Office of Naval Research Update

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ONR Update

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Closeouts

DoD Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs) Working Group has Closeout subworking group.

- Recently drafted assistance closeout checklist being proposed as a DoD-wide standard
- Do awardees feel they should have notice of closed awards or is no news, good news?
- Upcoming projects
 - Drafting T&C where parties could mutually agree to waive right to low-dollar residual amounts (e.g., refunds or payments) during closeout, similar to DFARS Case 2017-D042 (not yet out for public comment).
 - Unilateral Closeout



Refunds

- Reminder that all new domestic ONR awards made starting in FY2020 will include provision that require use of pay.gov for any refunds.
- Clarification on Refunds from Applicable Credits
 - If refund arises from a direct cost under an award, those refunds (including any applicable F&A) must be sent to the Administrative Grants Officer (AGO) for applicable award not ONR's Indirect Cost Branch.
 - If refund arises from purchases made under indirect cost pools of:
 - Predetermined rate, these in the future should be handled in the Indirect Rate Proposal, vice as refund sent to the Gov't.
 - Fixed rate, these should be handled in carry forward process DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A. Approved for public release



Payments

- Updating ONR's Payment SOP will enhance standardization and incorporate cash on hand instructions among other things.
- Still working on waiver to DoDGARs so every payment request for grants/agreements doesn't need to be reviewed by an AGO. The outcome of any risk reduction concepts necessary to implement waiver will inform revisions to ONR's Payment SOP.
- ONR understands Navy utilization of ASAP for grant payments still possible in later phase of Navy's Treasury Direct Disbursing (TDD) implementation.





- Property Transfer SOP will be implemented soon for purposes of:
 - Complying with DFARS requirement to use Government Furnished Property (GFP) module of DoD's Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE)
 - Ensuring government-owned property resulting for ONR funding can be accounted for in Navy's Accountable Property System of Record (APSR).
- Awardees may be required to fill out GFP attachment wrt Contractor Acquired Property (CAP) for which gov't retains title. ONR plans to upload attachments in GFP module. However, contractor access to GFP Module will be necessary when future capabilities added. DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A. Approved for public release



Personnel Changes

- Changes in our Indirect Cost Branch
 - Brian Bradley is the new Director of the Indirect Cost Branch. His email is robert.bradley2@navy.mil.
 - Previously served as a Branch Head in ONR's pre-award Division.
 - Beth Snyder will continue as a Senior
 Negotiator in the Indirect Cost Branch.





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