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PeerNet™ — ORAU's Web-based Peer Review System

A streamlined peer review process is critical in determining that the highest quality proposals are funded.

PeerNet is specifically designed to facilitate effective peer review by using ORAU's proprietary and easy-to-navigate online portal. Short for Proposal Evaluation and Electronic Review Network, PeerNet is a structured system where:

- Review scores and comments from multiple subject matter experts are entered
- Common criteria and scoring methods allow for apples-to-apples comparisons
- Data is delivered quickly to inform decision making



Key Characteristics and Features of PeerNet

- **Secure** – PeerNet has a proven record of success in meeting governmental cybersecurity requirements.
- **Confidential** – PeerNet manages reviewer confidentiality and sensitive information by providing a password-protected location for data to be entered and reviewed.
- **Customizable** – PeerNet can support a variety of review types and is scalable to the number of reviewers required for the project.
- **Flexible, Real-time Reporting** – PeerNet was designed to easily collect, tabulate and report evaluative comments and/or scores from multiple reviewers with common criteria.
- **Accessible** – Outside of routine maintenance, PeerNet is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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To learn more about PeerNet and ORAU's scientific peer review capabilities, visit orau.org.



- **Mobile Optimized** – PeerNet's user-friendly interface is easily accessible from tablets and smartphones.
- **Intuitive** – PeerNet's easy-to-navigate interface creates a user-friendly experience for reviewers and customers.
- **Section 508 Compliant** – PeerNet is accessible for all users.
- **Conflict of Interest Monitoring** – PeerNet helps review officials diligently monitor for conflict of interest and bias by giving them authorized read-only access to real-time data from the reviewers.
- **Technical Enhancements** – PeerNet is regularly updated to allow optimum performance for reviews.

Coming Soon

- **Proposal Collection** – This feature will allow program leads to customize proposal submission criteria and seamlessly, electronically collect submitted proposals and associated documents from principal investigators.
- **Reviewer Portal** – This feature will allow reviewers and peer review support staff to securely exchange documents and information.

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