WHAT IS THE FEDERAL Awardee PERFORMANCE AND INTEGRITY INFORMATION SYSTEM (FAPIIS)?

FAPIIS is a Federal database used to track information on misconduct and performance related to Federal contracts. The database contains, among other things, proceedings in connection with contracts, suspensions and debarments, contracts terminated for fault, and past performance evaluations.

Federal agencies, in particular NIH, have begun using FAPIIS to also track grant and cooperative agreement performance. While this is still somewhat in development, here is what SPA has learned so far:

a) Agencies will note the defaults or delays in submission of Final Financial Reports, Final Invention Statements, and Final Progress Reports.

b) Agencies will note unilateral closeouts (closeouts done by Federal agencies because of lack of response from the non-federal agencies). Please see the newsletter article on unilateral closeouts for additional information.

c) Federal agency Offices of the Inspector General (OIG) will note audit findings resulting from sponsor reviews and audits.

d) Importantly, Federal agencies will use this information to conduct risk assessments on non-federal agencies (like UVM) before issuing grants and contracts.

SPA will continue to monitor this topic and keep the sponsored project community informed. At this point, there is no action required by investigators, other than continuing to submit timely progress reports.