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SUBJECT: Federal Personnel Use of E-Authentication Digital Credentials for Grants.gov

NEW MATERIAL: Grants.gov has mandated that all Federal personnel use e-Authentication digital credentials for user login and registration by August 30, 2006. All users will be receiving an email from Grants.gov, and below is further Agency guidance regarding this process.

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ATTACHMENT: [E-Authentication Digital Credentials](#)

INFORMATION

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TO ALL GRANTS.GOV USERS

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A digital credential requested through Operational Research Consultants, Inc. (ORC) is an interim e-Authentication solution only for Grants.gov. When USAID determines its final solution for digital credentials, users may be required to cease using the ORC credentials and obtain credentials from another service provider.

Each USAID staff member who uses or will use Grants.gov should immediately request credentials through ORC in order to meet the August 30, 2006 deadline. The hyperlink to ORC is <http://www.orc.com>. Use the e-Authentication hyperlink in the dark blue "Apply Now!" box on the right-hand side of the web-site. Once users provide and

submit their business and personal information, Level One credentials will automatically be provided. Level One credentials is all that is needed for use with Grants.gov. Complete instructions and a User Guide will be sent to you on August 28 by Grants.gov. The first time you login to Grants.gov after August 30, follow the new Grants.gov login instructions.

Grants.gov users that cover more than one mission location and have multiple logins and passwords, MUST obtain an E-Authentication credential for each login name.

At this time, USAID is NOT recommending or mandating the use of any specific technology or the use of any specific digital credential provider to satisfy the requirements of the rest of the e-Government Initiatives or the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) requirements of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12). If you have requirements for the selection or use of any digital credential for any purpose, you must send the requirements to the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at isso@usaid.gov.

Point of Contact: Any questions concerning Grants.gov e-authentication should be directed to Sebrina Robinson, M/OAA/CAS, (202) 712-0595, while questions related to e-authentication in general should be directed to ISSO@usaid.gov.

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