

The “Expanded Authorities” Amendments

Pre-Award Costs

- v **No prior approval** is required for pre-award costs incurred up to 90 days before the budget period begins
- v Includes both new and non-competing continuation awards
- v Applicant should have some reasonable expectation that it will receive an ED grant
- v Expenditures are incurred at the applicant’s own risk
- v ED funds are not available for drawdown until the budget period begins
- v Cannot be used to pay for cost over-runs from the previous year
- v Prior approval is required for pre-award costs incurred **more than 90 days** before start of the budget period

Time Extensions

- v One-time extension of the project period for up to one year without prior approval
- v Grantee sends written notification of planned extension to assigned ED program officer no later than **10 days before end of project period**. Notice includes:
 - ⇐ Supporting reasons for extension
 - ⇐ Revised expiration date
- v Cannot be merely for the purpose of exhausting unexpended funds
- v Cannot require the need for additional Federal funds
- v Cannot change the scope or objectives of the project

Budget Transfers

- v Provisions in 34 CFR 74.25 regarding **budget transfers** apply to **all types** of grantees
- v No prior approval is required for many budget transfers
- v Check applicable **OMB Cost Principle Circulars** for specific expenditures requiring prior approval (*see attached list*)
- v Changes in EDGAR **still** requiring prior approval:
 - ⇐ Changes in project scope or objectives;
 - ⇐ Changes in a key person specified in the award document;
 - ⇐ The absence for more than 3 months or a 25% reduction in time of the approved project director (**Part 74 grantees only**);
 - ⇐ In research projects, a change in project director or principal investigator (**Part 80 grantees only**);
 - ⇐ The need for additional Federal funds;
 - ⇐ The transfer of funds allotted for training allowances to other categories;
 - ⇐ Transfer or contracting out of any work (doesn’t apply to supplies, material, equipment or general support services)

Carryover

- v Unexpended funds are carried over from one budget period to the next without prior approval
- v Program Office may require a written statement describing how unexpended funds will be used
 - ⇐ When: At the time of funding decision
 - ⇐ New funds may be reduced under certain circumstances
- v Unexpended funds may be used for **any** allowable cost that falls within the approved project scope
- v Not just for finishing uncompleted activities from the previous budget period