eRA Enhancements: New Features In eRA Commons Release Tonight; Connectivity May Be Affected During The Release
Thursday, October 18, 2018

eRA is performing software updates to eRA Commons tonight, Thursday, October 18. The release may result in the temporary disruption of connectivity to the module. While all attempts are being made to minimize any lapses in connectivity, we wanted to make you aware that between 8 p.m. EST and 10 p.m. EST, users may not be able to access eRA Commons or may find their connection has been lost.

We are sorry for any inconvenience.

New Features & Updates

- **Personal Profile on the Go** — A mobile version of the Personal Profile screen will be available after the release, giving eRA Commons users access on the go. In addition, security has been enhanced for the entire Personal Profile.

- **No Zero for Person Months** — A zero can no longer be entered for person months as level of effort in Section D.1 -Participants of the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). The zero reflected a time when only whole numbers were allowed, and users were asked to enter a zero if a person month effort for a participant was 0.4 or less. Since decimals are now allowed, the zero is no longer needed.

- **Security Enhanced** — Security for eRA Commons has been enhanced to keep up with the latest technological advancements.

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