



The Race is On: Going the Distance with Federal Grant Funds **Spring Forum 2024 Agenda**

Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel – Baltimore, MD
April 30 – May 2, 2024

Monday, April 29, 2024

3:30 – 5:00pm **Early Forum Check-In (All Attendees)**

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 *Pre-Session ONLY*

7:30 – 8:30am **Pre-Session Registration (Pre-Session Attendees ONLY)**

Breakfast (Pre-Session Attendees ONLY)

8:30 – 11:00am **Pre-Session: The Revised UGG –Ready, Set, Go!**
Michael Brustein and Bonnie Graham, Bruman Group, PLLC

This pre-session will provide a detailed review of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) final amendments to the Uniform Grants Guidance (UGG). Last October, OMB released proposed changes to the UGG that affect mandatory reporting, financial management, procurement, inventory and more. The final version came out this Spring and will be going into effect soon. Learn about how the final changes will affect your agency and how to prepare for the new regulatory landscape.



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Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 10:00 – 4:00** **Forum Check-In (All Attendees)**
- 1:00 – 1:20** **Introduction and Welcome**
Steven Spillan, Bruman Group, PLLC
- 1:20 – 1:45** **ED Priorities**
Chris Soto, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
- 1:45 – 2:45** **Legislative Update**
Julia Martin and Kelly Christiansen, Bruman Group, PLLC
- 2:45 – 3:15** **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:15** **Can You Keep Up with the UGG Updates?**
Tiffany Kessler, Bruman Group, PLLC
- 4:15 – 5:00** **Congressional Appropriations: Fueling the Race**
Sarah Abernathy, Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding
- 5:00 – 6:00** **Networking Reception**



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Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- 7:30 – 8:30** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 9:15** **On Your Mark, Get Ready for EDGAR Updates!**
Michael Brustein, Bruman Group, PLLC
- 9:15 – 10:15** **Panel on Audit Lifecycle: From Start to Finish**
Moderator Steven Spillan, Bruman Group, PLLC
Panelists: Keith Cummins (ED OIG); TBD
- 10:15 – 10:45** **Break**

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:45– 12:00	Federal Grants Management Test Brandi Tennant and Nathaniel Kristel <i>Introductory Session</i>	Serving Students With Disabilities Madeline Cleghorn, Monica Pascual, and Tiffany Kessler <i>Intermediate Session</i>	WIOA Reauthorization Michael Brustein, Steve Spillan and Kelly Christiansen <i>Intermediate Session</i>
Lunch (12:00 – 1:30)			
1:30 – 2:45	New Title IX Regulations Julia Martin <i>Intermediate Session</i>	ESEA Hot Topics ED’ Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Representatives (invited) <i>Introductory Session</i>	FERPA Rules & Updates Nathaniel Kristel and Steven Spillan <i>Introductory Session</i>
Break (2:45 – 3:15)			
3:15 – 4:30	Being Direct on Indirect Andre Hylton, Director of ED’s Indirect Cost Division <i>Introductory Session</i>	Heading Towards the Finish Line with ESSER Tiffany Kessler and Kelly Christiansen <i>Intermediate Session</i>	Perkins V: New Year, New Plans Michael Brustein, Steven Spillan, and Andrew Johnson (ED’s OCTAE) <i>Intermediate Session</i>



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Thursday, May 2, 2024

- 7:30 – 8:30** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 9:30** **Panel: Common Compliance Hurdles & Specific Conditions**
Moderator: Michael Brustein, Bruman Group, PLLC
Panelists: Dean Zajic (Kansas State Department of Education), Molly Killingsworth (Alabama State Department of Education), April Woodcheke (California Department of Education)
- 9:30 – 10:00** **Time & Effort: Keep Moving Forward**
Madelaine Cleghorn, Bruman Group, PLLC
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:15** **Assessing Risk: What Could Keep You From Crossing the Finish Line?**
Bonnie Graham, Bruman Group, PLLC
- 11:15 – 12:00** **Updating Policies and Procedures: Mile Markers to Track Your Progress**
Monica Pascual and Brandi Tennant, Bruman Group, PLLC
- 12:00 – 12:30** **Cooling Down: Questions and Answers Panel**
Bruman Group, PLLC Attorneys