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Dear Research Community,

As noted in [yesterday's message](#) to faculty, we are continuing to monitor media reports and news from federal agencies regarding federal funding. The UNM provost has organized a group of UNM leaders and administrators who will be meeting frequently to monitor the evolving situation, gather data, and provide input on potential next steps.

Late yesterday afternoon, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [released a memo](#) regarding a pause on law, grant, loan, or federal financial assistance programs. This is *NOT* a stop-work order for federal research grants and contracts. Today, OMB [released a second memo](#) that contains additional information. As such, the guidance we provided in [yesterday's joint VPR message](#) still holds. Please *DO NOT* stop work on federally funded projects. Also relevant to OMB guidance, UNM is continuing to distribute federal financial aid to students.

If you do receive a stop-work order directly from a funding agency, please comply immediately. This also applies to any subawards that may exist for that project. Also, it is extremely important that the appropriate sponsored projects office is notified (awards@unm.edu for main and branch campuses; hsc-preaward@salud.unm.edu for Health Sciences campus). The appropriate fiscal monitor will work with the PI, department staff, and Contract & Grant Accounting staff on next steps.

PIs should direct any official messages from a sponsor regarding grant or contract matters to the appropriate sponsored projects office (awards@unm.edu for main and branch campuses; hsc-preaward@salud.unm.edu for Health Sciences campus) so that we can work collaboratively to address any possible changes or issues as they arise. Funding agencies are also working to understand the implications of the OMB memo for specific projects and programs; thus, it's a very dynamic situation.

As we receive more information and guidance regarding the implications of all these changes, we are committed to keeping everyone informed.

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