SOM RAM

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

WRONG: THE HAPPINESS OF THE UPCOMING YEAR HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

We can do this!
CURRENT Topics

- SOM Budget Template

- Will be distributed for use on Cycle I NIH deadlines
- Will be **required** for all budget/proposal/transactions as of March 1
  - Any budgets/transactions already in preparation will be accepted on old/other forms through February 28
- Discussion/feedback?
CURRENT Topics con’t

- CTA negotiations – review of “on hold” actions/negotiations >180 days old
  - For discussion – SOM proposes to review actions listed as “on hold” for >180 days for viability. If these transactions have no reasonable path forward, can they be cleared from the system to free up negotiator bandwidth and avoid skewed data/metrics?

- Changes coming to NIH Biosketch and Other Support
  - Presentation from FRAC
  - Expected implementation in the Spring – prepare for Cycle II deadlines

- NIH to require use of two-factor-authentication via login.gov to access Commons beginning in September 2021
  - Phased implementation will require reviewers to use new functionality as early as February 1

- AHRQ has announced adoption of the new Executive Level II salary cap of $199,300 as of January 3
  - As a fellow agency of DHHS, NIH’s announcement should soon follow
    - Please utilize new cap for upcoming submissions
REMINDERS & Updates

- NIH operates under a continuing resolution
  - Most non-competing awards made with a 10% cut
    - Awards may be restored once the Federal budget is passed
    - Please check your NOAs and adjust budget allocations as necessary, including to subcontractors

- Deadline policy reminders (yes, again)
  - Please remember that all transactions are subject to the deadline policy, including RPPRs/non-competing progress reports
  - We can only guarantee submission by the sponsor’s deadline if the transaction is submitted to SOMOGC five business days in advance (don’t forget holidays!)
  - Exception approval is not required for RPPRs and other non-competing transactions, but items received with less than a five-day lead will go into the queue in the order received and will be reviewed accordingly

- Visit the SOM Research Administration Portal for Training and Resources (RAPTR) and send your feedback to Kayla Calvo, Steve Lichtenstein, or Lauren Armstrong
  - This is an evolving tool for orientation and training, so we want to know how we can make it work for you
  - What’s missing? What resources would be most helpful to you?