Research Metrics Focus Group meeting

8/12/2010

Attendees: Anne Hannigan (AH), Barbara Cole (BC), Kathleen Thompson (KT), David O’Brien (DOB), Rana Glasgal (RG), Ken Merritt (KM), Dianne Archer (DA), Dilip Kondiparti (DK), Samir Pandey (SP)

This group last met on 7/21/10. At that time, the group decided to get a data group together to make recommendations for what data to use. The next meeting of this focus group will be 8/24/10.

RG and Vijay Gandra gave Randy a demo of the research dashboard as it was on 7/26. Randy’s comment is to keep it simple, keep the scope small, and get it out there.

The new research data group has met 7/27, 8/2, 8/9. The meetings have been very productive. Minutes from these meetings are on IRDS website. 3 more meetings will be held.

The data group has changed the prototype twice. Today we will demo the dashboard, and talk about data presentation and drill path selection.

Q: Keep average proposed amount? Yes

Confirm: Exclude IPA, JPA, MTA, CTAA (those are not really sponsored projects). Also, now there is one tab of total proposal transaction volume, and one without non-competitive proposals.

Q: Want the option to see tables? Yes

Q: Still interested in outstanding proposals tab? Not really, no

Confirm: using submitted dates as when to include a proposal in a fiscal year? Yes.

Demo by Samir- New features

- New help feature
- Moved filters (green area) to left side (was on top)
- Added proposal stacked bars tab
- Choice to view as chart or table (table is drillable too)
- Can save your filter selections, make it your default – nice feature!

Need: Separate tab for FYTD comparisons (by months or quarters)
Need: nominal vs real toggle

Need: “as of” date needed for partial year comparisons

Need: for 2nd measure on a graph, having data connected by a line may not make sense (not a trend – don’t want it to look like one)

This Focus Group will continue to have access to the dashboard for testing and comments.