

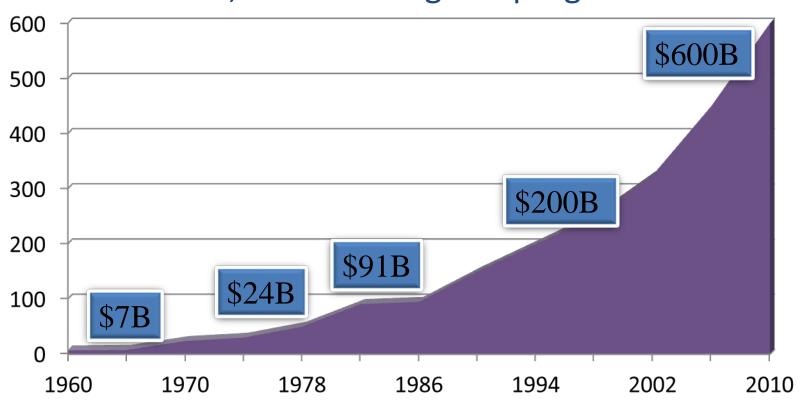


## **☐** Are You Ready for This?

# The New Uniform Grant Guidance 2 CFR 200

## Increase in Federal Grants Activity

# The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance lists over 2,000 Federal grant programs





#### The Garden of Grants

#### **Council On Financial Assistance Reform Priorities**



## **Guidance Reform History**

Nov. 2009:

Executive Order: Reduce

Improper Payments

Feb 2012:

Advance Notice of Proposed Guidance

(public comments)

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**Dec 2013**:

† April 2013 Uniform Guidance











Feb 2011:

Presidential
Memo:
Reduce
Administrative
Burden

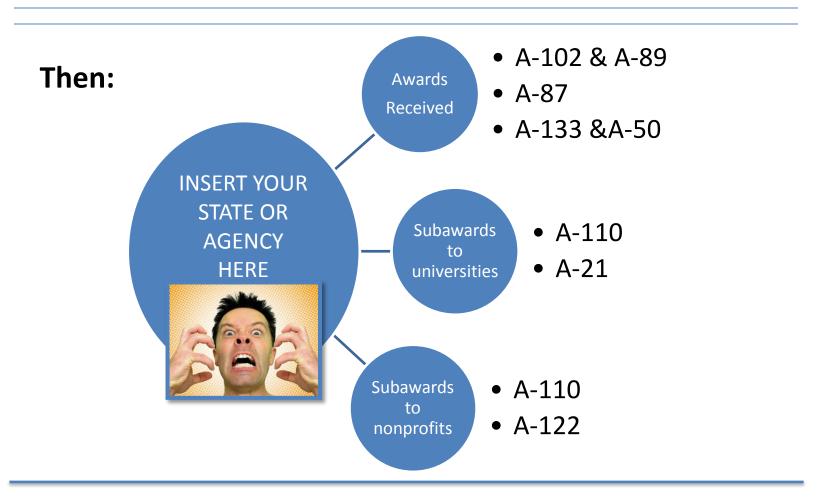


Notice of Proposed Guidance (public comments)



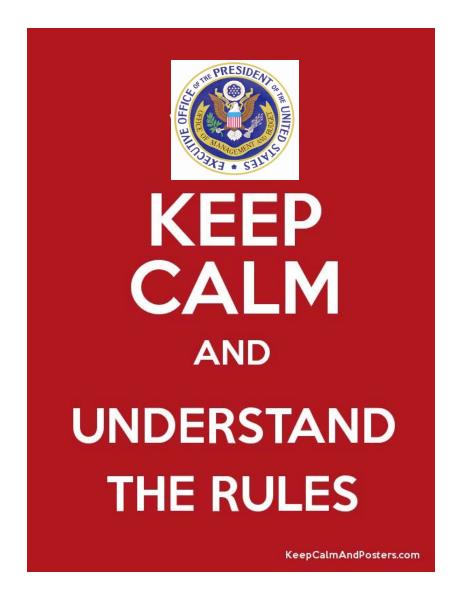


## Eliminating Duplicative and Conflicting Guidance



Now: All OMB guidance streamlined in 2 CFR 200.









