Dear NYU Research Community:

As mentioned at the April Research Administrators forum, the Office of Management and Budget has published the final revisions to the Uniform Guidance (UG).

The revisions are part of a required five-year review of the guidance. These revisions to the guidance are effective November 12, 2020, except for the amendments to §§ 200.216 and 200.340, which are effective on August 13, 2020. They consist of changes to emphasize stewardship and results-oriented accountability for grant programs. A complete overview of the changes is here for your reference and the most significant revisions for the NYU community are summarized here for your information.

One specific change which faculty and administrators have inquired about is NYU’s plan for managing compliance with 200.216 Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment, which prohibits recipients of federal grant funds from purchasing telecommunication and video surveillance equipment, services, or systems from prohibited vendors (Huawei, ZTE, Hytera, Dahua, Hangzhou, Hikvision) and their subsidiaries.

It has been confirmed with NYU Procurement that NYU is in full compliance with 200.216 and requisitioners cannot purchase from these vendors as they have been inactivated in i-Buy and will not be reactivated pending any further Uniform Guidance updates. If you determine a vendor needs additional review for reactivation, please contact Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) at cdv.spa@nyu.edu.

Please note that federal sponsor agencies continue to implement agency-specific guidance to incorporate the revised UG. The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) are monitoring agency updates. Accordingly, University systems and policies may be adjusted in response to federal agencies’ implementation of these revisions and you will be informed of critical updates.

If you have any questions regarding these recent regulatory changes or any other concerns, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs (osp.agency@nyu.edu) and the Sponsored Programs Administration team (cdv.spa@nyu.edu) for assistance.