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PAAMCO
Pre-Award --- Award Management --- Conflict of Interest
Project Launch Announcement

Washington University recently adopted a new set of IT Guiding Principles to better support and enable the missions of the University and also recognizing the need to replace many of its aging administrative systems. We are pleased to announce that one of the initial investments will support our research mission by replacing our in-house developed pre-award, award management and conflict of interest (PAAMCO) systems. In line with the IT Guiding Principles, we will select a vendor product as our solution to replace and enhance our current systems and processes. The Project Sponsors for this multi-year initiative are: Jennifer Lodge, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Research; Barbara Feiner, Vice Chancellor for Finance; and John Gohsman, Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer.

PAAMCO Project Goals

- **Enhance** our ability to more effectively complete our work in certain key research administration systems by purchasing a vendor product which reflects more current technology;
- **Improve** our ability to collect, store, analyze, and share data enabling us to report information about our research enterprise to improve collaboration, proposal preparation and strategic decision making; and
- **Reduce** the compliance and administrative burden of our faculty, department, school and central institutional staff.

Multi - Phase Implementation

The PAAMCO project will be implemented in two major phases:

1. Replace our Conflict of Interest disclosure system resulting in a consolidated and single point of collection for the disclosure and management of the financial interests of our faculty and staff engaged in research, clinical practice and continuing medical education.

2. Replace our Proposal Development System (PDS) electronic submission, award set-up and subaward modules, and acquire an award management tool which we don’t have today.

As each phase of the project is implemented, access to data collections already available in the data warehouse will be sustained. Any new data elements, made possible by improved data collection through the new modules, will additionally be made available in the data warehouse.
PAAMCO Website

We have just launched the new PAAMCO website (research.wustl.edu/Resources/PAAMCO) to provide detailed information and ongoing updates about this initiative. Initial information includes several key project descriptions.

- Project Scope Diagram
- Project Charter
- High Level Timeline

Faculty and Staff - Impact and Participation

The PAAMCO project will have a significant impact on the ways Washington University faculty and staff work in research administration systems. The input of these key stakeholders is critical to the project success and we have identified a number of ways in which our community can participate in the selection of the vendor, the testing of the new product, implementation, and education and training programs. The website includes descriptions of such project teams and stakeholder groups:

- PAAMCO Project Team Organizational Chart
- Team Members, Stakeholders and Advisory Groups Table
- Roles and Responsibilities of Participants

We hope that you will take an opportunity to review the new website and share your insights, concerns and questions with us. Please check back often as we will update this information frequently.

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