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Subject: RE: foreign collaborators

Actually David, the Program Officer is right on all counts here. We do allow subawards to foreign institutions but do not pay indirects unless they have a negotiated rate agreement with a cognizant U.S. Government agency. And if you all are okay with it, she can be listed as a co-PI. I hope that answers the questions and thanks for your patience with my reply.

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NSF Policy,

We've had an inquiry from a PI who is working on a proposal, but his co-PI is moving to a foreign institution fairly soon. With the co-PI being at a foreign institution, can they receive funding? From everything I've ever heard/seen the answer would be no, but our PI's program officer (from SES) told him:

- 1) The subaward is the best/easiest way to approach the problem.
- 2) Depending on institutional rules (i.e., UTK's if it would be the home institution for the grant), she could be listed as a co-PI.
- 3) She can get salary from a subaward, but no indirects if she is at a foreign institution.

I would agree that we could list them as a co-PI, but I wouldn't have thought we could subcontract anything to the foreign institution. Can you clarify this for us? It's hard for us to convince our PI when his PO tells him something different.

Many thanks,
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