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Effort Certification – The external review is complete and shows that we are doing quite well overall. However, there were a few holes identified in our paperwork, policies and procedures that we could tighten up to better explain our effort certification process, education and training. Work will begin on these in November 2010. Some of you will be called upon to serve on one of two groups that will work on either the policy updating or the certification process and procedure.

Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). Implemented on October 1, the FFATA requires a recipient to report information similar to that which is currently required under the ARRA reporting fields. Prime contracts of \$550,000 value or greater and grants and cooperative agreements of \$25,000 or greater value are subject to FFATA. The federal awarding agency will be responsible for reporting on prime awards into the FFATA website. UAF will be responsible for reporting subcontracts of \$25,000 value or greater, and subawards of \$25,000 or greater value on those prime awards. On March 1, 2011, the reporting ceiling on contracts will be reduced to \$25,000.

OGCA will random check the information posted by the awarding agency to the FFATA site, and Procurement and Research Services will be reporting on those subcontracts and subawards which fall under the FFATA requirement. Because the FFATA requires reports to be submitted very quickly after the prime is awarded, UAF will be working on a process to speed up issuing subcontracts and subgrants once the Banner Finance system has the financial information. We cannot wait to issue these – they have to get out of the door right away.

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