

Awardee Meeting Agenda

Local, State and Federal Partnerships for
Chemical Preparedness and Response

April 29, 2009 • Millennium Hotel Cincinnati • Cincinnati, OH



WORKER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

WETP AWARDEE MEETING

NIEHS Update

April 29, 2009

- **Performance, RFA, Stimulus Funding**
- **Training Accomplishments**
- **Minority Worker Training Issues**
- **Curricula Catalog Updates**
- **SBIR Awards**
- **NIH Update**

Joseph “Chip” Hughes Director, WETB

Program Updates



\$ 7 M for Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program and SBIR Hazmat E-Learning Program Administrative Supplements

- Target for U45:
 - hazardous components of AARA jobs dealing with potential exposures in regular 1910.120 cleanups, large-scale construction, demolition, brownfields-type redevelopment and public works projects.
 - emerging green sector jobs - customization of safety and health training in commercial and residential weatherization, alternative energy development, green remediation, green construction and emerging industries like nanotechnology.
 - for new workers for stimulus projects and emerging green jobs career-enhancement and life skills training
 - Creation of federal, state and local safety and health training partnerships to support AARA activities.
- Target for R43/R44:
 - Appropriate e-learning applications, development of tools to support the transfer and dissemination of S&H info and training materials to support broad ARRA goals of creating and assuring safe and healthy jobs.

