

## MESSAGE FROM THE PMO

In September, Grants.gov was excited to announce that it awarded the “Grants.gov System Integration Services” to Anteon Corporation. The task order has a one-year base period and four one-year optional periods with a five-year potential not-to-exceed amount of \$18,879,818.52. This transition of the Grants.gov system from the current contractor to Anteon is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2006.

The process was a collaborative agency effort which included members from the Grants.gov PMO, the National Science Foundation, Department of Justice, and Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Anteon proposed a solution consisting of replacing IBM WorkPlace forms (formerly PureEdge) with Adobe forms server, which satisfies a key Grants.gov requirement to support all grant applicant communities regardless of their operating platform. Anteon's subcontracting plan successfully incorporated the use of small businesses, which is important to HHS and the Grants.gov PMO mission.

This plan will allow Grants.gov to meet its stated long-term goals and provide the best value to the government. We are excited about the direction this award takes us and will continue to keep you informed as our efforts develop.

Thank you,

John Etcheverry, Program Manager

## GRANTS.GOV STAFF UPDATE

Grants.gov Program Management Office is pleased to announce two new additions to the PMO team. Christopher Zeleznik, Management Analyst Officer, will be taking over the role of Operations Lead for the PMO from Terry Nicolosi, who has been reassigned as the Deputy Program Manager. Zeleznik came on board on September 4th from the Transportation Security Administration where he was Lead Contracting Officer for IT acquisitions, and is currently leading the transition activities of the SI contracts. Michael Pellegrino, Management Analyst Officer, is joining the PMO from the Defense Logistics Agency, where he is a Management Program Analyst and experienced change management officer. Leveraging his experience with CRM, Michael begins his work with the PMO on October 15th and will be managing the Contact Center and will be the system functional requirements lead for the PMO.

Federal agencies continue to support Grants.gov by providing highly qualified staff on temporary details to the PMO. Most recently Jennifer Flach has joined Grants.gov on a two-month detail from NIH. Ms. Flach has served as Technical Development Manager/System-to-system Coordinator for Electronic Grant Application Submission (eSubmission) at NIH and will be helping to develop a more structured change control process at Grants.gov. From the Department of Defense, Mannie Pair joined

the team for a three-month detail which ends in November. Mr. Pair comes to Grants.gov from the Defense Information Systems Agency, where he is a Program Analyst Intern in the Combat Support Office. While at Grants.gov he is working on the Forms Repository and analyzing the content of the website. Mr. Pair will also be assisting Keenon James, Grants.gov Program Advisor, as a point of contact for Department of Defense.

The people we have to say “Bon Voyage!” to include Mary Gonzales, who has moved back to Colorado, and Laura Quirk and Katie Root who are both leaving the PMO. Ms. Quirk has received a much-deserved promotion within HRSA, and we know she will do well in her new position. Ms. Root, one of our longest standing employees, is also departing Grants.gov for the private sector. Russell Wyland, detail from NEH, did a wonderful job heading up the E-Authentication effort during his time at the PMO and we appreciate the excellent job. Dr. Irish, DoD detail for 60 days was able to provide a helpful assessment of usability patterns in order to improve the website. To one and all, we say sincere thanks and all the best for your future endeavors.

## SEPTEMBER USER GROUP MEETING

The most recent Grants.gov User Group Meeting was held on September 12, 2006. The meeting was led by Vincent Sprouls, Grants.gov Program Advisor, who focused on recent and upcoming technical changes to improve the website.

## E-AUTHENTICATION SUCCESS

Since the evening of August 30, 2006, Grants.gov has required all agency users (both Federal and non-Federal employees) to login using E-Authentication's Federation of Multiple Credential Service Providers (CSPs). Grants.gov usernames and passwords used before that date are no longer valid to access the website for such functions as posting a grant opportunity or retrieving a submitted application.

For more detailed instructions and screenshots that will guide you through the process of logging in through a CSP, please consult the E-Authentication User Guide at [http://www.grants.gov/agencies/agency\\_help.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/agencies/agency_help.jsp) (the final item in the list of Agency Help documents). If you haven't already obtained your new username and password, the User Guide also provides information on the different Credential Providers and details the process for obtaining a username and password from each provider.

If you need further assistance, here are some additional resources:

Your Agency POC:

<http://www.grants.gov/section910/AgencyPointsofContacts.pdf>

Your Grants.gov PMO representative:

<http://www.grants.gov/section910/GrantsgovAgencyContactList.pdf>

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## END OF THE YEAR STATS

The year-end statistical assessment of Grants.gov usage and performance for FY2006 reveal a program that is rapidly growing in acceptance and usefulness to both grant-making agencies and applicants alike. Grants.gov is moving from being a new concept to being a mainstream tool. Among the statistics that stand out to prove this important point are the following:

All 26 grant-making agencies are posting discretionary application packages on Apply, and 21 of the 26 have reached the FY2006 posting goal of 75%. During this fiscal year, 2,197 discretionary application packages have been posted, with a total to date for all grants categories of 4,539 published packages.

The number of received submissions (82,119) far exceeded the FY2006 goal of 45,000 – coming close to doubling the goal, which has now been surpassed with nearly 100,000 submissions received to date. The participants in this record performance include (for FY2006) 60,900 registered users, with 51,122 AORs cleared as grantee applicants.

## XML EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE UPDATE

An XML grant notification email subscription service will be posted on the Grants.gov homepage by this Friday. This reflects the most recent updates.

## AWARDS

### BEST OF WEB AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Center for Digital Government named the winners of the 2006 Best of Web and Digital Government Achievement Awards on September 22, 2006. The Best of Web annual awards program recognizes state and local government portals by judging state, city and county Websites on their innovation, service delivery and functionality for citizen access.

The Digital Government Achievement Award recognizes outstanding agency and department Websites and applications that enhance information interactions, transactions and/or services, in categories that include government-to-government, government-to-business, government-to-citizen and government internal.

This year, Grants.gov and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services won a 2006 Digital Government Achievement Award in the key Government-to-Government category. Center for Digital Government Executive VP, Cathilea Robinett, offered congratulations, saying, “These winners set the mark for delivering innovative, efficient and effective government services to all of their many constituencies.”

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 25th  
Stakeholder Meeting • Humphrey Building  
Room 800 • 200 Independence Ave, SE  
Washington, DC