

## *What You Should Know Prior to Submitting Any NIH Application*

- **Network:** Get to know people in the field
- **Network:** Get get to know people on study sections
- **Network:** Don't make enemies
- **Publish:** Establish a paper trail of professional activity
- **Co-investigate:** Get on grants as a co-investigator
- **Principally investigate:** Go after *any pot* of money – no matter how “small” (in fact, *start small*)
- **Review:** Never decline an editor's request to review a paper
- **Review:** Volunteer to serve on NIH (or any) study sections

Source: **Constructing Successful NIH Proposals by Thinking Like a Reviewer** Nicole Maestas, PhD, Director of the Center for Disability Research and RAND Corporation Senior Economist. [Assessment of Local Environmental Risk Training](#) (ALERT) Researcher Webinar on August 9, 2011, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research Health DATA Program. The ALERT webinar was made possible by Grant # RC1ES018121 from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.