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## **COS Funding Opportunities Enhancements Make Funding Search More Convenient**

*Improvements suggested by customers help in highly competitive funding environment*

**Bethesda, MD, USA (October 13, 2009)** – Today, RefWorks-COS announced that it made several enhancements to COS Funding Opportunities designed to make the search for funding more efficient and convenient.

Most of the enhancements were suggested by COS Funding Opportunities customers, initiated by discussions during annual workshops held in Spring 2009. The recent economic climate has made the research funding arena more competitive, and an increased emphasis on global collaborative research has made the hunt for funding much more time-consuming over the last 24 months.

The more than 20 modifications affect several aspects of the search, review and management of using COS Funding Opportunities: clarified and improved Advanced Search features; enhanced sorting and viewing of results; and unlimited search saving and sharing. Together, these enhancements significantly increase efficiency and ease in the search for funding.

“I think it’s wonderful that RefWorks-COS is making these enhancements that their customers have suggested. These changes make a product that was already very good even better,” commented Sarah Starr, Director, Funding & Research Development at The Ohio State University Research Foundation. “Faculty, staff and students here at OSU think COS Funding Opportunities is an ‘awesome’ tool that does so much more than any other funding system out there, and it saves them so much time in finding funding.”

“Increased competition in the research funding market and growing emphasis on global research and collaboration, combined with fewer human resources at research organizations means that COS Funding Opportunities needs to be even more efficient and effective for our customers,” said Colleen Stempien, RefWorks-COS’ Executive Director of Operations. “When it was time to make improvements, we went to our customers, because they know best what they need.”

The changes were made to the version of COS Funding Opportunities that is available on its native platform, [www.cos.com](http://www.cos.com). This version is used primarily by research administrators, research managers and faculty and staff of research organizations, such as university research departments.

Launched in 1997, COS Funding Opportunities today has more than 26,000 records of available grants from more than 11,500 sponsors for researchers the world over. With nearly 500 subscribing organizations in 89 countries, including 80% of the world's leading research institutions, it has become the world's premier funding information resource.

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Committed to support research in virtually any kind of research organization--from academia to corporations, from government agencies to medical facilities, RefWorks-COS provides indispensable tools for researchers at every step of the research process. Learn more about RefWorks-COS services at [www.refworks-cos.com](http://www.refworks-cos.com).

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