Dear Colleagues,

As you know, for the past eight years, the University has used the Coeus system for proposal submission and pre-award administration. Coeus was developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and was one of the first systems in the nation to provide an electronic solution for proposal development and logging and tracking submitted proposals.

Unfortunately, the long-term viability of the Coeus system is weakening. MIT announced it would stop supporting Coeus when the Kuali Foundation acquired Coeus. The current software was folded into Kuali’s existing product suite and rebranded as “Kuali Coeus”. Unfortunately, moving to the new “Kuali COEUS” would involve more than a mere upgrade. It would require a major (re)implementation.

The campuses that participate in the SUNY COEUS Consortium (Stony Brook, Binghamton, Buffalo, Albany, Research Foundation Central Office) agreed that the time was right to explore/determine if another system would be better suited to our business requirements, that would be able to integrate pre-award and compliance (IRB, IACUC, IBC, FCOI, Export Controls) and post-award (RF Financial System -- Oracle.)

The Research Foundation (RF) Central Office has committed to paying for the implementation of a new Pre-Award and Compliance System (PACS) across SUNY. The PACS project will be vetted in compliance with the standard RF procurement process for software and implementation services. Although a campus-driven project, the RF’s central office expects to play a critical role in this implementation with the goal of creating an enterprise-wide shared system to drive down the overall cost, in addition to its vested interest in standardizing data and financial reporting. It is estimated that the project will take about two years to complete with an investment of approximately $6.205M. It will be cross-functional and supported by all campuses.

The solicitation of potential vendors (Request for Proposals or RFP) was posted on the RF’s public website on Friday, December 5th, 2014.

The two (2) top vendors selected will be asked to present demonstrations to faculty and staff across SUNY. The demonstrations will be provided via WebEx on the following dates:

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For your convenience, our campus is arranging for viewing of the demonstrations at a location on each of the campuses: main campus, downtown campus, and east campus. Details of locations will be forthcoming.

I strongly encourage and welcome faculty, staff, and student researchers to attend these demos and to provide your feedback and comments.

Please refer to the Sponsored Programs website for additional information and updates. If you have any questions or concerns please send an email to research@albany.edu.

Best,

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