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General	**Will Grants.gov have a link to eRA?**	Grants.gov will not have a link to eRA for users to move from one system to another, however eRA does link to Grants.gov to pull applications into the eRA system for review in eRA Commons. There is a special place at Grants.gov for eRA to pull the applications associated with DOC bureaus.
	I missed the very first webinar - but will go back and watch the webinar. Can you clarify which website(s) this new platform is replacing? Or is in addition to current platforms?	eRA Commons will be replacing Grants Online. It does introduce some additional application submission requirements as described.
	Grants.gov (we use this to apply for NOAA awards)	Not being replaced - you will continue to use Grants.gov to submit applications
	Do we use Grantsonline.gov to submit progress and financial reports?	Yes - being replaced by eRA
	Asap.gov (we use this to withdraw funds from NOAA)	Not being replaced - you will continue to use ASAP to withdraw funds
	We currently submit applications in Grants.gov Workspace portal to NOAA. Will we continue to use Workspace portal to submit applications after October 2023? Thanks.	Yes, you can continue to use the Grants.gov workspace portal. If DOC prepared the NOFO using the eRA system (rather than Grants Online), then the applications for that NOFO will be routed to eRA for processing.
	When is GOL sunsetting?	Scheduled for sometime in FY 2024. Exact date has not yet been determined.
	Will previous application submissions be carried over to eRA Commons? Or will new applications have to be submitted? We just registered for eRA Commons.	If you have already submitted an application to Grants Online, the application review process will be conducted by DOC staff using Grants Online. However, if the application is selected for award, then the application will be moved over to eRA where the Notice of Award will be issued in the eRA system.
	Any idea how reporting for EDA grants will take place? It doesn't sound like they are part of the transition from Grants Online to eRA Commons?	A decision for EDA has not been made and there is not a timeline for their move to eRA if it is to happen
	Has the grants.gov application process changed as well, or is this FYI for folks who have not previously submitted an application via grants.gov?	This information is for DOC Bureau grantees (NOAA, MBDA, ITA, NTIA) who previously applied to NOFOs posted from Grants Online but will begin applying to DOC NOFOs that are posted from eRA. Grants.gov itself has not changed but there are tracking features available to grantees in eRA that were not available in Grants Online.
	When can we get a copy of the training materials?	

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Training	**Where can I find the recordings of the previous webinars? Thanks.** **I did not receive a follow up email following the last workshops. When can we expect this?**	All training materials, including this presentation, a recording of the webinar, the questions/answers, and any additional training resources will be shared via email by the GEMS PMO (gemsprogram@doc.gov).
	Where can I find future trainings? RPPR, Post training etc.?	
	Can u send the dates for the remaining trainings?	
	Has post-award training already been scheduled? If so, is there a location posting training times and registration. Thank you	Training for post-award activities have not been scheduled at this time. As the training dates are available, communication about the remaining trainings will come from GEMS PMO.
	I have this as the last scheduled webinar. Are there upcoming webinars I should be aware of?	
	Can u send the dates for the remaining trainings?	
Future Training	**Can you discuss how the RPPR will be used? Or will this be discussed in a different training?**	Reporting requirements, including the RPPR, will be covered in an upcoming training webinar. (has not yet been scheduled)
	Is this where I submit 425's or do submit in PMS	You will submit your FFR (SF-425) and other reports in eRA Commons for DOC awards. Reporting requirements, including the FFR, will be covered in an upcoming training webinar. (has not yet been scheduled)
	RE: #4 on SF-424 form - applicant identifier: PD/PI - is that required for NOAA applications?	Yes, that data field is required for those applications to those funding opportunities that are posted to Grants.gov for processing in eRA.
	To confirm, when you say "Resubmit" if there are errors. Is that resubmitting in Grants.Gov?	Correct. All applications are submitted via Grants.gov, even if you are resubmitting.
	Where are the errors corrected? Do we need to go back to correct them in Grants.gov?	Correct. Errors need to be addressed on the application you just submitted. Once corrections are made, you will need to submit via Grants.gov.
	Can the agency choose to accept an application that is verified by Grants.gov, but has an error in eRA Commons? If not, why not? This would be an extra level of verification, compared to the current submission process.	No, applications cannot be processed until all errors are resolved.
	Will applicants receive emails that notify them of an error in the eRA commons application status?	Yes. Applicants will receive notifications regarding their application status. It is however encouraged that applicants log in to confirm the status of their applications.

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Application Submission / Resubmission	**Does your application need to be error-free for 48 hours before you can submit? This meaning that if you edit the application within that 48 hour window, does the 48 hour window start over?**	You can submit your application at any point. If you choose to resubmit a changed/corrected version of the application before the deadline, a new two day timeframe will begin at the time of that resubmission until the deadline. Note: The 2-day viewing window does not extend the deadline date.
	What types of errors could show up in eRA commons?	There are a number of different errors one can receive on their application. If the application did not include a specific item that was mentioned in the NOFO, this may lead to an error. In the example from today's webinar, the applicant received an error when the PD/PI username was not included on the SF424 form. SInce this is required, they received an error.
	You mentioned that if an org chooses to do an application re-submission, they can. Did you say the resubmission would appear under additional review?	Materials that are submitted as a supplement to the initial application will be captured under 'Additions for Review'. However, the application or any revised versions of the submitted application (via Grants.gov) will appear as the eApplication link under Other Relevant Documents in the Status module.
	Is there a 2 day period to review, revise or reject even if it is submitted on the due date?	The 2-day viewing is not an extension to the deadline. It is a period of time where the applicant organization can review, resubmit, reject, etc. Any changes to the application/resubmissions should be done before the deadline date.
	Is there a confirmation page after the SO selects the "Reject" button?	Yes. There will be another screen where the SO will need to enter justification to reject the application.
	How does this effect existing grants? Is this only for new applications?	Today's training webinar focuses only on a new applications. Training on post-award activities for existing grants will be held in a future training session. (Has not yet been scheduled).
	You mentioned that reference letters are not applicable for DOC grants, does this apply to DOC's pass through agencies who manage opportunities i.e.. MBDA that might have reference/support letter requirements?	At this time, it has not been decided how reference letters for DOC applications will be managed in eRA systems. More information is to come.
	If we need to resubmit an application before the deadline, do we choose changed/corrected on the SF424?	Yes, that is correct. You will need to marked the application as 'Changed/Corrected' on the SF424 Form.
	Just to confirm, once the transition takes place... applications will continue to be submitted through Grants.Gov, but reporting will now happen through eRA commons (as opposed to Grants Online)?	This is correct.

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	Where can we get a list of errors in eRA Commons that will apply to ALL applications?	Information about eRA System-enforced Validations can be found here: https://www.era.nih.gov/applicants/system/validations.htm
	Does the SO have to accept the application in eRA Commons for the proposal to be submitted?	Once submitted, there is no need to accept the application. As long as the error-free application is not rejected by the SO, it will continue to move forward in the system.
Accounts/Roles	**Can PD/PI be the same as other registered users?**	Anyone responsible for leading the project can be assigned the PD/PI role. Please keep in mind that scientific roles such as PD/PI cannot be combined with administrative roles (such as SO, AO, AA).
	Can signing official also be the PD/PI?	Yes, an individual can be both the SO and the PD/PI; however, two separate accounts will be required as the SO role is an administrative role and the PD/PI is a scientific role.