Dear Colleagues,

In March and April 2020, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) authorized Federal agencies to allow grant recipients to exercise certain flexibilities. The flexibilities were contained in OMB Memos M-20-17 and M-20-20. They were meant to help grant recipients cope with the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis and were advertised as time limited. RSP posted the agencies’ guidance online.

On June 18, 2020, OMB rescinded M-20-17 and M-20-20, ending all but two of the flexibilities connected with those memos. At the same time, OMB issued M-20-26, though for the moment, the memo may have limited usefulness for UW-Madison. The memo addresses the allowability of salaries and other project activities as well as the Single Audit submission. OMB reminds agencies of the need to ensure good stewardship of their awards and not to assume that supplemental funds will be made available. Further guidance may be provided by the funding agencies, but in the meantime, RSP recommends that federal awards be managed only in accordance with the award terms and conditions.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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