

What's New for Project Management Center 5.0 Release

Project Management Center (PMC) 5.0 Release implements a major reorganization of the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist (FARC). The updated FARC includes new reports, a new Post-Project reporting section and reporting frequency, and a re-arrangement of reports by section.

Additionally, there are several non-FARC related updates in this release including the addition of an Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) field on the Project Overview page of awards, a personally identifiable information (PII) certification and annual verification requirement for external users (recipients), demographic reporting for Principal Investigators and Business Contacts, and browser compatibility updates for Edge and Chrome browsers.

Please note: Federal Energy Management Program users are only impacted by the verification of PII. Financial Assistance recipients are impacted by all changes.

Specific Functionality

FARC Revisions – Reporting Frequencies

- Addition of the P (Post-project) frequency.
 - P stands for Post-Project (after the period of performance); within five (5) calendar days after the event, or as specified.
 - This frequency is automated in the PMC and only available to Scientific/Technical Reports and Intellectual Property Reporting.
- Renaming of A frequency to A5.
 - A5 stands for As Specified or within five (5) calendar days after the event.

FARC Revisions - Reorganization

- The FARC was reorganized into the following sections:
 - Project Management Reporting
 - Award Management Reporting
 - Closeout Reporting
 - Post-Project Reporting
- Scientific and Technical Reporting is no longer a section title; these reports are now included in Project Management Reporting.
- The reports formerly part of the Other Reporting section are now divided between Project Management Reporting and Award Management Reporting.

FARC Revisions – Updated Project Management Reporting section

- Progress Report has been removed from the FARC; all EERE projects will submit a Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR).
- Incorporates Scientific and Technical Reporting (STI) reports and Intellectual Property Reporting (IP) reports. Technical Report(s) report is added to STI.
- Incorporates Project Management Plan (PMP) previously listed in the Other Reporting section.

FARC Revisions – New Award Management Reporting section (previously Other Reporting section)

- Three reporting elements previously required as part of the RPPR were added as separate reports: Participants and Collaborating Organizations; Current and Pending Support; Demographic Reporting.

FARC Revisions – Updated Closeout Reporting section

- Incorporates the Final Scientific and Technical Report (FTR) previously listed in the STI Reporting section.
- Verification of Receipt of Accepted Manuscripts was added to this section.

FARC Revisions – New Post-Project Reporting section

- Added to communicate the post-project reporting requirement, utilizing the new, automated P reporting frequency for STI and IP reports.
- This section is applicable to all EERE projects. If STI or IP reports are created, they are required to report them to E-Link or iEdison during and after the project ends.

Addition of Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) to the project record

- In anticipation of EERE's transition from DUNS to the UEI, a field to collect UEI was added to the Project Overview of awards.

Annual Verification of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) for External Users

- In response to a cybersecurity finding, PMC will institute an initial certification of PII for all new accounts and an annual verification of PII for all existing accounts.
- Beginning March 1, 2022, all external users logging into PMC will be prompted to verify their PII prior to completing any other actions in PMC. The date they verify PII will serve as their anniversary date for subsequent years' verification.

Chrome/Edge Compatibility Enhancements

- With the transition away from Internet Explorer, numerous updates were made to standardize the user experience.
- These changes do not impact system functionality and are focused on incorporating the helper text in Chrome and Edge.