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SUBJECT: Expanded Use of the Federal Demonstration Partnership Model Subagreement

This is to inform you that the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Office of Management and Budget have endorsed the broad use of the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) model subagreement by all recipients of research grants and cooperative agreements as they deem appropriate for use in their collaborative arrangements with universities and nonprofit organizations subject to OMB Circular A-110 ("Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations"). The FDP has worked diligently for a number of years developing and refining this template in order to address all the Federal requirements and to facilitate research collaborations between and among partners. As you know, there was considerable public comment in response to the Research Business Models Subcommittee request for information in 2003 that strongly encouraged the broader use of the FDP subagreement template by all recipients.

The model subagreement serves the purpose of providing standard, predictable language to address both the Federal and non-Federal requirements of collaborative arrangements between parties in research awards. It meets all of the requirements as specified in OMB Circular A-110, and, while it is not a requirement to have the specific language or agreements approved by sponsoring agencies, we recognize the value of the routine use of effective practices. So, we encourage all recipients of research awards, whether members of the FDP or not, to make use of this model subagreement as they deem appropriate to streamline collaborative research arrangements with universities and nonprofit organizations.