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Subaward Invoice Checklist

Overall performance of this subawardee on the project is satisfactory
There are no outstanding technical reports or deliverables due
All technical reports or deliverables this subawardee has submitted have been reviewed
The amount the subawardee has spent to date seems reasonable given the work performed to-date (i.e., not too much or too little spent)
The expenses look reasonable and are in line with the approved budget
Have regular communication with this subawardee regarding their approved workplan

GREEN LIGHT

- Subawardee is performing satisfactorily
- Technical reports and deliverables are being submitted in a timely manner
- Expenses are on par with period of performance and in line with approved budget
- Good communication with the PI



YELLOW LIGHT

- Technical reports or deliverables are overdue
- Project appears to be underspending or overspending
- Some difficulty communicating with the PI
- Budget categories that are significantly underspent/overspent

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Communicate your concerns with the subaward's PI and document these conversations
- Request additional information at the level of detail that would help address your concerns
- Compare proposed to actual (work being done, budget expenditures, etc.) to identify performance gaps
- Increase frequency of communication with subawardee
- Discuss your concerns with your SPA accountant

RED LIGHT

- Technical reports or deliverables significantly overdue
- Expenses being billed that are not in the approved budget
- Poor communication with PI
- Concerns about integrity of research
- Work being done is out-of-scope

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Do not approve payment of invoices until concerns are addressed
- Consider and on-site visit if your funding allows this
- Expand scope of communication with your subawardee to include Iowa State's Office of Sponsored Programs Administration and their Sponsored Programs Accounting office



