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Update from the
Department of Energy

• DOE – favorite quote: “Everybody is going to be grumpy in 09, but, hopefully, more efficient”

• New system: Strategic Integrated Procurement Enterprise System (STRIPES) – DOE wide with a new portal called Fed Connect.

• By March 2009, will replace IIPS. Between now and March, need to access both systems, after March, must access awards, etc. via FedConnect.
After January 1, all proposal applications must be submitted via grants.gov using Adobe forms so, if you downloaded an application packet early, you may have to download the new forms prior to submission – sign up for announcements/updates on the grants.gov opportunity announcement page.

After March 09, use FedConnect for mod and approval requests, close outs and reports.
• EFFECTIVE January 1st 2009, NSF GPG Chapter II Section C.2d(i): 
“Each proposal with postdoctoral support must include, as a 
separate section within the 15-page Project Description, a 
description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for 
such individuals. Examples of mentoring activities include, but 
are not limited to: career counseling; training in preparation of 
grant proposals, publications and presentations; guidance on 
ways to improve teaching and mentoring skills; guidance on how 
to effectively collaborate with researchers from diverse 
backgrounds and disciplinary areas; and training in responsible 
professional practices. The proposed mentoring activities will be 
evaluated as part of the merit review process under the 
Foundation's broader impacts merit review criterion. Proposals 
that do not include a separate section on mentoring activities 
within the Project Description will be returned without review.”
National Science Foundation
America Competes
Post Doc Mentoring Update

• For January 2009 NSF deadlines: reviewing NSF proposals to ensure inclusion of “Post Doc Mentoring” plans as part of the broader impacts of the project plan.

• Please see handout for sample boilerplate language – this is only a tool and a starting point please change at will based on your college, school and/or departmental specifics.

• This will be posted on the RO website under proposal development tools. http://proposalhelp.wustl.edu/