## Confirming the Correct Electronic Forms Choice

The due date for which you are applying determines the Grants.gov application package (set of electronic forms and instructions) needed for submission. NIH uses the Competition ID field to identify application packages.

- Applications intended for due dates on or before January 24, 2010 must use application packages with a Competition ID of ADOBE-FORMS-A
- Applications intended for due dates on or after January 25, 2010 must use application packages with a Competition ID of ADOBE-FORMS-B

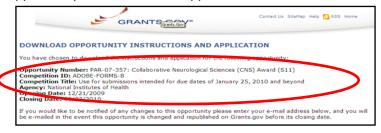
## Where will I see the Competition ID?

The Competition ID is visible in the Grants.gov download screens, within the application package and in the electronic application summary added to the application image in Commons after it is assigned an NIH application/grant number.

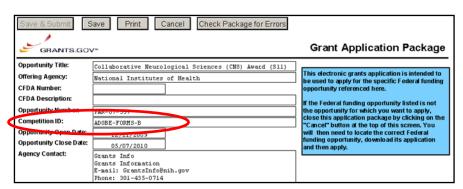
- During the roll-out of the updated forms there may be multiple application packages listed on a single Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). The Competition ID should be used to select the appropriate package.
- Grants.gov Selected Grant Applications for Download screen



After clicking the "download" link, you will again see the Competition ID in the Grants.gov Download
Opportunity Instructions and Application screen



• After Downloading the Application Package, the Competition ID can be found in the header information at the top of the Grant Application Package management when working with the forms.



• After the application is assigned an NIH Application/Grant number, the Competition ID can be found in the eRA generated electronic summary, added to your assembled application image in eRA Commons.

PI: Jones, Pat	Title: Remarkable Advances in Biomedical Research	
Received: 10/05/2009	FOA: PA07-070	Council: 05/2010
Competition ID: ADOBE-FORMS-A	FOA Title: RESEARCHPROJECT GRANT (PARENT R01)	
1 R01 DK987654	DUAL: HD, HL	Accession Number: 8765432
IPF: 10008069	Organization: Whatsamatta U	
Former Number:	Department: OB/GYN	
IRG/SRG: PN	AIDS: N	Expedited: N
Subtotal Direct Costs	Animals: Y	New Investigator: N
(excludes consortium F&A)	Humans: N	Early Stage Investigator: N
Year 1: 347,653	Clinical Trial: N	
Year 2: 350,248	Exemption: 10	
Year 3: 407,916	HESC: N	
Year 4: 335,667		
Year 5: 338,501		

## Are there other ways, in addition to the Competition ID, to confirm which electronic application package was used for an application?

Every electronic application package includes the SF424 (R&R) cover component. For ADOBE-FORMS-B packages, the cover form will have an Expiration Date of 06/30/2011 in the upper right hand corner.

## Will the system prevent the submission of "incorrect" application packages?

Not initially. Many NIH FOAs are open for multiple deadlines and we must allow the submission of both packages for a period of time. After a short transition period, the ADOBE-FORMS-A packages will close and applications based on those forms will be rejected at Grants.gov with a message indicating the opportunity is closed.

Consider this scenario... An R01 Program Announcement would typically use the standard Feb 5/June 5/October 5 deadlines for new applications and the May 7/September 7 /January 7 deadlines for AIDS applications. An applicant who is eligible for continuous submission (due to their work with NIH as a Reviewer) would have through February 7 to submit their R01, R21 or R34 AIDS application using ADOBE-FORMS-A, while other applicants will be submitting their New applications for the February 5 deadline using ADOBE-FORMS-B.

During the transition period (beginning January 5), all application submissions using ADOBE-FORMS-A will receive the following warning:

NIH is moving to updated application forms. No action is needed if submitting for due dates through January 24, 2010. If submitting for due dates on or after January 25, 2010, revisit the funding opportunity announcement, download the updated forms identified through the Competition ID of ADOBE-FORMS-B and submit your application using the new form package and instructions. For many programs, the new form instructions include shorter page limits. NIH will not accept applications that use incorrect forms or instructions. See http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-149.html for details and guidance for reviewers eligible for continuous submission.

Applicants, unaware of the changes until receiving this warning and submitting to a deadline on or after January 25, 2010, will have the "error correction window" to submit their Changed/Corrected application using the correct forms and instructions.