

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE WORKSHOP (RIW)

U.S. National Science Foundation

Discussion Panel on Project Reporting

Moderator: Rich Kaczmarek, RIO Advisor, NSF

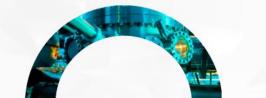
> Presented at RIW 2024, March 28th, 2024



Panelists:

Demian Bailey, Ernest Fontes, Dave Lunger, Paul Matthias, David Winkel,

PM, RCRV, OSU Tech. Dir., HMF, CLASSE Director of PM, NHMFL Sr. PM, OOI, WHOI PM, CXFEL, ASU



Mid-scale RI Image Credit: Ohio State University. Cornell University. Georgia Tech Research Corporation. Florids State University Institution. The University of Kentucky Research Foundation. Arizona State University. NSF1-Corps Northeast Hub, the University of Arkansas, Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan, University of California-San Diego, and the University of Tennesse, Knoxville



Agenda

The panel will share and discuss **good practices on project reporting**, including Risk Management, Change Control, Reporting Use of Contingency.

Refreshment Break

- ROE and expectations from the Audience 3:40 P.M. (5 min)
- Intro & presentation of projects' <u>good practices</u> 3:45 (25 min / 5 min ea)
- Preformed questions and discussions 4:10 (15 min)
- Questions from the audience 4:25 P.M. (5 min)

Coffee Break

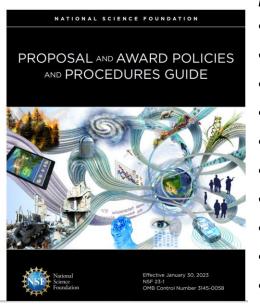
Reporting Requirements

- Specific Terms and Conditions (T&Cs) of the award
- Specific solicitation
- Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) based on 2 CFR 200 (UG)
- Research Infrastructure Guide (RIG) (technical in nature)

<u>RIG 4.6.2</u> Recipient Performance Reports

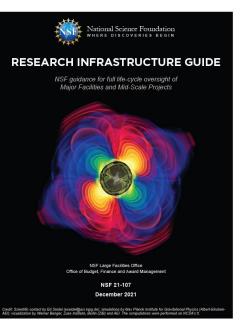
Reporting requirements vary by facility life-cycle stage (Design, Construction, Operation, and Divestment) and are specified in the award's T&Cs.

Performance reports are **generally provided monthly** and no less than quarterly, with a more comprehensive Annual Reports provided on a specific date.



Reports generally include:

- Summary of project status
- Integrated Project Schedule
- Financial Projections
- Earned Value data and graph
- Discussion of variance
- Corrective actions
- Use of budget contingency
- Risk management / Register
- Current photos
- Other project specific info

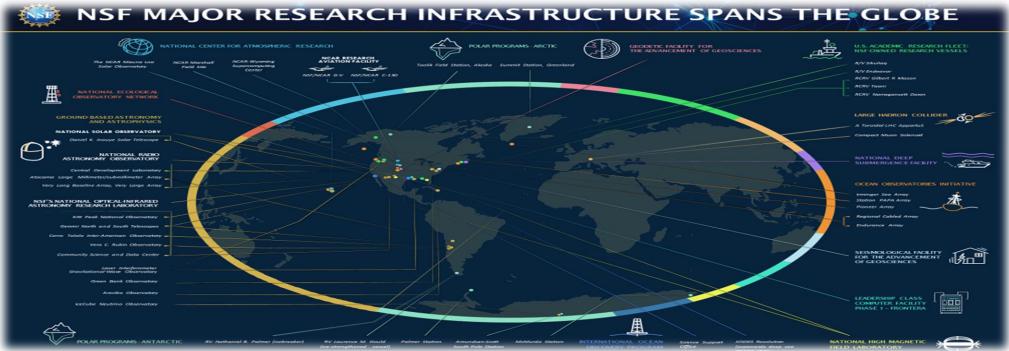


Financial versus Technical reports.

