Announcement: Please take note of the following updates and additions to Kuali Coeus (KC):

**PI/Co-PI Certification:**
As part of the proposal routing and approval process in the Pre-Award module of KC, each USC PI/Co-PI is required to answer Proposal Person Certification questions regarding lobbying activities, debarment & suspension, conflicts of interest, and acknowledgement of their overall responsibility with regard to the proposed project. The question regarding Conflicts of Interest has been updated to better reflect the University’s Conflict of Interest in Research Policy.

**Original Text**
“Do I or any other investigator who will be involved in proposing or conducting the research or reporting the results of the research have a conflict of interest as defined in USC’s Conflict of Interest in Research policy (e.g., ownership interest, consulting activity, or management role in the sponsor, subawardee, or licensee)?”

**Updated Text**
“Do I or any other investigator or research personnel who will be involved in proposing, conducting, or reporting the results of the research, or their Close Relations, have a conflict of interest as defined in USC’s Conflict of Interest in Research Policy (e.g., ownership interest or management role in, or income from, a sponsor, subawardee, or licensee or any other entity that stands to benefit from the research project, such as a startup company)?”

The question, and subsequent answer(s), can be viewed within the Subpanel of every USC PI/Co-PI listed in the Key Personnel section of the KC Proposal.

**TARA Quicklinks:**
The Quicklinks section of Kuali Coeus has been updated to include a link to the University’s Conflict of Interest in Research Policy.

**Other Systems:** Environmental Health and Safety Assistant (EHSA)
A new link to the Environmental Health and Safety Assistant (EHSA) has also been added to the “Other Systems” panel of Kuali Coeus. The EHSA is the online database of the Office of Environmental Health & Safety that enables researchers to review critical information regarding their permits/laboratories (e.g., audits, inventories, and lab personnel training history) and update as needed. Researchers may also request waste pick-up, respond to safety inspection findings, and request to add research staff through this portal.