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MEMORANDUM

Date: Friday, January 24, 2020
To: IDOT Grant and Program Staff
From: Joanne Woodworth, Acting Chief Financial Officer JCW
Subject: University Indirect Cost Rates

POLICY: State of Illinois Universities Facilities and Administration (F&A) Memorandum

Federal Facilities and Administrative (F&A) rate agreements are used for indirect cost reimbursement on grants, contracts and/or other agreements issued or awarded to State Universities by all Federal Agencies of the United States in accordance with the cost principles mandated by 2 CFR 200.

State Universities have recognized the State of Illinois continuously funds a portion of its facilities and administrative costs through annual general fund appropriations. Consequently, State Universities cannot seek the same percentage of indirect reimbursement from Federal pass-through and State of Illinois awards issued by State of Illinois Agencies.

Therefore, The Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit, The Governor's Office of Management & Budget along with Chief Accountability Officers from State of Illinois awarding agencies recommend the following F&A policy for State funded Universities.

The following State University F&A Rate and Base will apply to all State issued awards that contain either Federal pass-through funding or State funding.

RATE: 20%, Rate for awards or programs administered On-Campus*
10%, Rate for awards or Programs administered Off-Campus*

BASE: Base approved in the State Universities' current Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)

*Criteria for utilization of the On/Off campus rate is located within the general terms and conditions of Federal NICRA for each State University. If not clearly defined, State awarding agencies and officers will make final determination based upon the purposes of the grant scope.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): The IDOT Grants Section immediately requests this F&A policy language be included within the "Indirect Cost Rate" section of current NOFOs.

Listing of State of Illinois Universities that must follow the recommended F&A policy

1. Chicago State University
2. Eastern Illinois University
3. Governors State University
4. University of Illinois at Chicago
5. University of Illinois at Springfield
6. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
7. Illinois State University
8. Northeastern Illinois University
9. Northern Illinois University
10. Southern Illinois University Carbondale
11. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
12. Western Illinois University

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