Brief Project Presentations

- RCRV, Regional Class Research Vessels
- HMF, High Magnetic Field X-ray Beamline
- 40T, Superconducting Magnet Design
- CXFEL, Compact X-ray Free Electron Laser
- OOI, Ocean Observatories Initiative





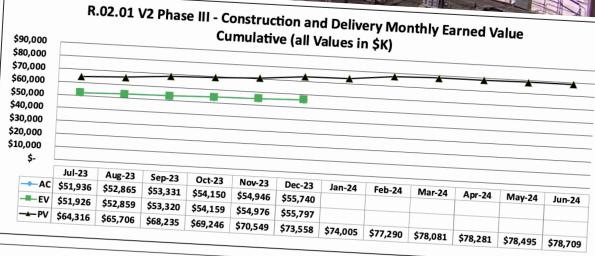


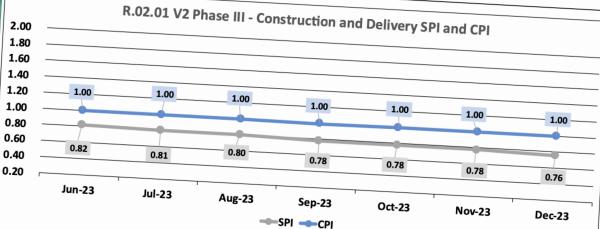
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RCRV

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Into this:





Reporting is people!





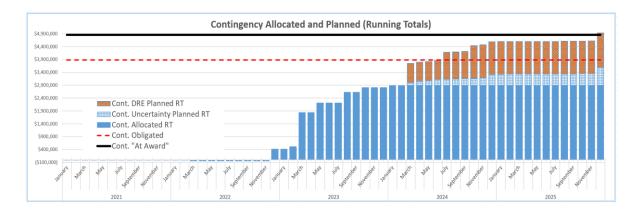


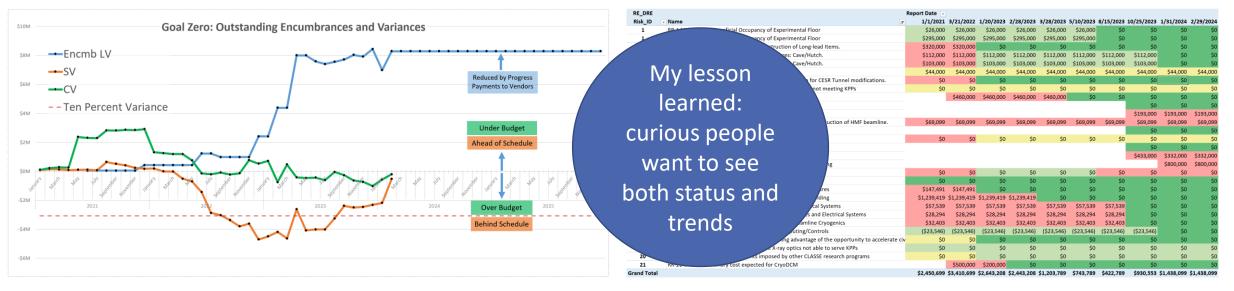
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HMF

HMF X-ray Beamline Construction Project

- Ernie Fontes (PM) / Cornell University
- Mid-scale RI-2: A first-of-its-kind X-ray facility for new science at the high magnetic field frontier (HMF)
- Total Project Cost: \$32,694,899
- Award Duration: 5-years 2021-2025