## 2 CFR 200 -Basic Layout

- 6 Subparts A through F
  - Subpart A, 200.XX Acronyms & Definitions
  - Subpart B, 200.1XX General
  - Subpart C, 200.2XX Pre Award Federal
  - Subpart D, 200.3XX Post Award Recipients
  - Subpart E, 200.4XX Cost Principles
  - Subpart F, 200.5XX Audit
- 11 Appendices I through XI



## Sec. 200.XX, Acronyms & Definitions

- 200.0, Acronyms
- 200.1 through 200-99, Definitions
  - 99 separate sections and indexes
  - Applicable to all requirements (administrative, cost and audit) and all types of grantees
- Use of "should" and "must"
  - Should = best practices or recommended approach
  - Must = required



#### Sec. 200. 1XX, General

- 200.101, Applicability
  - New table for applicability by types of award
  - T&C flow down to subrecipients
- 200.110 Effective Date
  - Agency implementation effective 12/26/14
  - Apply to awards and award increments issued after 12/26/14
  - Apply to audits for FY beginning after 12/26/14
- 200.112, Conflict of interest NEW
  - Federal agencies must establish COI policies
  - Grantees must disclose in writing any potential COI



#### Sec. 200.2XX, Pre-Award- Federal

- 200.201, Grant agreements
  - Fixed amount awards are allowed NEW
- 200.203, Notice of funding opportunities NEW
- 200.204, Merit review of proposals New
  - Must have a merit review process
  - Process must be transparent in funding opportunities
- 200.205, Review of risk of applicants
  - Must have framework for evaluating risks
  - May consider financial stability, performance history, audit reports



#### Sec. 200.3XX, Post- Award- Grantees

- 200.301, Performance Management
  - Use standard forms (e.g., RPPR for research awards)
  - Must relate financial data to performance
  - Feds are to provide clear performance goals, indicators and milestones
- 200.303, Internal Controls
  - Should follow GAO's Green Book and COSO standards
- 200.309, Period of performance
  - No-cost extension may be allowed agency's option



### Sec. 200.3XX, Post- Award- Grantees

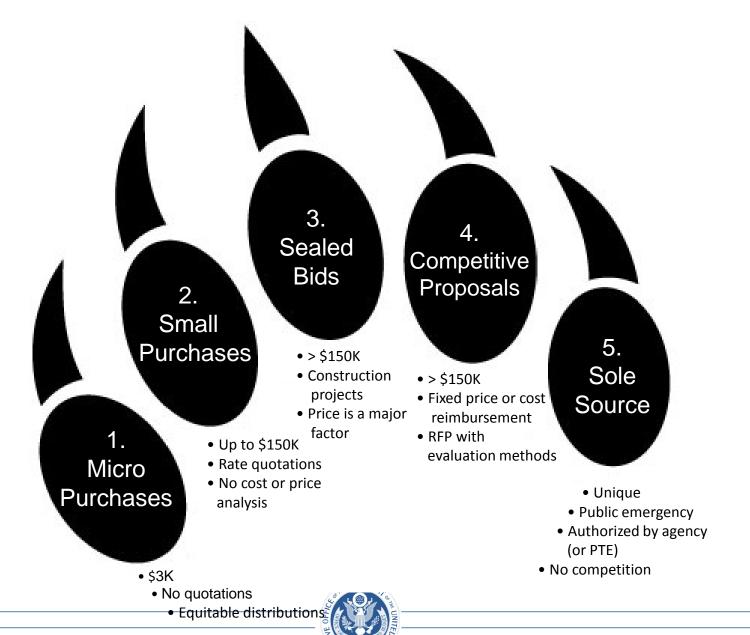
- 200.313, Equipment
  - Property standards (States versus other grantees)
- 200.314, Supplies
  - Computing devices (<\$5K) are included as "supplies"</li>NEW
- 200.320, Procurement Standards NEW for universities and Non Profits
  - Modeled after A-102: State uses own policies, Others uses procurement standards in sections 200.317 -326
  - The Procurement "Bear Claw"



#### Procurement "Claw" (Sections 200.317-326)



#### Procurement "Claw" (Section 200.320)



#### Sec. 200.3XX, Post-Award- Grantees

- 200.331, Requirements for pass-through entities –
   NEW
  - Includes audit responsibilities (formerly in A-133)
  - Pass-through entities responsibilities:
    - Provide subaward information
    - Provide indirect cost rate
    - Perform risk assessment for subrecipent monitoring
    - Verify compliance to audit requirements
    - Report in accordance to FFATA



- 200.407, Prior Written Approval 22 items of cost
- 200.413, Direct costs
  - Paragraph (c) Administrative SW can be direct costs NEW
- 200.414, Indirect (F&A) Costs
  - Must accept approved negotiated rates, except
    - Allowed by Federal statute or regulation
    - Approved by agency head or delegate, OMB notified of deviations
  - 10% of MTDC de minimis IDC
    - First timers and new grantees only
    - Can be used indefinitely
  - One time four-year extension of current approved rate (final and pre-determined rates only)



