

DOE Implementation of OMB Memorandum M-20-17, entitled, “Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations” dated March 19, 2020

The purpose of this guidance is to implement flexibilities authorized by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-20-17 from specific administrative, financial management, and audit requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, without compromising accountability requirements.

Please note that, pursuant to OMB guidance, **these administrative relief flexibilities are intended to be time limited**. OMB plans to reassess their applicability within 90 days and DOE will update our guidance, as needed, at that time. Except where noted below, the following flexibilities are applicable to DOE applicants and awardees affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis. DOE COs and recipients are reminded of the requirement to maintain appropriate records a/c

COVID-19 crisis on a case by case basis. COs should determine if a shortened publication time for a FOA documentation.

4. No-cost extensions on expiring awards. (2 CFR §200.308)

Recipients must notify the CO if it is utilizing the regulatory authorities in 2 CFR 200.308(d)(2) to implement a no-cost extension to its award. The CO will then issue a modification to the award to change the expiration date. COs are authorized to provide no-cost extensions to current awards which were active as of March 31, 2020 and scheduled to expire on or before December 31, 2020. COs are also authorized to extend awards which recipients have already utilized the one-time extension provided in 2 CFR 200.308(d)(2). A determination for non-competitive federal financial assistance as required by 2 CFR 910.126 will not be required for any no-cost extensions due to the COVID-19 crisis. COs are reminded to properly document the award when making the modifications to the expiration date.

5. Abbreviated non-competitive continuation requests. (2 CFR §200.308)

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