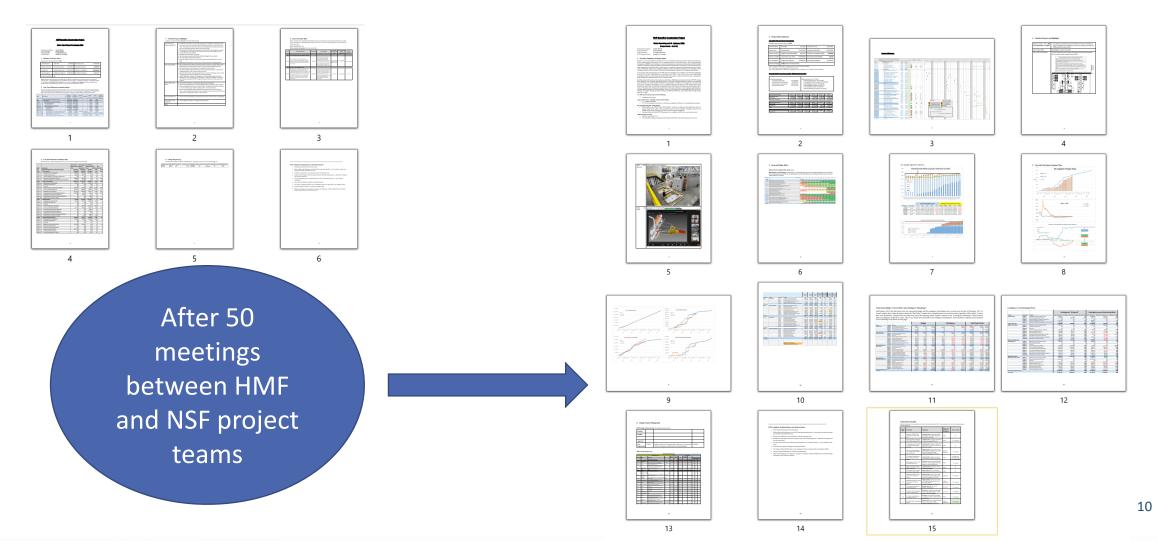




HMFX-ray Beamline Construction Project

1st monthly report

38th monthly report



HMFX-ray Beamline Construction Pr

Reporting is an opportunity for PM to tell "arc of story" of the project*

- * "Over-communicating" has benefits!
- shows NSF how PM team is dealing with impulses
- shows PIs/co-PIs what's transpired
- communicates confidence in PM team
- gives PM a history to look back on and be proud!

- **Project milestones** completed/not, early/late, schedule contingency
- Technical progress use pictures with captions
- **Risk Register** visual display of trends in probabilities (burn down), cost impacts, any new or retired discrete risk events
- EV snapshots standard S-curves are OK, but focusing on...
- Variance plots show history of over/under budget, ahead/behind schedule, traces show how PM has "fought back" to keep on track
- Encumbrances show commitments to vendors and delay in progress payments
- Risk Exposure evaluate potential impacts of continued spending trends and forecast potential impacts of "random events" using Monte Carlo simulations
- Budget Contingency show allocations to date, when they occurred, and forecast potential need for remaining funds
- RAEAC very important to forecast "Risk Adjusted Estimate At Completion" to understand how project approaches TPC
- Focus on completion (later in project) compare <u>remaining work</u> to <u>remaining funds</u> and calculate TCPI – To Completion Performance Index

40T SC User Magnet Design Project

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40T SC User Magnet Design Project

12/19/2025

- Dave Lunger Ph.D., PMP– MagLab Director of Project Management
- MSRI-1: Design a 40 T all-superconducting (SC) magnet for condensed matter physics and materials research experiments that will be incorporated into the MagLab's DC Field facility and be available to the more than 650 annual DC magnet users for condensed matter physics experiments.

\$2.922.769

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\$1,910,543

1,747,353

Starting

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\$257.78

Milestones

Milestone accomplished

Near future Milestone on

Milestone delayed

The table shows the milestones

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The milestone schedule is reviewed

• Total Project Cost: **\$15.8M**

Contingency balance sheet

11/30/2021

11/30/2021

6/9/2022

Perform quench protection testing of TC

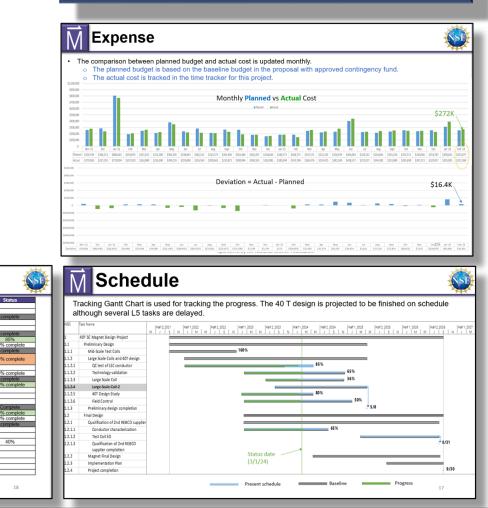
Purchase a new winding mac

No change on the table above in the past month

• Award Duration: **5-years 2021-2026**

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My lesson learned: EVM works well when with higher technology readiness levels



