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TO: USC Faculty
FROM: Randolph Hall, Vice President of Research
SUBJECT: **TARA Project Stabilization**

I am happy to say that the TARA project has moved from its deployment phase to stabilization, as a result of the completion of these project components:

- Kuali Coeus (KC) pre-award has been deployed within all schools and units, with the exception of one institute. KC pre-award provides for digital proposal routing and approval, replacing the old PAR form and providing a record of transactions.
- Within KC pre-award, the “negotiation tracker” feature has been activated. This provides visibility to investigators and administrators as to the status of negotiations for *new* contracts.
- Automated system-system submission of proposals to grants.gov has been activated for all schools and units, with the exception of one institute. This feature (via “Cayuse” software) is linked directly from KC.
- System-system interfaces have been activated among KC, iStar and diSClose, making information accessible across system components, and making it possible to precisely match proposals/awards and compliance related applications (conflict of interest, IRB, IACUC, radiation safety and biosafety). In addition, it is now possible to verify completion of required conflict of interest requirements from within KC.

New integration features are shown in the attachments.

Within the stabilization phase, periodic improvements will continue to be made in all TARA components. Also these additions are planned in the coming year:

- OnCore Clinical Trials Management System will be deployed and interfaced with TARA, in particular with iStar and KC.
- iStar and diSClose will be deployed at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles.
- KC pre-award will be deployed at the final institute.

A list of all TARA features -- which enable digital processing of most research administration processes at USC -- can be found at:

<http://research.usc.edu/usc-research-administration-system/>

My appreciation goes to all of those who have contributed to the development and installation of TARA across the entire university.