

RAOR Forum  
November 19, 2014  
Stacey Wade, OSP  
Guest Speaker:  
Darrell Arrington, ORNL

### Topic: UT-Battelle Proposal Processing

#### Questions/Comments/Concerns:

- Sometimes ORNL requests from the department estimated budgets for the following years. Sometimes, we don't know if we should enter it into PAMS first before providing the budget information to ORNL or should we route it through OSP first? What is the correct process?
  - As soon as you know the numbers, you can put it directly into PAMS.
- How are residual balances on cost type and fixed type treated?
  - If there is a cash-on-hand balance on a fixed price contract and certain parameters are met, the University keeps the balance and puts it into a department enrichment account.
  - If cost type, we do not invoice for residual balances. We only invoice for what is spent.
- Question for Darrell – It is my understanding that different TPOs at the lab, some have money, some do not. Some apply for DOE funding and dole it out. How does this work at the lab? How do we know who has money and who doesn't?
  - The TPOs will probably be a better source to let you know about the funding. Technical people may also be a good source. Students may be funded by a specific funding source and can vary from year to year.

#### Other Updates:

- UT has signed a contract to purchase a contract system called E-Visions which will replace TERA PAMS. The new system has a lot more reporting capabilities but the look and feel is just like TERA PAMS. Therefore, the learning curve will be minimal for business managers and PIs.
- E-Visions has system to system capabilities. That means the system is integrated with other platforms such as grants.gov and fastlane.
- Departments can now have access to reports.
- Aligning processes across all UT campuses
- Approximately one year before implementation

#### Questions:

- In the Research Area in TERA PAMS, will E-Visions have a better drop down list? The lists were not updated in PAMS.
  - Send Miriam a list of research areas you need that are not currently in the drop down box.
  - E-Visions is an "off-the-shelf" system so it's not as customizable but the drop down lists can cater to what we need.
- How far back will the information go for migration?
  - All the attachments in PAMS will go forward to the new system
  - We will not carry forward the AS400 data

#### Announcements:

- December 17, 2014: RAOR Holiday Party
- An hour after the December ROAR forum, we will offer TERA PAMS Interactive Training from the award side. You can sign up on our website.