Costing Session Break-out:

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Federal Financial Reporting, Cash Requests, Electronic Systems .... and the Burden

COGR Meeting
Thursday, June 7, 2012
Washington Marriott Hotel
Washington, D.C.
Agenda for this Session

• Introduce Presenters
• Stress Points
• Wayne State, Minnesota, and Yale Case Studies
• Your Concerns, Q&A, Other Comments
Presenters

• Sue Paulson, Finance Director, Sponsored Financial Reporting – University of Minnesota

• Gail Ryan, Assistant VP, Sponsored Program Administration – Wayne State University

• Tracy Walters, Director, Grant and Contract Financial Administration – Yale University
What are some Stress Points

• Accountability & Transparency; Government-wide

• Accounting for Unobligated/Unspent funds, and highlighted in tight budget times

• Unique agency-by-agency approaches: reporting expectations, electronic systems, etc.

• Unique interpretations within the SAME agency

• Grants versus Contracts (OMB versus FAR)

• Subrecipient reporting and accountability

• IGs, Congress, OMB ... Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
Manifestation of Stress Points

- **FFATA, 2006.** Agency populated website, but unique treatment of subrecipients
- **ARRA, 2009.** “Poster-child” for accountability and transparency
- **Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2012 (DATA).** Passed House, working thru Senate – a new reporting layer?
- **Executive Order 13576, June 2011.** Building upon ARRA’s RATB, creates the GATB
- **NSF’s “preemptive” Award Cash Management Service (ACM$) roll-out in January, 2013**
Case Studies and Discussion

• How do institutions organize around Federal reporting and post-award management?

• Which agency reporting practices, expectations, and/or systems are the most problematic? The best?

• How did institutions organize around ARRA reporting and would these models be sustainable?

• What are the greatest challenges we currently are experiencing? Organizational, Technological, etc.

• How can our community quantify/demonstrate burden to Federal policymakers? In terms of cost of systems, cost of doing business, cost of compliance, etc.
What can be improved? How can COGR inform? How do we effectively advocate?