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40T SC User Magnet Design Project

- TPC = \$15.8M ; Initial baseline proposal \$12.9M; Contingency budget\$2.9M
 - 100% of our contingency budget was contained within contingency plans found in our risk register in the PEP
 - Contingency budget developed through decomposition, bottom up planning, and MagLab Risk Management Process
 - Budget tied directly to contingency plans that were developed in the planning phase
 - This was approved with the grant
- On a normal project the contingency budget would be released to the PM and the PM would use it in accordance with the plan
- NSF rules mandate we need approval to use any contingency funds

Ŵ	Conti	ng	ency plan in the near f	u	ture		S
WBS	WBS name	Risk ID	Contingency plan		Budget	Approved budget	Request plan to the NSF
1.1.1.1	Test Coil 2	R18	Perform quench protection testing of TC-2	\$	503,941	\$ 503,941	Approved
	RI subscale	R04	Rewind pancakes and rebuild RI subscale magnet.	\$	19,713	\$ 19,713	Approved
1.1.1.2	magnet	R28	Additional personnel will be added to the tasks to ensure the tasks are on schedule	\$	81,521	\$81,521	Approved
	Components	R03	Perform additional pressure tests.	\$	257,242		Approved
1.1.1.3	validation	R19	Perform strain validation testing with optical sensors	\$	152,471		Risk reduced
		R30	Additional personnel and liquid helium will be added to the tasks to perform the additional tests	\$	74,187		2024
1.1.2.1	REBCO conductor procurement and QC testing	R98	Request SuperPower to supply samples of production tapes periodically after the purchased tapes are delivered; perform QC tests on the samples and feedback the test results to the vendor.	\$	239,160		2024
		R32	A contingency of 3 km conductor will be purchased.			\$257,780	Approved
		R33	A contingency of \$20/meter for purchasing of REBCO.	\$	204,069		Risk mitigated.
		R34	Purchase a new winding machine	\$	126,000	\$ 126,000	Approved
		R24	A contingency of 25% of hardware cost and components cost is considered.	\$	91,145	\$ 23,271 approved for DAQ	2024
1.1.2.3	Large scale coil	R26	Additional personnel will be added to the tasks to ensure the tasks are on schedule	\$	107,615		2024
		R92	DAQ Sponsored by the National Science Foundation	\$	20,000		2024

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Change Request No.		Originator	Date proposed to PM	PME 80 Approval /denial Date	Budget ohange	Soope ohange	Sohedule ohange	Contingency budget adjustment	WES	Risk ID	N 8F approval date	Status
032	Reactive Discrepancy Between Coll Ic and Short Sample Ic update to CR017	Bosque	01/04/24	2/12/2024	\$127,507	7	1C2_c from 09/20/23 to 03/25/24	i.	1.1.2.2.2	R50, R53, R64	Pending approval	
033	Improved crossover design for 2-in-hand windings update to CR018	Marahal	11/28/23	2/12/2024	\$90,228	7	Select crossover design from 08/09/23 to 02/29/24	I	1.1.2.2.1	H09, H21, H52, H85, H87	J	Approved
034	Additional REBCO Tealing	Abraimov	109/23		\$239,160	Addition of 50 SuperPower REBCO tapes	Conductor QC teol. mileotone	\$239,160	1.1.2.1	R\$8	Pending	
035	Combined electromagnetic - axial pressure leal #3	Dison	62/02/24		\$94,052	Add additional coll leal	7	\$94,052	1.1.2.5.5	F603, F688	x.	Approved
038	Quench Heater Design Limits Test	Marshall	02/13/24	2/14/2024	\$2,008	Identify quench heater damage threathroid	No mileatone change	1	1.1.2.3.2.8	R70	1	Approved

and the Feb 20, 2024 Revision 7.2

Project Execution Plan for the M1:DP Proposal for

Preliminary & Final Design of the 40 T All-Superconducting Magnet Project (40 T SC Magnet Project)

The National High Magnetic Field Laboratory Florida State University

Division of Materials Research Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Science:

