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Enhancements

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In response to suggestions from our customers, several enhancements were made to COS Funding Opportunities that resulted in increased efficiency and convenience in the funding search process:

Advanced Search

- **Function of Search Fields Clarified.**
 - When users select “Match **all** of the below fields”, the word “and” appears before each row.
 - When users select “Match **any** of the below fields”, the word “or” appears before each row.
- **Exclude Internal Coordination Opportunities.** “Internal Coordination” is now among the Exclude Opportunities fields.
- **Clarified Wording for Activity Location.** In the browser window for the Activity Location field, when users choose “All States” under United States or Australia, or “All Provinces” under Canada, it now includes the country name when the field is populated.
- **Deadlines within the Next 90 Days.** In the Deadline search field, users may now conveniently choose “Deadline within 90 days”.

Search Results

- **Quicker Mouse-over Views.** The length of time that mouse-over information boxes stay on the screen was reduced for quicker scanning. Also, an “X” close feature was added to the upper right corner of the information boxes.
- **Improved Amount Sorting.** On the Search Results page, the Amount column headers can be clicked to sort by amount, lowest to highest, and clicked again to show highest amount to lowest. Unspecified amounts, indicated by “See Record”, will always show at the end of a list sorted by amount.

- **Briefer Field Displays.** Only the first 250 characters of a field will be displayed in the default record view. If a field has more than 250 characters, it will include the notation “More” at the end, which the user can click to see the all the information. This will make the default record view shorter and easier to scan.
- **Updated Results View for Search Wizard.** Users who search using the Search Wizard or Records with Deadlines within the Next Six Weeks features will now see results in the Advanced format.

Save Searches

- **Save All Searches.** Users can now save searches that yield no results so that they may go back later to refine them, or because the search was defined to yield precisely relevant results and will be fruitful in the future.
- **“New” Indicator on COS Funding Alerts.** The word “new” is now included beside a new funding opportunity in a Funding Alert email to differentiate it from records that have had just a change in requirements.
- **Unlimited Saved Searches.** Users may now save an unlimited number of searches, rather than the previous cap of forty.
- **“New Query” Returns to Original Search View.** When users complete an Advanced Search, if they choose “New Query”, they will be returned to the Advanced Search screen, rather than to the Basic Search screen.
- **Share Searches with Unlimited Number of Emails.** Users can now share searches with an unlimited number of COS users, rather than the previous cap of five.

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Records

- **Printer-friendly formatting.** When users print a record, the output is now in a neat, concise and efficient format.
- **“Internal Coordination” Emphasized.** In records for opportunities requiring internal coordination, the words “Internal Coordination” are bolded and italicized to make them easier to spot.

Track & Tag Records

- **Batch Record Tracking.** On the Search Results page, users can now check all records of interest and track and tag them in a batch, rather than individually. Tags for individual records can then be refined on the COS Workbench, if desired.
- **Alphabetical Tags list.** The list of tags in the tag-assigning function is now in alphabetical order, as it is on the COS Workbench, rather than in the order they were added to the list. The tags have also been spaced for easier reading.
- **Sorting Tracked Records.** On their COS Workbenches, users can now sort their tracked records by Title, Sponsor, Date Created, and Next Deadline.

- **Return to Record from Tracking.** Once a user has tagged and tracked a record, the user is returned to the record.
- **Clearer Record Track Alert Subject Lines.** So that users can note them more easily in the email in-boxes, alert emails for tracked records now have subject lines that read “Updates to your Tracked Funding Records” for multiple records, or “Update: GRANT NAME” for single records.
- **Alerts for Tracked Records that Have Expired.** When tracked records expire, users will be notified in their Record Track Alerts.

Administrative

- **Title Required for COS User Registration.** Users are now required to provide their titles when registering as a COS user, or when they update their positions.

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