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To: Research Deans

I would like to clarify why ORSPA has imposed their three-day guarantee on proposal submissions.

Although it sounds like another bureaucratic requirement being imposed by ORSPA, over the past year, we have had several severe technical difficulties with the Federal Government's electronic proposal submissions systems. In fact, we had two cases where we did not meet the deadline due to technical issues (mainly on the government side) and the proposals were rejected. We protested these rejections and were told by the government to allocate more time for the electronic submission process.

Our solution to this problem was to offer a **GUARANTEE** (and not a deadline). Thus, if a PI gets a completed proposal to ORSPA three days ahead of the deadline, we will guarantee it will be submitted and accepted by the government. If a PI misses this guarantee window, **WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THE PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED ON TIME**. Given our experiences over the past year with the electronic systems, we are encouraging PIs to complete the proposals within this guarantee window. However, I want to emphasize that ORSPA will continue to work as hard as possible with PIs who do not meet this schedule.

Please note that ORSPA has renamed this requirement from the "Three Day Deadline" to the "Three Day Guarantee" to further advance our philosophy.

If you have any questions about this guarantee please do not hesitate to contact me, Debbie Shaver, Director of ORSPA ([Deborah.shaver@asu.edu](mailto:Deborah.shaver@asu.edu)), or Candyce Lindsay, Assistant Director, Sponsored Project Services, ORSPA ([Candyce.lindsay@asu.edu](mailto:Candyce.lindsay@asu.edu)).

Thank you for spreading the word about this GUARANTEE to your faculty.

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