Sharon D. Beard

Industrial Hygienist, WETB

Minority Worker Training Issues

Progress Reports

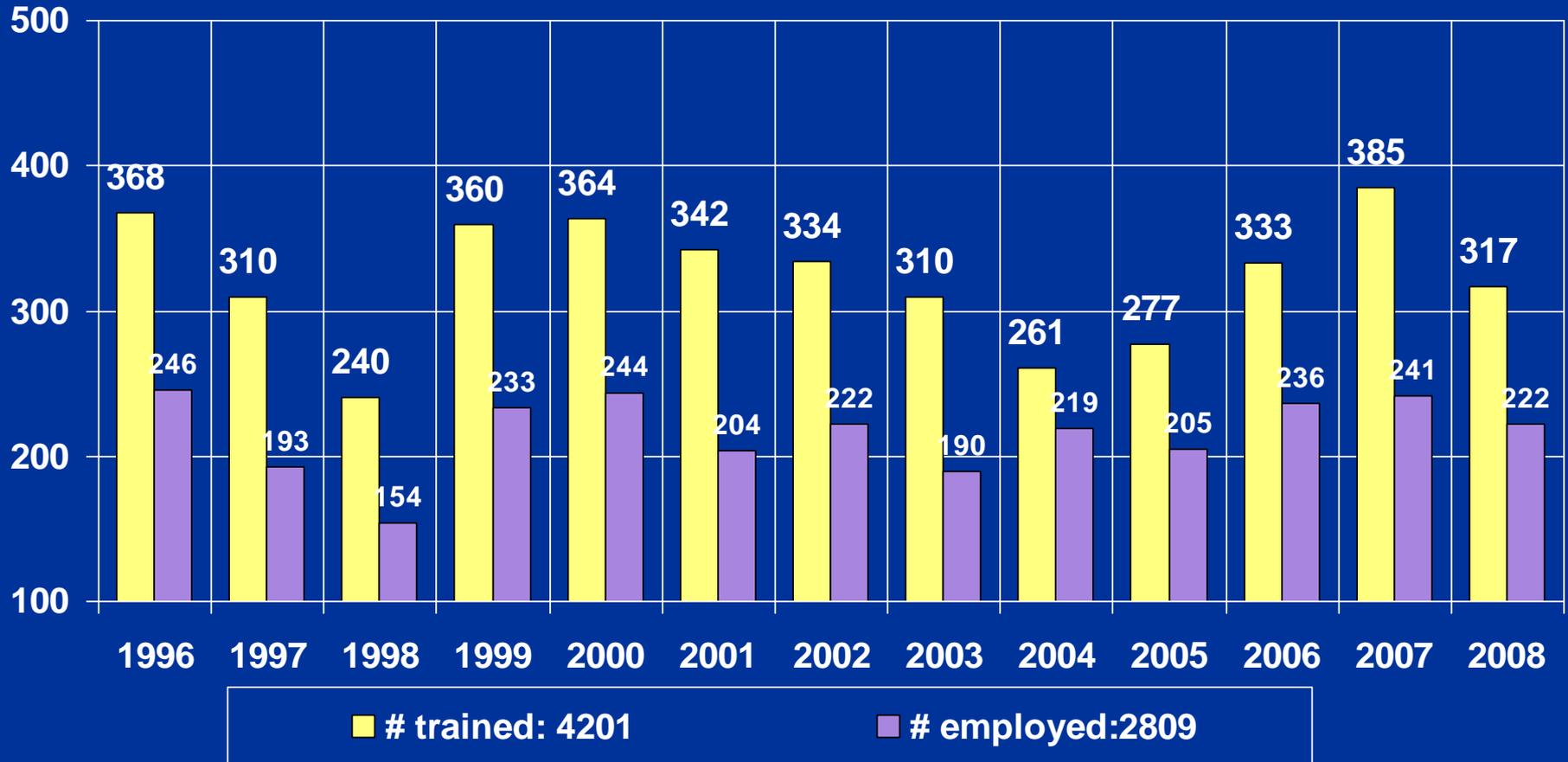
RFA/FOA Issues



- **Training Accomplishments**
- **Performance and Progress Report**
- **FOA/RFA Update**
- **Brownfields 2009 – New Orleans, LA on November 16-18, 2009 (MWTP Breakout Discussion)**

- **UPDATE ON CURRENT TRAINING SITES**
 - **Dillard University: New Orleans, LA; Detroit, MI; Baton Rouge, LA; and Savannah, GA**
 - **OAI, Inc.: Chicago, IL; Bronx, NY; Dallas, TX and Kansas City, MO**
 - **CPWR: New Orleans, LA; East Palo Alto, and Los Angeles, CA ; and St. Paul, MN;**
 - **UMDNJ: New York, NY and Newark, NJ**

