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NSF ACM\$ Conversion and Implementation

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MSU Participation in Pilot Program

- MSU 1 of 36 early implementers of the new ACM\$ System.
- MSU currently has about 500 active NSF accounts across approximately 380 awards.
- MSU draws funds for NSF accounts twice a month for an average of \$5.5 million per month.
- MSU was drawing funds on a lump sum basis but changed to an account-by-account basis with new ACM\$ System.

Timeline of Implementation of ACM\$

9/24/12 – First webinar for grantees interested in new ACM\$	10/26/12 – Software for ACM\$ completed	11/19/12 – Functionality testing of ACM\$ by NSF	12/3/12 – Testing of ACM\$ by early implementers (MSU)	12/26/12 – Last day to draw funds in old system for early implementers	1/30/13 – Last day to submit Final FFR to convert to ACM\$
10/25/12 – MSU included in webinar for early implementers of ACM\$	10/29/12 – Integration testing of ACM\$ by NSF	11/29/12 – Webinar for any questions regarding ACM\$ before testing begins on 12/3/12	12/14/12 – Testing complete	1/4/13 – Earliest early implementers can convert to ACM\$	6/30/13 – Full implementation of ACM\$ to all NSF grantees

MSU Conversion to ACM\$

- Used cut-off of expenses as of 12/26/12 for final draw in Research.gov and for Quarterly Report as of 12/31/12.
 - MSU's goal was to have zero cash on hand for conversion to ACM\$ System.
 - By using 12/26/12 as cut-off date, we ensured that expenses reported on Final FFR equaled revenue.
- While preparing Final FFR, we did encounter some reconciliation issues.
 - Most issues caused by old accounts that needed adjustments but were no longer active in NSF's system.

MSU Conversion to ACM\$ (cont.)

- MSU submitted Final Quarterly Report on 1/17/13, converted to ACM\$ on 1/22/13, and completed first draw in ACM\$ on 1/29/13.
- MSU had problems getting the XML upload to work in ACM\$ but have had no problems with the excel upload option.
- With ACM\$ System, Quarterly Reports no longer required.
 - However, we are basically doing the same amount of work as a quarterly report took for each individual draw.
 - ACM\$ demands more time for the draw process but also allows MSU to be more accurate and identify reconciling issues in a timely manner.