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Top Stories**Enhancing Peer Review: Use New Resources to Prepare for Upcoming Application Changes**

Due to changes resulting from the Enhancing Peer Review initiative, applications for due dates on or after January 25, 2010 require the use of **restructured application forms with new instructions** and **shorter page limits**. These changes will affect all competing applications, including new, renewal, revision and resubmission applications.*

For a period between now and late February, many FOAs will exist in two versions. For due dates on or after January 25, 2010, choose "ADOBE_FORMS_B" for SF 424 (R&R) electronic applications and the "June 2009" revised forms for PHS 398 paper applications. It is **crucial** that you choose the correct application packages, as applications submitted using incorrect forms will be delayed and may not be reviewed.

Steps for Success!		How to Get Informed To better understand the new requirements, the Enhancing Peer Review Web site has a page dedicated to the application changes and has made available to you a number of resources on the Training and Communications
Step 1	Read about requirement changes now to be able to begin writing the Research Strategy section of the application.	
Step 2	In December , go back to the updated FOA or reissued Parent Announcement and download the new application package and instructions.	
Step 3	Read the new application instructions carefully	
Step 4	For due dates on or after January 25, submit applications using the new application forms and instructions.	

[Resources](#) page including:

- A [flyer](#)
- A [one-page update](#)
- A full [PowerPoint presentation](#) describing the changes

Additional information is also available throughout the website, including new [FAQs](#), a list of [policy notices](#), and a soon to be released video overview of application changes.

Be sure to check back frequently as the Enhancing Peer Review website will continue to be updated with additional resources as they are developed. To be notified when new application packages become available, sign up on the Enhancing Peer Review [LISTSERV](#) or look out for an announcement in the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#).

*To ensure applications with longer page limits are reviewed together, applicants who are eligible for continuous submission should use current forms and instructions through February 7, 2010 for AIDS applications that would have been due on January 7, 2010.

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NOT-OD-10-008: Announcing the Transition of Institutional Training and Institutional Career Development Programs to Electronic Submission for due dates on/after January 25, 2010

NOT-OD-10-007: Clarification of Registration in ClinicalTrials.gov According to Date of Initiation and Status as an Ongoing Trial

NOT-OD-10-006: Clarification of Eligibility as Primary Applicant for the RFA-OD-09-010

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NOT-OD-10-003: NIH Population Tracking Requirements for ARRA Awards

NOT-OD-10-002: Clarification on Timing and Page Limits for Restructured Application Forms and Instructions that are required for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2010

NOT-HG-10-006: Notice on Development of Data Sharing Policy for Sequence and Related Genomic Data