion of time of the PI and other senior personnel must be included, even if they receive no salary support from the project(s).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- •As "Other Support" is about managing overlap (scientific, budgetary, etc.) and is to include "all financial resources, whether Federal, non-Federal... available in direct support of an individual's research endeavors...", this implies that we include information related to VA and other affiliated organizations?
- Do you include the other appointment in your other support?
- What about VA?
- If yes, what level of detail do you provide?
 - Simple notation that states that the individual also has another appointment?
 - Notation that individual has an appointment of 4/8ths (for example)
 - Details of the research that the faculty member does at the other institution
 - Something else?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- •What does your institution do to review, monitor, or assess the accuracy of Current and Pending Support/Other support (CPS/OS)? Do you have instructions or procedures to guide faculty and staff?
- •For a PI with a full-time appointment at your institution and who also engages in research at another institution(s),
 - •Does the CPS/OS include <u>all</u> of the PIs commitments at her/his various institutions?
 - •How does the PI avoid reporting more than 100 percent (i.e., 12 person months)?
- •Do PI/Key Persons include "outside professional activities" (consulting) in the CPS/OS?