Purpose
Procedure for Dollars Feed Date and Back Dating in RAMSeS.

Introduction
The Dollars Feed Date (DFD) field within RAMSeS is the field that is mapped to for reporting awards. Therefore, if awards are entered and backdated in the DFD it’s possible that awarded funds will be attributed to a previously reported period. This comes into play primarily at the end of each quarter and the end of the fiscal year when OSP reports on sponsored programs activity.

Procedure
The DFD is to be entered as the date the award information is data entered into the system or the start date of the award/budget period. DFD can be forward dated, but it can not be back dated.

For example, an NIH award arrives on 7/3/2010 with a start date of 6/1/2010. The dollars feed date is to 7/3/2010, presumably the date of data entry. Or, in the case of forward dating, on 7/15/2010 an award arrives with a start date of 8/1/2010. In this case the dollars feed date could be entered for July or August, although August might make more sense give the award start date. When a forward dating choice is available, it is preferable to select the start date of the award/budget period.

Exceptions
N/A