MWTP Job Placement Rates

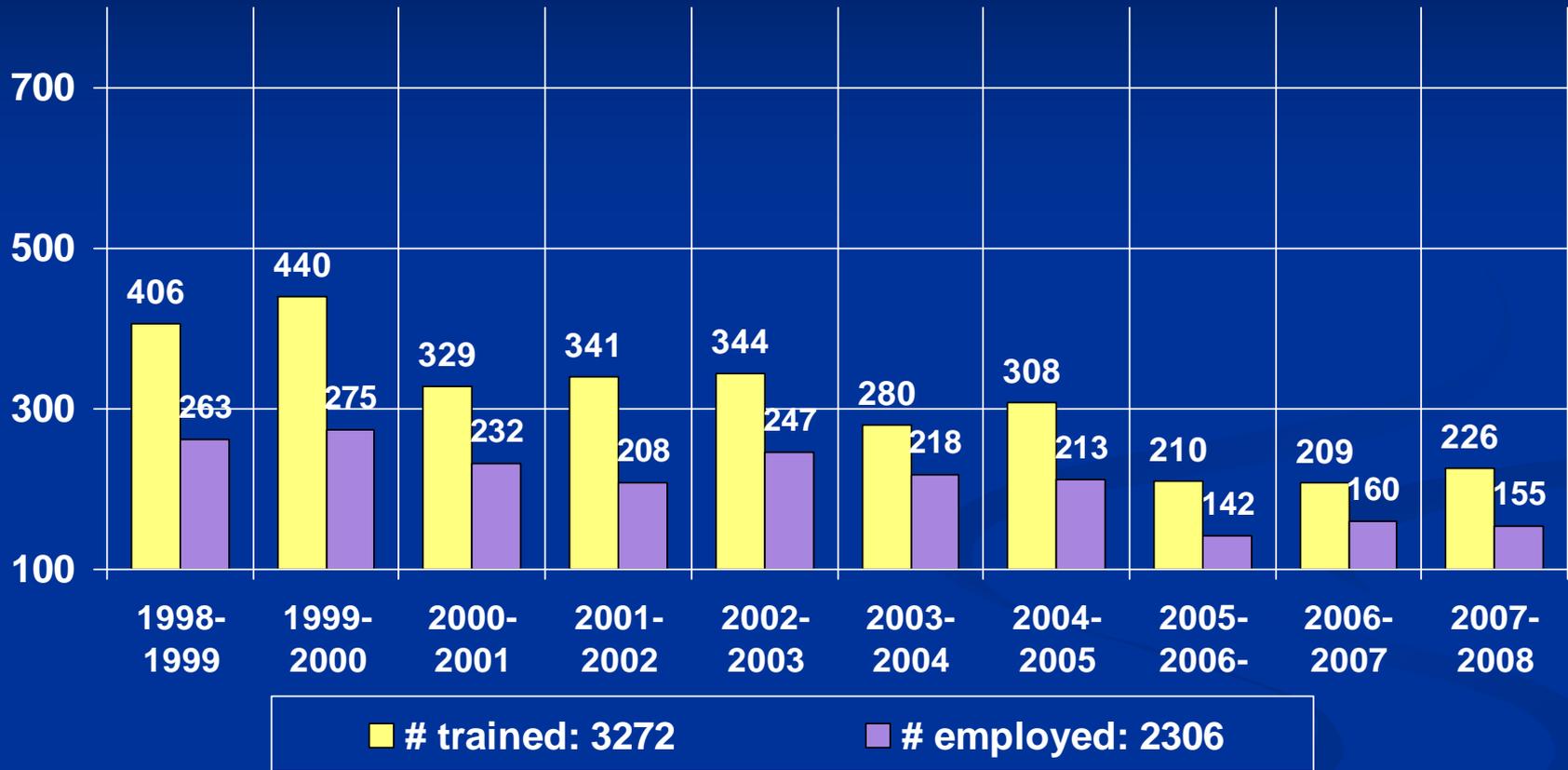


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Source: NIEHS WETP DMS



BMWTP Job Placement Rates



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- **All initial progress reports for HWWT, HDTP, BMWT and MWT Programs were due on June 1, 2009**
- **For the DOE Program, they are due July 1, 2009**
- **Use FY2009 budget projections from your Notice of Grant Award for Award Amount**

Funding Opportunity Announcements/ RFA's

Anticipated Dates

- **Release Date : July 2009**
- **Response Date: November 2009**
- **Review Date: Feb/March 2010**
- **Award Date: July/August 2010**

Ted Outwater Public Health Educator/Program Administrator, WETB

Program Updates



Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program



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HWWTTP TOTAL TRAINING 4 year Summary

FOR BUDGET PERIOD 09/01/2004 - 07/31/2008

	Year Total Courses	Total Workers	Total Contact Hours
• 2005	7,662	130,825	1,211,440
• 2006	6,696	111,872	1,159,651
• 2007	7,848	131,037	1,425,059
• 2008	8,115	140,126	1,385,505
• TOTAL	30,321	513,860	5,181,655
• Training in all fifty states and the territories EXCEPT???			

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8 Hour Site Worker Refresher

- **Year Total Courses** **Total Workers** **Total Contact Hours**
 - 2005 1,237 20,471 167,036 (163,768)
 - 2006 1,086 18,580 150,968 (148,640)
 - 2007 1,403 23,259 186,512 (186,072)
 - 2008 1,145 18,893 152,709 (151,144)
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- Hmmmmmmmmm?

DOE Nuclear Worker Training Program



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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY 4 YEAR TRAINING SUMMARY

FOR BUDGET PERIOD 09/01/2004 - 08/31/2008

Year	Total Courses	Total Workers	Total Contact Hours
• 2005	1,961	25,442	329,840
• 2006	2,044	26,365	325,533
• 2007	2,283	34,074	402,635
• 2008	2,225	33,702	414,746
TOTAL	8,513	119,583	1,472,754

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DOE Partnership Update

- Partnership with DOE EM/ MOU
- 851 Meetings
- USW GAP Analysis
- “NEW” Partnership with HSS/NTC
- Safety Training Collaboration Plan
- Cooperative Training Model

Kathy Ahlmark, Program Analyst WETB

SBIR Updates



WHO ARE THE SBIR AWARDEES? PLEASE STAND, Current and Past.



Currently: Information in Place...MetaMedia...Equipment Simulations ...Bandamar Networks

WORKER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

- **OVER \$6 Million in awards since 2002**
- **Wide Variety of Platforms:** Computer-based; web-based; cell-phone; dvd, string and two cups
- **Wide Variety of Content:** Simulations, serious games, interactive and instructor led
- **Wide Variety of Audiences:** Skilled Support Personnel, instructors, product for firefighters to explain operating engineers; product for operating engineers explaining firefighters.
- **So check out their displays and their breakout session tomorrow**

James “Jim” Remington WETB

Program Updates





NIH Update – Spring 2009



Recovery Act News



NIH Recovery Web site www.nih.gov/recovery

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services www.hhs.gov
 Employee Info | Staff Directory | En Español

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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

Sign up to receive NIH and the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act e-mail updates.

Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy and address long-neglected challenges so our country can move forward unlike any since the Great Depression. The Act will stimulate economic independence, expand educational opportunities, and support those in greatest need.

» Overview of the Recovery Act
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/overview>

RECOVERY.GOV

» Implementing the Recovery Act
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/index.html>

» Learn more about programs that issue grants under the Recovery Act
<http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/>

Announcements

» Applications for \$1.5 Billion in Recovery Act Funds Now Available
<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/mar2009/od-10.htm>

» The NIH has designated at least \$200 million in FYs 2009—2010 for a new initiative called the NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research. This new program will support research on topic areas that address specific scientific and health research challenges in biomedical and behavioral research that would benefit from significant 2-year

ARRA Grant Funding
 Opps and Info at
Grants.nih.gov/Recovery



Recovery and Accountability

- The opportunity afforded by the ARRA also carries enhanced accountability and transparency.
- Reports will be entered at www.FederalReporting.gov (*under construction*) and will be publicly available at www.recovery.gov
- Details still being addressed by OMB. – **Stay Tuned!!**
- More information will be provided at the Business Breakout Session



Special ARRA Terms and Administrative Requirements

- In addition to the standard NIH terms of award, all NIH ARRA awards will include special ARRA terms
 - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/NIH_HHS_ARRA_Award_Terms.pdf
- ARRA requires recipients to account for, track, monitor, report on, provide for audit of, and closeout ARRA funding separately from non-ARRA awards
- More information will be made available at the Business Breakout Session



ARRA Grant Compliance

- The applicant organization certifies in the grant application that it is obligated to comply with the terms and conditions of any resulting grant award
- Acceptance of a grant award is signified by drawdown of funds which then obligates the grantee to comply with all standard and special terms and conditions of award (e.g., based on statute, regulation, policy, program requirement)
- Failure to comply may cause NIH to take one or more enforcement actions, depending on the severity and duration of the non-compliance.
 - Enforcement actions may include special conditions, closer monitoring, withholding of support, recovery of funds, suspension, or termination



New Scientific and Grants Management Policies



Implementation Update

- **Improve Scoring** – *Implementation in May, 2009.*
 - Applications will receive an overall score from each panel member from 1-9; scores will be averaged and multiplied by 10. Thus priority scores will range between 10-90.
 - Priority scores will be percentiled against an appropriate base and reported in whole numbers.
- **Improve Critiques** – *Implementation in May, 2009.*
 - Reviewer critiques will be compiled into a summary statement that will be shorter and more focused than currently due to standardized organization and reporting of strengths and weaknesses.
 - ALL applications (including streamlined applications) will receive feedback.



New Threshold for Negotiating F&A Rates on SBIR/STTR Grants

SBIR/STTR applicants proposing F&A rates of 40% of direct costs or less will not be required to provide further justification at the time of award, and F&A costs will be awarded at the requested rate.

- NIH retains authority to require well-documented proposals for F&A rates on an ad-hoc basis.
- If applicant has a currently effective rate, such rates should continue to be used in NIH applications.
- Policy applies to all competing SBIR/STTR applications submitted for FY2009 funding and beyond. Non-competing awards funded in 2009 or earlier will continue to be funded at the committed level if between 25%-40%.



Highlights of New and Existing Grant Requirements



FY 2009 OIG Audit Work Plan

Selected Highlights

- Colleges' and Universities' Compliance with Cost Principles
 - Cost transfers, effort reporting, and other areas
- NIH Monitoring of Extramural Conflicts of Interest
 - How NIH monitors extramural grantees' FCOI and the effectiveness of NIH's oversight
- Grantee Management of Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research Funded by the NIH
 - Monitoring of FCOIs, nature of FCOIs, and how FCOIs are managed (for FCOIs reported to NIH in FY 2006)



Audit Requirements

All NIH Grantees that expend \$500,000 or more within a year in Federal awards are subject to an audit requirement.

- Audits are due within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or 9 months after the end of the grantee's audit period.
- Grantees delinquent in submitting audits risk the imposition of sanctions and potential loss of Federal funds.