National Science Foundatio

My lesson learned: The process should expedite the activity

rently risks of high priority are: REBCO conductor delivery schedule (R55)				Ri	sk Matrix		
 Erequent communications with SuperPower. Qualify a 2st vendor 		Wery High	09				
 REBCO does not meet the specification (R07, R08, R56, R57) 		3					
 Continue to perform QC test of REBCO conductor. Continue to test and collect the peel strength data. 		High		67	07,57,58,88	80, 64, 74, 75, 36	
 Fatigue life of joints (R00, R52, R58, R87) Fatigue test of improved joint testing is on going. CR018 has been approved. 	impact Severity	Medium			03, 83	98, 52	
 The test coils have lower l_c than the anticipated l_c from the short sample test results(R64) CR017 is to address this risk. 	Impaot :	Low N			56		
 40T design study schedule due to personnel leaving (R83) A new postdoc is interviewed and in the process of hiring (Seems there is a problem on his visa application). 		Wary Low					
 To provide the offer to another postdoc(graduate in Aug.) 		H	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
 The combination of high axial pressure and large rotation angle may cause HTS coil failure (R03, R88) 					Probability		

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40T SC User Magnet Design Project

- Project Thresholds
 - Used to define the limit of an acceptable cost or expenditure in project management
 - It may be used to indicate the maximum amount of time in which an action or process may take place. It may refer to the minimum level of quality allowed for any product or work completed
 - Define Trigger Points: Set specific values for key project metrics (e.g., cost variance, schedule delay, resource utilization) that, when exceeded, trigger alerts or notifications
 - Proactive Monitoring: Help identify potential problems early on, allowing for proactive intervention and corrective action
 - Customization: Can be set for various aspects of the project, including cost, schedule, resources, risks, and issues
 - Trigger Actions: Can be configured to send notifications, generate reports, or even escalate issues to specific individuals or groups

 Originally agreed on setting limit at ≥ \$250K subsequently lowered to ≥ \$100K

My lesson learned: Rules change so you must be flexible

Previous version:

Cost	Schedule Slip	Approval
Cost < \$5k	Slip < 2 weeks	Task Leader
\$5k ≤ Cost < \$50k	2 weeks ≤ Slip < 1 month	Project Manager
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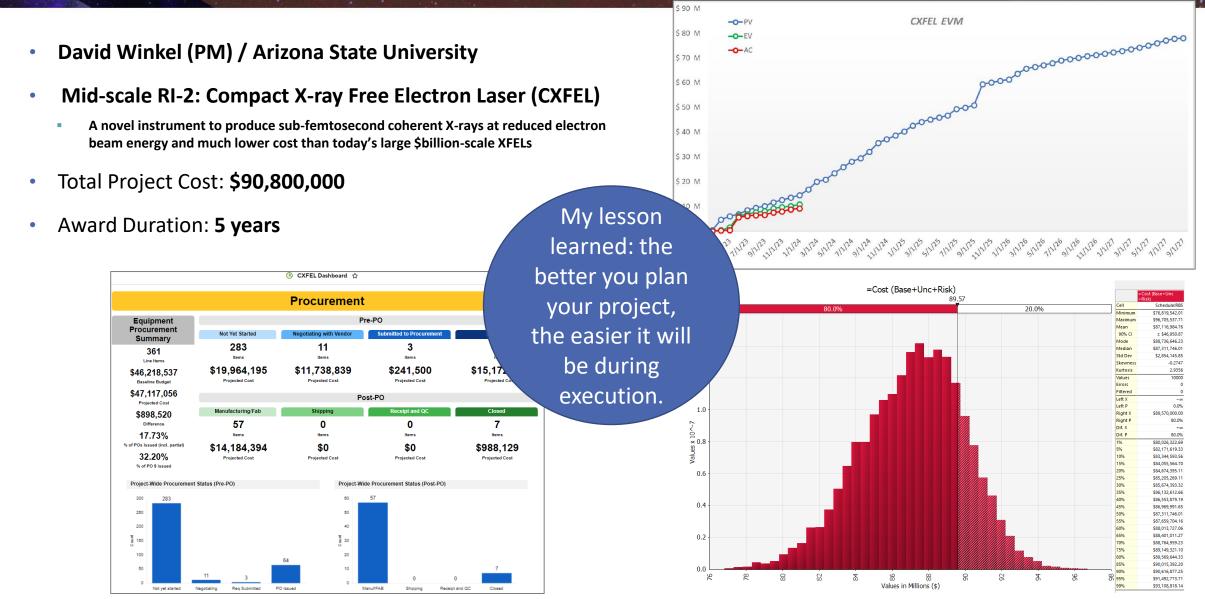
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CXFEL Midscale RI2 Implementation Project



