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## Facilities & Administrative (F&A) Costs and Effort Reporting Update- Cost Studies

Semi-annual Networking Event  
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## F&A (Indirect Costs) Rate Negotiation



You don't get what you deserve, 😊  
You get what you negotiate.

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## Evidence

- F&A Rates for Organized Research based on FY14 Proposal
  - Negotiated Rates:

FY	Negotiated	Notes
FY16	55.5	
FY17	56.5	
FY18	58.0	<b>Provisional</b> Rate; Final will be based on next FY17 Proposal
FY19	?	Will be based on FY17 Proposal

- Calculated Capped Rate: **62.15** (admin costs capped at 26%)
  - If Admin Cost is Uncapped, the Actual Calculated Cost is **68.93**

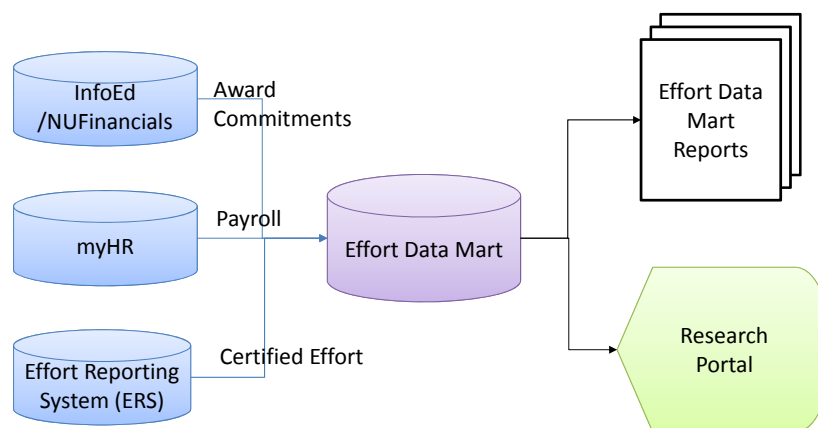
## Your Help for FY17 F&A Proposal

- **Space Survey**
  - Facilities Cost is Uncapped & Space Survey is the main driver
  - FY17 Space Survey planning by Facilities Management and Cost Studies
  - FY16 Space Survey review and correction in progress
    - *Communication by Sophia Gabay from Cost Studies*
- Cost Share in FY17
  - Cost Share is included in Denominator of the calculation
- Equipment Inventory
  - Federal Negotiator physically validated accuracy of equipment locations
  - Working with Accounting Services and Cost Studies
- Effort Reporting
  - Helpful for deciding \$ cost share and space survey coding
  - Working with Cost Studies

## Commitment, Salaries, & Effort Management

- Reporting Needs:
  - One stop shop to access commitments, salaries, and certified effort
    - Integrates data from InfoEd/NUFinancials, myHR, and Effort Reporting System
  - Facilitates management of commitments/effort and salary charges
  - Current and Pending Support Pages
- Initiative to provide the information:
  - Effort Data Mart

## Effort Data Mart



## Effort Data Mart – Implementation Plan

- Planned Timelines
  - Reporting design in progress
  - Release to production – this summer/fall (goal)

#	Proposed Report Requirements
1.	Compare Committed Effort (InfoEd), Planned Salary Distribution (myHR), Actual Salary Charged (myHR), and/or Certified (ERS) effort for a specified Researcher and date range (or the grant budget period) by chartstring
2.	Compare Committed Effort (InfoEd), Planned Salary Distribution (myHR), Actual Salary Distribution (myHR), and/or Certified Effort (ERS) for a specified Project and date range (or the grant budget period) by person
3.	Compare Committed Effort (InfoEd), Planned Salary Distribution (myHR), Actual Salary Distribution (myHR), and/or Certified Effort (ERS) for all projects for which a specified individual is PI and for a specified date range (or the grant budget period), by chartstring and person

Thank You