Adobe Application Forms and Electronic Submission

*Changes to electronic applications are on the way.
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Electronic Submission: *Update*

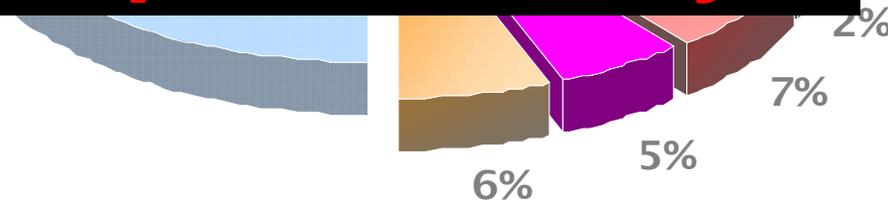
- Adobe-based grant application forms are now available for all FOAs requiring electronic submission.
- Career Development Awards (Ks) transitioned to electronic submission.
- Next set of transitions:
 - New PHS 398 and SF 424 (R&R) Application forms expected in Fall, 2009.
 - Transition of F, T, and complex mechanisms.



Future Transitions to Electronic Submission with Adobe Forms

- Fellowship (F): August 8, 2009 (Tentative)
- Training (T): September 25, 2009
- Complete TDR

Timeline is subject to change due to Grants.gov form development delays





eRA Commons



Profile Maintenance

- PIs have an obligation to keep information in their Personal Profile current and need to update it regularly
- Profile data used in other electronic processes (e.g., Summary Statements, eNotifications)
 - Degrees
 - Position Titles
 - Addresses - e-mail & postal
- Especially critical for researchers applying for early-stage and new investigator status.





Helpful NIH Technical Assistance Resources



Web Page on NIH Extramural Response to Natural Disasters

Part of NIH's commitment to the health of the biomedical community in the impacted areas, and concern for the health and safety of people and animals in the programs we oversee.

Includes:

- Links to Recent Guide Notices and event-specific web page
- Links to other Federal web sites for disasters
- NIH Emergency Contact Information
- Examples of extramural assistance provided to previous natural disasters and emergencies
- Frequently Asked Questions



Summary of Helpful NIH Web Pages

- Office of Extramural Research (OER) Web Page
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>
- NIH Searchable Database of RFAs, PAs, and Guide Notices
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>
- NIH Grants Policy Statement (Rev. 12/03)
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2003/index.htm
- NIH Extramural Nexus – Monthly newsletter (previously bimonthly) for the extramural community
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/nexus.htm>
- CRISP database - Search to analyze an Institute's portfolio of funded projects, research areas, and more
<http://report.nih.gov/crisp.aspx>
- Grant Application Basics
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant_basics.htm



NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration

2009 Regional Seminars:

Seminar #1: April 16-17, 2009 in Atlanta, GA

Seminar #2: June 25-26, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV

NIH electronic research administration labs offered in conjunction with the two-day seminar.

- Yearly seminars to educate research administrators, investigators new to NIH, and trainees.
- Due to the popularity of these seminars and availability of space - **Early Registration is Highly Recommended!**
- Seminar and Registration Information:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm>

Interested in hosting?
Contact us!



Grants Information: Who to Contact!

- **Institutional Resources** – First, utilize the expertise of your organization's ***Office of Sponsored Programs***

Application Specific Questions

- **Administrative** - Contact the Grants Management Specialist at the awarding Institute/Center
- **Scientific/Programmatic** - Contact the designated Program Official/Director at awarding Institute/Center
- **Review Questions** - Contact the assigned Scientific Review Officer



Grants Information: Who to Contact!

- Grants Administration individuals at all NIH ICs:
 - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/staff_list_grants_admin.htm
 - NIH Chief Grants Management Officers:
 - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/stafflist_gmos.htm
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- Grants Policy Interpretation & Consultation:
 - E-Mail: GrantsPolicy@mail.nih.gov
 - Phone: 301-435-0949
 - Compliance Issues:
 - E-Mail: GrantsCompliance@mail.nih.gov
 - Phone: 301-435-0949



Thank You!

Any Questions – please hold
for the Breakout Session



#8 – Does NIH have a cap on consultant fees?

No. There is no cap on consultant fees and the NIH salary cap does not apply.

HOWEVER,

- Grantees must have written policies for paying consultants that:
 - Are consistently applied regardless of fund source.
 - Include conditions for paying consultant fees.
- Consultants must be properly classified.
 - Consultants are defined as individuals who provide professional services or advice for a fee, but normally are not employees of the organization. This also includes firms that provide advice or services.