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Summary

1. Was the information at the Roundtable presented clearly?

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Strongly Disagree: 1 0 0%
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3 0 0%
4 3 60%
Strongly Agree: 5 2 40%

Comments (optional)

2. Will you use the information presented in your daily work?

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Strongly Disagree: 1 0 0%
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Comments (optional)
I have a much better understanding of what information I should gather from my PIs. And, in the end, that will help the decision making process go more smoothly for everyone.

3. What did you like most about this Roundtable?
It was good to have the whole team present to discuss all aspects of the process and to answer questions.
I thought it was great to have SPO, SCM and legal in one place. And, the fact that their answers were insightful - I was grateful that they told us why certain information was important, not "just do it this way".
The view from the legal perspective.
The opportunity to clarify the intent of policies and why they exist.
I like hearing from leaders and experts from departments I interact with regularly. It's a great opportunity to ask questions and better understand how their department functions (and interacts with other departments, e.g., SPO, IAO and Business Contracts).

4. What could have improved this Roundtable?
I would have like to have someone from Business Contracts on the panel.
This may seem small but I would have preferred that the panel sit at a long table all facing the audience; this would have facilitated conversation a bit more. As it was with some of their backs to the audience it was a bit awkward.

5. Are there any questions not addressed in this discussion that you still have?
I wanted to know the distinction between a business contract and a sponsored project that is "other" and uses the 40% overhead rate. PEER submitted a proposal to USGS recently, and the activity being supported was outreach and workshops. We used the 40% overhead rate but I did wonder why it couldn't have been a business contract.

6. What topics would you like presented at future Roundtables?
I think being able to engage with CGA in a Roundtable would be good (we probably already have but I'm blanking right now). There are always issues that come up (like why are they assigning a CGA analyst to a new award when that analyst transferred that portfolio months ago, and subsequently left CGA???).

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