



Dear Colleague,

Some of our offices have recently received messages with the below language from the NIH:

"Failure to report all inventions funded in whole or in part by the NIH as required by your grant or contract terms and conditions may result in your organization's loss of rights in the invention or other actions as appropriate."

University administrators have the responsibility to ensure that Bayh-Dole compliance is a priority for their institutions and being executed in a timely manner and correctly. NIH officials have expressed concern that many universities are not fully honoring their obligations to report inventions, provide confirmatory licenses, submit utilization reports, etc. and are finding many discrepancies between the numbers of grants given verses what is being reported. This is of very serious concern and could have an adverse influence on Congressional decisions regarding the future of technology transfer or funding at universities that are out of compliance.

AUTM carefully designs educational content based on feedback and topic suggestions from professionals like you. We've been listening and are pleased to provide a brand new AUTM Compliance Course for 2016. AUTM has already arranged to partner with the NIH to educate those in attendance. We are also attempting to arrange for the NSF as well as NASA to be represented.

This new course is specifically designed for all administrative professionals and others responsible for compliance-related issues and government reporting within the technology transfer office. This new two-day workshop will provide an in-depth understanding of compliance reporting requirements. The critical issues of proper compliance and using iEdison will be discussed, along with how to properly report patent filings, co-owned inventions, utilization reporting, sub-grants, waivers and much, much more.

All who have direct responsibility for compliance and government reporting should plan to attend this course.

The AUTM 2016 Compliance Course will be held October 3-5 at the **Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor** in Baltimore, Maryland. For more information visit www.autm.net/compliance-course.

We hope that you will seriously take into consideration sending those in your office who are handling Bayh-Dole reporting so that they can be brought up-to-speed with the latest developments and requirements related to this critical function.

Sincerely,

David Winwood
AUTM President