- 200.430, Compensation personal services New Language
  - Removed A-21 examples
  - Internal controls are KEY
    - 200.430(i) 9 standards for documenting personnel
    - E.g., supported by system of IC, budget estimates may be used
  - Substitute systems are allowed (430 (i) (5))
  - Blended and braided funds allowed, with Fed approval (430 (i) (7))
  - Use of institutional base salary for IHE



- 200.431, Compensation Fringe Benefits
  - Family friendly leave NEW
- 200.432, Conferences
  - Costs are appropriate, necessary and minimized to the Federal award
  - Allow costs for finding local dependent care
- 200.446, Idle Facilities and Capacity
  - Necessary due to fluctuations in workload, e.g.,
     shared services arrangements



- 200.449, Interest
  - Section (b)(2), allow financing costs associated with patents and computer software – effective January 1, 2016
- 200.453, Materials and Supplies
  - Section (c) may be charged as direct costs
  - Include computing devices (defined in 200.20)



#### Sec. 200.5XX, Audit Requirements

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The final guidance right-sizes the footprint of oversight and Single Audit requirements to strengthen oversight and focus audits where there is greatest risk of waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars.

It improves transparency and accountability by making single audit reports available to the public online, and encourages Federal agencies to take a more cooperative approach to audit resolution in order to more conclusively resolve underlying weaknesses in internal controls.



## Sec. 200.5XX, Audit Requirements

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#### Revisions Focus Audit On Risk

- Increases audit threshold.
- Strengthens risk-based approach to determine Major Programs.
- Provides for greater transparency of audit results.
- Strengthens agency use of the single audit process.
- Provides for public outreach to focus Compliance
   Supplement on requirements of highest risk.



#### Basic Structure of Single Audit Process Unchanged

- Audit threshold (200.501).
- Subrecipient vs. Contractor (200.501(f) & 200.330).
- Biennial (200.504) & Program-specific (200.507) audits.
- Non-Federal entity selects auditor (200.509).
- Auditee prepares financial statements & SEFA(200.510).
- Audit follow-up & corrective action(200.511 & 200.521).
- 9 month due date (set in law) (200.512(a)).
- Reporting to Federal Audit Clearinghouse (200.512).
- Major programs determined based on risk (200.518).
- Compliance Supplement overall format (Appendix XI).



## Appendix XI- Compliance Supplement

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- Supplement is published as separate process so the final changes are not included in the Guidance.
- Future changes will be based on available evidence of past audit findings & potential impact of non-compliance.
- Further public outreach will be conducted prior to making structural changes to Supplement format.
  - 2014 Supplement previews the implementation of changes.
  - Changes will not be effective until the 2015 Supplement.



#### **Guidance Reform Future**

# **December 2013**: Uniform

Guidance Published

#### June 2014:

Agencies Submit Draft Rules to OMB, Continued Outreach on Implementation

#### December 2014:

Final Guidance
Effective, Baseline
Metrics Collected,
Case Studies of
Best Practices
Published











#### January-April

2014: Training
Webcasts, Single
Audit & Other
Metrics, Publish
2014 Single Audit
Compliance
Supplement

Fall 2014: Workforce Development efforts; Additional FAQs and Webcast



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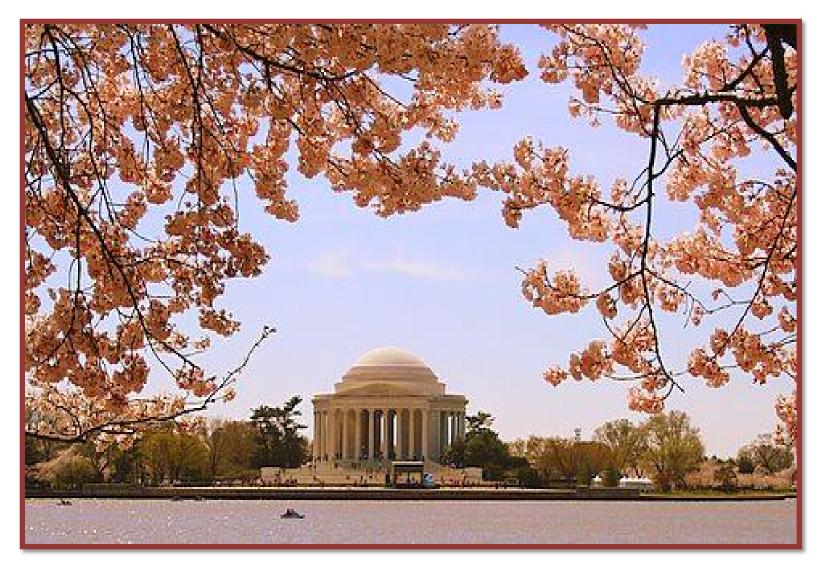
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Thank you!





"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past..." T. Jefferson

