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An important core program milestone for Grants.gov in FY2006 was reached and surpassed when the 45,000th electronic grant application of the year was processed in the third quarter.

By moving from an 80 percent paper-based grants management process toward a goal of a seamless 100 percent electronic environment for the Federal grants community, an increasing number of grant submissions can be received and processed more rapidly than ever before.

“Reaching the 45,000 milestone so quickly testifies to the efforts of our agencies in posting their grant packages and communicating with their applicant communities,” said John Etcheverry, Grants.gov Program Manager.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) established specific operational objectives for the program that helped HHS-led Grants.gov meet its 45,000th application goal. These OMB objectives included the guidance that Federal agencies should make efforts to post all grant opportunities on the Grants.gov website, with the goal of posting at least 75 percent of their grant application packages on Grants.gov. Also, since reaching 45,000 applications, Grants.gov has now surpassed the 80,000 mark for applications.

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“Grants.gov has improved the business of grants for the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). It is a mechanism that allowed ISDH to streamline our submission process by creating the perfect environment for tighter control of the application process, resulting in increased tracking mechanisms, reporting abilities, and allowing for efficient grant submission business practices. The helpline and staff at Grants.gov have been an invaluable resource to us as an agency and continue to assist us in improving our application practices. Thank you for everything.”

- Jennifer C. Hoffman

Director, Policy & Grant Management Division
Indiana State Department of Health

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*Fulfilling the President's
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SUCCESS FOR WEBSITE REDESIGN LAUNCH

Notice anything different about the Grants.gov website? How about an improved interface, cleaner look, streamlined navigation, clear site map, and concise content? Take it for a “test drive” and see if you agree. “One important reason the redesigned website works so well,” Terry Nicolosi, Deputy Program Manager, explains, “is that we invited our end-users to give us input about improvements they wanted to see. You responded, and we acted on what we heard from the user community.” To help you adjust to and navigate the redesigned website, we recommend that you invest a few minutes getting reacquainted by going to: <http://www.grants.gov> (Turn over to see new website design)



www.grants.gov



When you get there, look at the left side of the screen. You will find that all the basic functionality you'll need, for both applicants and agencies, is there on the left. On the right side, there are quick links that offer the fastest way to log-in. You'll also notice that the "Grantor" section, located at <http://www.grants.gov/agencies/agencies.jsp>, has been renamed "For Agencies" to better define the revised Federal agency portion of the website.

We have added a lot for you to try out, including:

- Simple, clean layout
- Streamlined content
- More informative sitemap
- Intuitive interface
- Easy-to-follow instructions
- Logical navigation

PROGRAM MANAGER REBECCA SPITZGO TAKES POSITION WITH HRSA

As the summer of 2006 moves toward a close, we find ourselves without a very familiar face. On May 26, our Program Manager, Rebecca Spitzgo, departed Grants.gov to assume a new role with HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Rebecca has joined HRSA as the Associate Administrator of the Office of Performance Review.

Rebecca completed her last months as the Grants.gov Program Manager with a flourish, being recognized as one of Government Computer News (GCN) Magazine's 2006 IT Leadership Award winners. She was selected as one of a small group of key individuals who, through tireless work and commitment, have transformed the face of the Federal government community with their vision of technology's role in building a better government.

With the departure of Rebecca Spitzgo, John Etcheverry is serving in the role of Acting Program Manager for the PMO, while Terry Nicolosi has taken on John's former role as Deputy Program Manager.

NEW GRANTS.GOV STAFF!

Two new members joined Grants.gov in July. Dr. Philip Irish III is on a two month detail from the Department of Defense where he is a Professor of Information Systems Management at the National Defense University.

His previous assignments include an academic appointment at the Defense Acquisition University; Director of Research, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Cocoa Beach, FL; Program Manager for the Ergonomic Information Center, Air Force Research Laboratory, Dayton, OH and Professor of Leadership at The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. His Ph.D. is in Industrial Psychology and Human Factors Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University.

At Grants.gov, Phil's responsibilities include grantor training materials development and website usability analysis. He is a point of contact for DoD.

Anne Lopez-Buitrago is on a six month detail with Grants.gov from the National Endowment for the Humanities. At NEH, she serves as a Program Analyst in the Division of Preservation and Access. Anne is currently completing a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from University of Maryland University College. At Grants.gov, Anne will serve as the Program Manager for DoEd, EPA, NEA, NEH, and NARA.

RECENT GAO AUDIT

Please visit: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d06566.pdf> to view the recent audit on P.L. 106-107 prepared by GAO.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Connect with Grants.gov at the following upcoming events:

- 8/23-8/24 FEMA Grantor Conference Call
- 8/29 Congressman Todd Tiahrt Grant Workshop
Sedgwick Co. Zoo-Cargill Learning Center
Wichita, KS
- 8/30 Stakeholder Meeting