Capital Equipment Physical Inventory Verification FY21

Procedures and Guidelines

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Presentation Outline

- Equipment & inventory process definitions
- Purpose of physical inventory verification
- Overview of inventory verification process
- Inventory process timeline
- Asset review and update procedures
- Available resources

Definitions

- Capital Equipment: Original cost \$5,000 or more, useful life of more than 1 year
- Unit (capital equipment unit) Department or group of departments grouped together for the purpose of inventory verification
- Unit Representatives

Individuals assigned to school unit to assist in re-inventory and tagging process

Asset Self Service

Application within NUFinancials used for creating and searching asset request (disposals & transfers)

AM002 and AM013 Reports
 Cognos reports listing active assets recorded in NUFinancials

Purpose

- Control system to track capital equipment (required at least biennially)
- Compliance with Federal funding guideline 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Guidance)
- Accurate information presented in Financial Statements
- Accurate records for the Facilities & Administrative (F&A) rate proposal
- Prevent reportable audit findings that may influence future sponsored awards

Capital Equipment:

northwestern.edu/controller/accounting-services/equipment-inventory/index.html

Capital Equipment Inventory:

northwestern.edu/controller/accounting-services/equipment-inventory/inventory.html

Contact Cost Studies:

northwestern.edu/coststudies/staff.html

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Process Overview

- Distribution of Capital Equipment presentation
- Delivery of reports to Unit Representatives
- Inventory verification and review of records
- Return inventory results to Accounting Services
- Submittal of change requests in NUFinancials (disposals, transfers)
- Verification of record changes

Inventory Timeline

Presentation / Project start:	3/2/21	
Unit Reps receive AM013:	3/3/21	
Open Lab Session 1:	Mid-May	
Return updated AM013 reports:	5/31/21	
Open Lab Session 2:	Mid-June	
 Unit Reps submit Asset Requests: 	6/30/21	
Open Lab Session 3:	Mid-July	
 Re-inventory results verification: 	8/15/21	

Asset Review and Update Procedures

- FY21 physical inventory begins now target completion is June 30, 2021
- AM013 asset inventory reports will be sent to Unit Representatives by Accounting Services
- In addition to existence, please verify the following fields for each capital equipment:
 - Tag Number
 - Asset Description
 - Manufacturer
 - Model Number

- Serial Number
- /Building Name and Room Number
- Custodian/PI Name
- Department

Example Inventory Verification

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Untagged Assets

- Verify tag number per record matches tag affixed to equipment (example tag below)
- If untagged, please indicate this on inventory
- If tags are needed, please request them by reaching out to <u>equipment@northwestern.edu</u>
- Affix new capital equipment tag and note tag number on inventory
- Accounting Services will update record in NUFinancials with new tag number





Unlisted Assets

- Inventory includes equipment purchased through Jan. 2021
- Report includes assets purchased using Dept. ID on Purchase Order
- If equipment is not listed, please indicate this on inventory
- Include asset description and PO (see example)
- Accounting Services will investigate upon return of completed inventory

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	Bruker Biosafety Cabinet	PUR124	PUR1248213		
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Asset Inventory Updates

- Unit Reps to email completed AM013 report to <u>equipment@northwestern.edu</u> by May 31, 2021
- Unit Reps to submit all updates via NUFinancials (see next slide) by June 30, 2021
- Accounting Services to reconcile updates identified per inventory to NUFinancials by August 15, 2021
- Accounting Services to communicate any updates needed with Unit Reps by FYE close



Disposal & Transfer Requests

 Unit Reps to submit Asset Requests (disposals or transfers) via NU Financials:

NUFinancials > NavBar > NU Interfaces and Processes > Assets Self Service > Create/Search Asset Request > Add

- Transfer types: location, custodian/PI, and/or department update
- <u>Disposal types</u>: scrapped, sold, traded-in, donated, cannibalized, no longer owned by University, etc.
- Equipment must be <u>physically</u> disposed (not in storage or closet!) before request submitted in NUFinancials

More information can be found at: <u>https://www.northwestern.edu/controller/accounting-services/equipment-inventory/asset-request-instructions.pdf</u>

Resources

• AM002 Asset Inventory Report

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Training Guide:

https://kb.northwestern.edu/page.php?id=82020

Navigate to Finance, Facilities, and Research Administration Reports (FFRA) then Asset Management (AM)

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Assets Self Service

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Job Aid for asset management self-service portal can be found at:

https://www.northwestern.edu/controller/accounting-services/equipment-inventory/assetrequest-instructions.pdf

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Questions or Need Help?

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Equipment website:/

https://www.northwestern.edu/controller/accountingservices/equipment-inventory/index.html

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