S2S: A User Perspective

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SBMRI Overview

• Two campuses: La Jolla & Lake Nona, Orlando
• 1200 employees
• 92 faculty + research staff & postdocs
• ~500 proposals per year
SBMRI Overview

• Distributed process
  – Research Admins support 2-4 faculty labs
  – RAs Initiate proposals, prepare & upload docs in S2S
  – PI reviews/changes/approves
  – SRO reviews/changes/approves
  – SRO submits
SBMRI: InfoEd

- Proposal Development (PD)
  - Build and submit proposals
- Proposal Tracking (PT)
  - Post submission management
S2S PD Advantages

• Pre-filled institutional and PI information
• SRO can review the submission packages as they are being worked on
• Can review a mock-up of what the proposal will look like when it is officially assembled by the funder
• Facilitates collaboration
• Facilitates remote support
S2S PD Advantages

Upload documents must conform to NIH Standards

**Font**
- Use font of at least 11 points.
- Font color of black.
- Typefaces: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia
- Type density, including characters and spaces, must be no more than 12 characters per inch. For proportional spacing, the average for any representative section of the text must not exceed 11 characters per inch.
- No more than 6 lines of type within a vertical space of one inch.

**Page Margins**
- Use standard size 8.5"x11".
- Use at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages.

**Length**
- Using no more than two or three sentences, describe the relevance of this research to public health.
S2S PT Advantages

• Your data is in your system
  – Have a place to track proposals as they go through review
  – Can use to facilitate/manage post-award
  – Reports!
S2S Disadvantages

• Sometimes have to do a bit of translation of funder instructions to S2S instructions for users
• Sometimes have to do a bit of translation from “IT developer-speak” to lay language to understand changes/problems
• Works perfectly 99% of the time, but when it doesn’t....