LAB23-3030 Frequently Asked Questions

Q1:

The language on the ceiling and funding level both indicate a number of "approximately" \$3M/yr.

Can you please confirm that it would be acceptable (i.e., such a budget would not lead to direct rejection) for a submission to have an average budget of, say, 10% more than \$3M?

Response 1:

There is some flexibility in the exact amount of the cap to allow for flexibility in the drafting of the budget. Deviations above the \$3M cap will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. DOE strongly discourages amounts substantially over the \$3M cap.

Q2:

Page 13 of the Call says that biosketches "must not exceed 2 pages" but that "Detailed instructions may be found in Section VIII of this Announcement."

Section VIII, page 29 says that one should use the NSF format through ScienCV or the fillable pdf; however the fillable pdf is 3 pages long and ScienCV tends to fill out a third page (only producing a warning when 3 pages are exceeded).

Can responses use biosketches that are 3 pages in length (using ScienCV and/or fillable pdf)?

Response 2:

Please use the instructions on page 29, and if the form creates a 3-page biosketch, that will be allowed.