Kuali releases open source tools for research administration

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 29, 2008 -- The Kuali Foundation has announced the first release in its planned suite of open source tools for research administration in higher education: Kuali Coeus.

Kuali Coeus is based on MIT's Coeus system, which is currently in use at many colleges and universities across the United States. Kuali Coeus 1.0 enables research administrators and investigators to manage all aspects of grant proposal development and submission from the desktop. Its functionality includes budget development, workflows for review and approval, and online system-to-system (S2S) Grants.Gov submission. It also features grant proposal templates for grants.gov funding opportunities.

- Proposal and Budget Development features:
    a. Proposal and Budget creation, with robust calculations
    b. Institutional rates and departmental hierarchies
    c. Proposal templates
    d. Workflow for proposal review and approval
- Grants.Gov S2S submission features:
    a. Select grants.gov opportunities from within Kuali Coeus
    b. Submit most grant applications without PureEdge or Adobe
    c. Print sponsor Forms

Funded in part by a $1.5 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Kuali Coeus represents a major step in establishing an open source, cradle-to-grave award management solution for research administration in higher education. The schedule of future releases includes:

- Version 2.0 (expected release date: August 2009)
    o IRB/Human Participants
    o Awards
    o Conflict of Interest
- Version 3.0 (expected release date: September 2010)
    o Negotiations
    o Subcontracts
    o Animal Care and Use
    o Report Tracking
- Version 4.0 (expected release date: October 2011)
    o Biosafety
    o Export Control
    o Chemical Tracking

The Kuali Coeus team is made up of staff from Kuali Foundation partners, including the Coeus Consortium, Colorado State University, Cornell University and the Weill Medical College, Indiana University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan State University, University of Arizona, and the University of California, Davis.

About Kuali

The Kuali Foundation is a non-profit organization responsible for sustaining and evolving a comprehensive suite of administrative software that meets the needs of all Carnegie Class institutions. Kuali began in 2004 as a cooperative effort among seven partners funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Their vision was to develop an open-source, community-owned financial system. The successful development of the Kuali Financial System led to three additional pooled-investment projects, Kuali Research Administration, Kuali Student Systems and Rice Kuali Infrastructure. All Kuali projects are now coordinated by an independent, not-for-profit organization, Kuali Foundation Inc. The software developed by Kuali partners is available, without fee, for anyone to use or modify under the Educational Community License.

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