



Tuesday, October 11th

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:00 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Office of Naval Research (ONR) Update

Presenter: Wade Wargo, Director, University Business Affairs

Level: Update

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Advanced Preparation: None Required

Description: Wade Wargo will provide an ONR Update.

Prerequisites: Participants should be familiar with the Office of Naval Research (ONR) as a funding entity.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will receive updates on ONR/DoD grant and contract policies
- This includes learning about revised ONR closeout guidance and processes and efforts to standardize the delegation of post-award functions
- Participants will learn about ONR personnel updates and remote work status

1:35 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG) Update

Presenters: Nicholas J. Halko, Assistant Regional Inspector General, HHS-OIG-OAS; Steven DeGroff, Senior Auditor, HHS-OIG-OAS; and Caren Robert, Senior Auditor, HHS-OIG-OAS.

Level: Update

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Advanced Preparation: None Required

Description: Want to know what is happening in the coming year with the DHHS and OIG activities? Want to hear about some recent audit outcomes, hot topics, and concerns from the OIG community? Join this session for answers to these questions.

Prerequisites: Participants should be aware of the OIG's mission and high level/current topics related to extramural federal funding.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will learn of recent audit findings and areas of concern
- Participants will learn of the OIG's current and upcoming Work Plan topics
- Participants will learn of the OIG's recent false claims and fraud actions

2:25 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Break



2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

NSF Audit and Audit Resolution

Presenter: Rochelle Ray, Branch Chief, NSF Resolution and Advanced Monitoring

Level: NSF Oversight and Audit Resolution Updates

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Advanced Preparation: None Required

Description: The Resolution and Advanced Monitoring (RAM) Branch at the National Science Foundation (NSF) is responsible for carrying out various post oversight and monitoring activities, including audit resolution. RAM will engage attendees on oversight and audit resolution activities and share insights on cost allowability, stewardship, and other relevant NSF matters.

Prerequisites: None

Learning Objectives:

- Updates on oversight and audit resolution
- Insight on prevalent audit findings
- Address questions on NSF matters

3:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

HHS Cost Allocation Services (CAS) Update

Presenter: Mike Leonard, College and University National Specialist/Branch Chief, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Level: Update

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Advanced Preparation: None Required

Description: CAS representatives will provide an update from DHHS Cost Allocation Services (CAS). Important information will be shared regarding indirect cost (F&A) and fringe benefit cost rate reviews, that could better prepare you for your next F&A and fringe benefit proposal submission.

Prerequisites: Participants should have a firm foundation with indirect costing/allocation practices.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will receive updates on the activities of DHHS Cost Allocation Services (CAS)
- Participants will gain knowledge about current issues impacting indirect cost (F&A) and fringe benefit rate proposals and negotiations

4:30 p.m.

Day One Adjourned



Wednesday, October 12th:

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

12:45 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

NSF OIG Update

Presenters: Ken Lish, Director Contract Grant Audits, **Brittany Moon**, Data Analytics Project Manager

Level: Update

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Advanced Preparation: None Required

Description: The National Science Foundation's Office of Inspector General's Office of Audit will discuss the federal audit environment, the role of the NSF OIG, the audit work plan, evolving audit approaches, the recently issued report on Promising Practices for NSF Award Management, common findings, and whistleblower information.

Prerequisites: Participants should be familiar with the auditing process and compliance requirements at their institutions.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will have a better understanding of the role of the OIG
- Participants will have a better understanding of the work the OIG conducts
- Participants will have a better understanding of how the OIG conducts its work
- Participants will have a better understanding of whistleblower protections
- Participants will have a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the auditor
- Participants will gain an awareness of common audit findings

1:35 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) Update

Presenter: David Kennedy, Vice President and Director, Costing and Financial Compliance

Level: Intermediate

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Advanced Preparation: None Required

Description: COGR is an association of leading research universities, affiliated medical centers, and independent research institutes. As a recognized national expert, COGR is focused on the financial and regulatory infrastructure and the corresponding compliance requirements associated with managing federal research grants and contracts. COGR communicates the viewpoint and concerns of its members and fosters productive relationships between the research community and federal policymakers, advocating for innovation and change that avoid unnecessary regulatory burden. This session will include a summary of current COGR initiatives, with a focus on Costing, followed by questions and open discussion.

Prerequisites: N/A - Overview

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will have a better understanding of COGR's mission
- Participants will discuss and develop a better understanding of COGR's current activities and priorities and its strategies for addressing potential problematic Federal requirements, particularly those related to costing and cost reimbursement

2:25 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Break



2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Federal Panel Q&A Session

Moderator: **Steven Gill**, Assistant Vice President for Costing, Analysis and Policy, Office of the Vice President for Finance and Treasurer, Princeton University

Panelists: **Brian Bradley**, ONR; **Nicholas Halko**, **Steven DeGroff** and **Caren Robert**, HHS OIG;

Mike Leonard, **Mike Stanco** and **Ryan McCarthy**, HHS CAS; **Ken Lish**, NSF OIG; **Rochelle Ray**, NSF RAM

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Advanced Preparation: None Required

Description: This is your chance to have your questions answered! A panel of representatives from the federal government will respond to questions submitted by attendees.

Prerequisites: Participants should have a firm background in costing practices and an awareness of current events impacting federally funded sponsored programs.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will directly interact with federal agency representatives on indirect and direct costing practices
- Participants will gain deep insights to federal costing and regulatory positions
- Participants will obtain direct responses and information to their questions to better clarify stewardship responsibilities

4:30 p.m.

Conference Adjourned

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