



# eRA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

NIST is excited to announce the official launch of eRA (Electronic Research Administration). Effective October 1, 2026, all recipients of awards, including grants, cooperative agreements, and other transactions, from the Department of Commerce Bureaus, will be required to use eRA to perform applicant and recipient activities within the electronic award administration process:

- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- U.S. Census Bureau

As we prepare for the upcoming transition to the eRA award system, your involvement is key to a smooth migration. Please review the updates below to stay informed and prepared regarding our progress.

## eRA Webpage & Training

NIST has launched a new webpage dedicated entirely to the eRA implementation. This page will serve as your main source for the latest migration updates, past communications, and training resources. You can explore it here: [eRA Implementation Page](#).

Date	Topic & Agenda	Registration
<b>06/16/26</b> 2:00 PM ET	<b>Introduction to eRA   Account Management (All)</b> <b>Part 1: Introduction to eRA</b> <b>Webinar Description:</b> This webinar will offer an overview and high-level introduction to eRA and its features.  <b>Part 2: Account Management</b> <b>Webinar Description:</b> This webinar will offer detailed information on eRA Commons accounts and how they are used throughout the award lifecycle.	<a href="#">Registration</a>
<b>06/23/26</b> 2:00 PM ET	<b>Account Management (Admin)   Registration</b> <b>Part 1: Account Management (Admin)</b> <b>Webinar Description:</b> This webinar will offer detailed information on how accounts are created and managed in eRA Commons.  <b>Part 2: Registration</b> <b>Webinar Description:</b> This webinar will offer detailed information for administrative staff on how to register with eRA Commons.	<a href="#">Registration</a>
<b>06/30/26</b> 2:00 PM ET	<b>Application Submission &amp; Tracking</b> <b>Webinar Description:</b> This webinar will offer detailed information on how to successfully submit an application and track within eRA Commons.	<a href="#">Registration</a>
<b>09/10/2026</b> 2:00 PM ET	<b>Internet Assisted Review (IAR)</b> <b>Webinar Description:</b> This webinar will offer detailed information on how to access meeting materials, review applications, and submit scores/critiques.	TBD
<b>09/15/2026</b> 2:00 PM ET	<b>Post-Award Activities</b> <b>Webinar Description:</b> This webinar will offer detailed information on how to manage post-award activities on an active award, including the submission of reports/documents and prior approval requests.	TBD
<b>09/22/2026</b> 2:00 PM ET	<b>Closeout</b> <b>Webinar Description:</b> This webinar will offer detailed information on how to successfully submit closeout documents.	TBD

These live sessions will be recorded, and eRA will provide registration links ahead of the scheduled dates. The registration are live on the eRA Implementation [training page](#) as well. Please be on the lookout for future emails regarding registration.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Please see below for helpful links regarding eRA:

- DOC Resource - For the latest eRA information and additional resources, please visit the [GEMS External Resource Pages](#).
- eRA Resource- For more information about the eRA Commons, please visit the [eRA Commons Page](#)
- NIST Resource – For the latest GEMS information from the NIST Team - [Financial Assistance Agreements Management Office \(FAAMO\) | NIST Intranet](#)

We look forward to working with you as we move forward with this implementation. Please contact your Grant Specialist should you have any additional questions.

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