

PPD ALERT Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS)



BACKGROUND: Agriculture Acquisition Regulations Advisory 31 designated the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Contractor Performance System (CPS), as the primary USDA-wide system for maintaining contractor performance/evaluation information. Use of the system is mandatory.

A new system is now available called the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). This is a web-enabled application that allows the retrieval of contractor past performance information. This system has more than 22,000 reports available to all Government source selection officials. It is a central warehouse that retrieves performance assessment reports from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, NASA, DOD, and the NIH CPS we currently use.

Because of the number of agencies that feed into PPIRS it is now considered the Government-wide past performance information retrieval database.

POLICY AND GUIDANCE: Despite the fact PPIRS now exists, the NIH CPS is still USDA's mandatory past performance system, since it feeds into PPIRS. All past performance evaluations must still be entered into the NIH CPS. However, when searching for past performance, PPIRS is recommended because it is the most comprehensive past performance system.

NEXT STEPS: To access the PPIRS, you need to create an account. Log on to <http://www.ppirs.gov> and click on "System Logon" on the PPIRS homepage. Next click on "Government Logon", and then click on "Request Account." Fill in the information requested and then click on "Submit." A "Request Group Membership" screen will appear. You do **not** have to request membership in a group. When that screen pops up, simply exit your browser.

The PPIRS User's Guide provides further information regarding the system, including information on access and use of the system. You can also access the PPIRS Users Guide at:

<http://www.ppirs.gov/pdf/PPIRSmanual.pdf>

NOTE: PPIRS does not replace the NIH CPS for inputting past performance data for the USDA.

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