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To: The University of Iowa Research Community

From: Twila Fisher Reighley, Assistant Vice President for Research and

Director, Division of Sponsored Programs

Re: New DSP Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of the DSP's new website, now available at https://research.uiowa.edu/dsp/. This new site brings a number of changes, in content and in function, that we hope you'll find effective.

While the original subject matter remains intact, the specific content has been updated within a new menu system. These changes are intended to facilitate access and navigation through the site.

Beyond content, our new site includes functional upgrades:

- Adopts the website editor known as *Drupal* the University's editor of choice –
  facilitating content additions and revisions and promoting consistency across
  campus.
- Improves overall accessibility, implementing an ADA-compliant design.
- Includes a functioning site map and search engine.

We believe the new site will bring welcome updates and upgrades, but expect it will also bring some frustrations, as users adapt to the new presentation. We are hoping our users will find the new site logical and easy to navigate and are prepared to assist with any concerns. We are counting on your feedback in our continuing effort to improve our site's content and function, inviting your comments to the OVPR webmaster, Hayley Yearian, <a href="mailto:hayley-yearian@uiowa.edu">hayley-yearian@uiowa.edu</a> or to dsp@uiowa.edu.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the staff within DSP, OVPR and ITS that worked on this upgrade. Thank you.