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◆ **The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is planning to revise the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, also known as the Uniform Guidance (UG), by the end of this year.** According to a request for information (RFI) in the Feb. 9 *Federal Register*, revisions would incorporate statutory requirements and administration priorities, reduce agency and recipient burden and clarify “sections that recipients or agencies have interpreted in different ways.” OMB also aims to “clarify guidance by rewriting applicable sections in plain English, improving flow, and addressing inconsistent use of terms.” In addition to the UG, OMB said revisions may also address the universal identifier, systems for award management, subaward reporting and executive compensation. OMB asked four questions to help guide responses to the RFI.

In the same edition of the *Federal Register*, OMB published a proposed rule to “improve uniformity and consistency” of implementation of requirements in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, specifically requirements that federal infrastructure projects use only “iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials ... produced in the United States.” The provisions are part of the Build America, Buy America Act that were rolled into the infrastructure law. The deadline for comments on both the RFI and proposed rule is March 13. (2/16/23)

◆ **NIH will host a workshop on Feb. 27 to “share key points and themes from community conversations NIH has held across the country on the uses of personal health data in research,” the Office of Science Policy (OSP) announced.** To be held at the University of California, San Diego, the workshop will be webcast and will feature four panels of speakers, including “ethicists, biomedical researchers, technology engineers and developers, public health experts, and clinician researchers who might utilize novel technologies to generate data.” Time is allotted for public participation during the workshop, scheduled to run from noon to 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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