



May 25, 2009

To: Chancellor Martin
Chancellor Richardson
Executive Director Bouchard
Deans, Directors, and Department Heads

Re: Fringe Benefit Rates Applied to Sponsored Projects during FY 2009-10

Fringe benefits rates have been established for next fiscal year pursuant to the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions." The rates effective for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 are as follows:

Louisiana State University, including the Pennington Biomedical Research Center	
Regular employees	34.00%
Contingent labor/transients (object 1220/1250)	7.65%
Non-student employees with "F" or "J" visa* (object 1100)	0.00%
LSU Agricultural Center	
Regular employees	34.00%
Federal employees	28.00%
Contingent labor/transients (object 1220/1250)	7.65%
Non-student employees with "F" or "J" visa (object 1100)	0.00%

The fringe benefit rates for 2009-10 remain exactly the same as the current 2008-09 rates, with only one exception. The LSU Agricultural Center's federal employee rate has decreased – from 29% in 2008-09 to 28% in 2009-10.

Effective July 1, 2009, the rates indicated above apply to both new and existing LSU sponsored program accounts – including gifts and expired fixed price agreements. Effective immediately, these rates also apply to new proposals and requests for new, supplemental funding to existing awards. Please note that the policies of the **LSU Agricultural Center** and the **Pennington Biomedical Research Center** do not currently provide for annual increases in the fringe benefit rate for existing sponsored program accounts.

If clarification or additional information is needed, please contact Jim Bates, LSU (578-2760); Mark Legendre, LSUAC (578-4164); or Ralph Underwood, PBRC (763-2515).

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*excluding PBRC (rate is 34.00%)

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