FAQs – Internal Deadline

1. For new, resubmissions, and competing renewal applications, why does RMG need the science 3 days in advance of the sponsor's due date?

    *   A proposal can't be submitted until complete and final. The 3-days prior to the sponsor's deadline allows RPMs to do a thorough review of all their proposals and make sure they are successfully submitted. It's also important to understand that last minute changes in the science can often impact the budget and other administrative components. Each RPM is typically balancing 15-20 proposals. It has become clear that it is unrealistic to think that an RPM can complete their responsibility as the institutional official for proposal review and submission with less than 3-days.

2. If the proposal is submitted and the PI wants to make additional corrections, will RMG allow these corrections?

    *   If the application was successfully submitted (meaning that it did not generate any errors), and the PI wants to make additional corrections to the application, RMG will consider withdrawing the application and resubmitting with corrections provided the corrections have a significant impact on the project. The researcher should not utilize this as an opportunity to continue working on the proposal.

3. Why are the Abstract and Relevance due 5 days before the sponsor's due date? Shouldn't these be considered technical components?

    *   If the PDRF requires special approvals such as export control approval, or the application requires a waiver, the reviewer often needs to see the abstract/scope of work as part of their review and approval process. RMG will accept a draft copy of these documents at the internal 5 day deadline; however a final copy must be provided at the 3 day deadline.

4. On non competing continuation (NCC) proposals, why are the budget, personnel report and publications list needed at the internal 5 day deadline?

    *   The budget should have been finalized in advance of the internal 5 day deadline. The RPM needs time to enter the budget onto the form pages.
    *   The personnel report may require eRA Commons accounts to be set-up. The RPM needs sufficient time to create these accounts, and the eRA Commons system needs time to acknowledge these new accounts.
    *   The publications list must include the PMCID number. The RPM needs time to review the publications list to ensure the PMCID number is included. The PI needs time to make corrections to this list as needed.