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Detailed Risk Register informs quantitative risk analysis

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CXFEL Midscale RI2 Implementation Project

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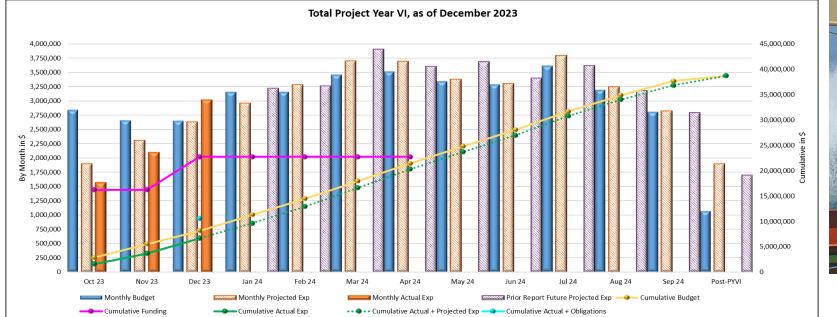
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Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) O&M

- Paul Matthias, Sr. Program Manager, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- NSF Major Facility: Five multidisciplinary deep ocean uncrewed observatories that include deployment, recovery, and refurbishment operations and a robust cyberinsfrastructure. Managed by a PMO with three partner organizations.
- Current Phase Project Cost: \$220,000,000
- Award Duration: 5-years 2023-2028. Intended 30-year life.

- Weekly Reports and Standing Meetings
- Quarterly Reports
- Annual Reports
- Ad Hoc Calls and Reports

Lesson learned: frequent and transparent communication is essential.





OOI Change Tools

- Changes to Budget, schedule and the Technical Data Package are maintained and communicated to all stakeholders.
- 3 Levels of Change Control Board, including NSF.
- OOI developed an enterprise application for this (currently Jira, transitioning to Redmine).

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	Custom Change Control Software	JIRA Enterprise App.	Redmine
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Administrative Functions	15%	15	48	50	20
Mulitple levels of access		0	10	10	5
Ability to create user groups		0	8	10	0
Ability to edit fields (status, author, etc.)		5	10	10	10
Ability to post attachments		10	10	10	0
Ability to assign permissions		0	10	10	
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Ability for people besides author to view/edit ticket		3	10	10	
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Ability to add additional watchers		3	10	10	
Ability for comments to be added		5	10	10	1
Ability to have pre-defined workflows		2	10	10	0
Ability to print		8	10	10	10

Panel Discussions

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Panel Discussions

Panel Discussions (15 min)

Each panelist to try to address one of the following or any other chosen topic related to reporting.

- 1. Reporting requirements and guidance, industry standards, and institutional practices followed by my project/award management team members include...
- 2. I see effectiveness, efficiency, and alignment of internal institutional reporting with NSF requirements, including redundancy, as a fulfillment of existing practical project needs or just as a required 'exercise'.
- 3. I assess value of reporting in terms of... e.g., burden versus return on investment, value of discovery of trends and supporting timely decisions, obtaining additional support, or simply documenting and recording.

Questions from and Answers for the Audience (5 min)

• 5 min



References

- 1. RIG: <u>Section 4.6.2, Recipient Performance Reports</u>, RIG <u>Section 4.2.5.8 Reporting Requirements</u> (in risk planning for construction stage), Section <u>6.2.11.6 Documentation and Reporting of Contingency Use</u>, or if applicable <u>Section 2.5.1 Operations Management and Oversight</u>.
- 2. PEP: your respective award/project specific reporting sections as described in the respective PEP (refer to PEP Section in the RIG 3.4.2.14 Review and Reporting.

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Project Outcomes Report for the General Public	
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Award Closeout	
Record Retention and Audit	VII-10

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