MESSAGE FROM THE PMO

The first quarter was very busy for Grants.gov and many of our partner agencies. We saw record growth in usage of our site over the past three months. In addition, as we continue our efforts to enhance Grants.gov, we successfully completed the integration of our site's Find and Apply functionality, as well as deployed Citrix server accessibility in mid-December for Non-Windows users of Grants.gov.

Also, in December, we added the U.S. Department of Justice to our "Goal" Star Program for meeting their goal of electronic applications received.

Grants.gov keeps moving towards its FY2006 goals. Through January 2006, Grants.gov received over 16,000 applications. With over 26,000 applicants fully registered to submit applications, the grant community is also gearing up to use Grants.gov. In fact, Grants.gov already experienced a very notable week where it received and processed over 3,750 applications. With these developments and the continued support from the Federal agencies, Grants.gov is on its way to achieving success in FY2006.

Regards,
John Etcheverry, Acting Grants.gov Program Manager

GRANTS.GOV ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

Looking Forward to 2006
To ensure success in 2006, Grants.gov has outlined some goals. They include:

• Posting 100% of discretionary funding opportunities on Find
• Posting 75% of discretionary opportunities on Apply
• 45,000 electronic submissions
• Improving customer satisfaction
• Freshening the Grants.gov site to improve user experience
• Improved Contact Center Support

Registration Webcast: Get Started with Grants.gov
Our February 9th Webcast provided a great way to find more information on the Grants.gov registration process. If you missed it, don't worry. You can see the Webcast in its entirety here. If you would like to help your applicants get started with Grants.gov – how to obtain a DUNS number, register your organization with CCR, register yourself and get authorized as an AOR – then our Get Started with Grants.gov Webcast will be a great help for you and your applicants. Please feel free to share this information to your applicant community as well!

Year-end Service and Functionality Updates
Grants.gov's final Find and Apply merge was put into effect on December 19 – bringing together two Federal web sites, www.fedgrants.gov and www.grants.gov. The merger brings a single look and feel to Find and Apply, increasing integration and standardizing terminology between these two important functions. In addition, SF 424 Version 2 was deployed on December 1.

Grants.gov Sees Steady Increase in Usage
With over 10,200 electronic submissions in the final quarter of 2005, Grants.gov is showing marked increases in usage. In fact, 3,750 submissions were recorded in a single week – and 1,250 were submitted in a single day. To date, the number of authorized registered users exceeds 23,500. And soon, we expect that more than 1,000 users will register per week.

Citrix Server Deployed and Ready for Use
By partnering with NIH, Grants.gov can now offer access to Grants.gov for non-Windows (Mac) users through Citrix servers. The Citrix server connection allows all users remote access to Grants.gov PureEdge forms. In addition, non-Windows users may continue to use their current web browser to navigate through the Grants.gov site, search for opportunities and download applications on Grants.gov.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 22nd
Stakeholder Meeting

Tuesday, March 7th
Grants.gov User Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th
Executive Board Meeting