NOT-OD-19-136 announces the publication of Reducing Administrative Burden for Researchers: Animal Care and Use in Research, a report by NIH, USDA and FDA, resulting from Title II, Section 2034(d) of the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114-255), enacted December 13, 2016. With regard to the regulations and policies for the care and use of laboratory animals in research, the Act instructs NIH to:

1. Seek the input of experts
2. Identify ways to ensure applicable regulations and policies are not inconsistent, overlapping, or unnecessarily duplicative
3. Take steps to eliminate or reduce identified inconsistencies, overlap, or duplication among such regulations and policies
4. Take other actions, as appropriate to improve the coordination or regulations and policies with respect to research with laboratory animals

Implementation of the planned changes in policies, guidance, or regulations are expected to begin within the next two years to accommodate time needed for the public engagement processes.