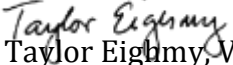


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Re: Federal Grants and Contracts Matters during Federal Government Shutdown

In the wake of the federal shutdown some additional information has been received from federal sponsors that we want to share with you.

Individual Agency Plans:

This website is updated daily, see <http://research.utk.edu/budget-outlook/> for the latest updates.

Proposal Submittals:

1. NSF: FastLane and Research.gov will be unavailable during the shutdown. Once normal operations resume, NSF will issue guidance regarding deadlines or target dates that occur during the government shutdown.
2. NIH: For the duration of the shutdown, NIH strongly encourages that proposals not be submitted. Adjustments to application submission dates that occur during the funding lapse will be announced once operations resume. eRA Commons will not be accessible during this time.
3. Grants.gov: Grants.gov will be available for proposal submission. However, proposals will be held in the queue and processed after the shutdown.

Temporary Stop Work Order: Several federal sponsors have indicated that stop work orders will be issued if continued performance of the project requires substantial involvement by federal personnel that will not be available during the federal shutdown. During the stop work order period no work or expenses, including salary, are allowed.

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