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GRANTS.GOV REACHES 150,000 SUBMISSIONS!

Grants.gov has received its 150,000th electronic grant application for fiscal year 2007, far exceeding a program milestone of 130,000 on June 18, 2007. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) established operational objectives for the program, including that federal agencies make electronic grant applications available for all discretionary grant opportunities on the Grants.gov website. This landmark achievement illustrates the institutionalizing of Grants.gov for finding and applying for federal grants, and shows that the program eliminates the need for grant seekers to learn and comply with multiple agency systems and requirements. Grants.gov supports electronic applications that can be downloaded to any computer and provides online user support tools and personalized assistance from a dedicated customer support team. The result is a simplified and effective environment for the grant community to find and apply for grants. Grants.gov appreciates the support of the 26 federal grant making agencies, OMB, and the applicant community in reaching this important milestone. There were 90,000 total submissions at the end of FY 06 compared to 153,930 submissions by July 16 of FY07 with three months remaining in the fiscal year. Grants.gov's total submissions to date are 260,135. Grants.gov has been utilized by all the federal agencies and the largest growth shown by agency to date is the Department of Defense that had seven packages with 196 submissions at the end of Q3 FY 06 and at the end Q3 FY 07 had 163 packages with 6,986 submissions. For more information please go to www.grants.gov.

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Grants.gov is pleased to announce upgrades to the website. Federal grant-making agencies will now have the option to post opportunities using Adobe forms rather than the IBM Workplace Forms currently being used. Please be sure to download the Adobe 7.0.9 Reader at http://www.grants.gov/resources/download_software.jsp#adobe prior to downloading your application package.

Please note that Grants.gov will continue to receive and process application packages using the IBM Workplace Forms until the remaining Adobe forms are made available in September 2007. Please continue to check the Program Status page on the website for updates on this transition.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the new Adobe forms are available at <http://www.grants.gov/assets/AdobePEFAQs.pdf>.

CCR IS KEY TO THE GRANTS.GOV AND IAE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The Central Contractor Registration (CCR), part of the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) E-Gov initiative managed by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), provides several benefits to organizations applying for government grants. The strategic partnership between the grants community and IAE offers the grants community IAE services such as CCR to avoid duplicate and repetitive data processing.

Registration in CCR is required for organizations applying for assistance awards from the federal government. CCR validates the applicant's organization information and electronically shares the secure and encrypted data with Grants.gov, as well as other federal agencies, thus reducing

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the registrant's workload. CCR houses your organizational information, allowing Grants.gov to use that information to verify your organization's identity. Additionally, CCR electronically shares the secure and encrypted data with the federal agencies' finance offices to facilitate paperless payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT).

CCR is the primary registrant database for the U.S. federal government. In fact the first step to apply for a grant via Grants.gov is to complete registration at CCR. CCR collects, validates, stores, and disseminates data in support of agency acquisition missions, including federal agency contract and assistance awards. The grants community uses CCR to collect information on its grant applicants. Currently interested grants community registrants make up 14-20% of the total active registrants in CCR. This number is expected to grow substantially, resulting in further simplification of the process, reducing overall cost and improving the grants process.

Registration does not guarantee that a contract or assistance award will be awarded. However, to be considered for any award, you must be registered in CCR.

REGISTRATION TIPS:

- Register in CCR before any potential grants or contracts you are interested in are made available
- Obtain a D&B® DUNS® (For information on how to obtain a DUNS number, please visit <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>) number before registering in CCR
- Obtain a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) from the IRS 2-4 weeks before registering in CCR if you do not currently have one
- Becoming an ACTIVE registrant may take 24-48 hours after full completion of registration
- Update your CCR registration once a year

Please visit www.ccr.gov for more information on registering.

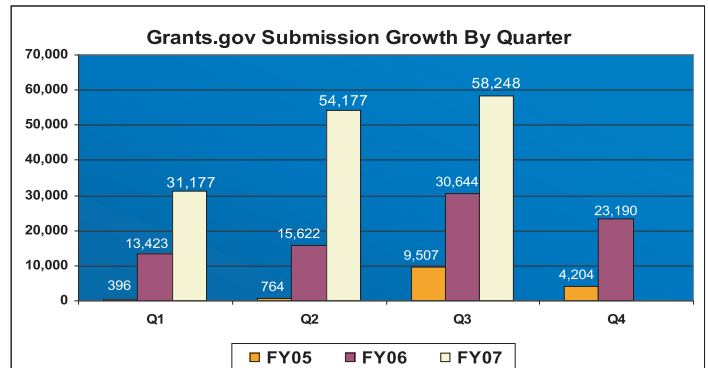
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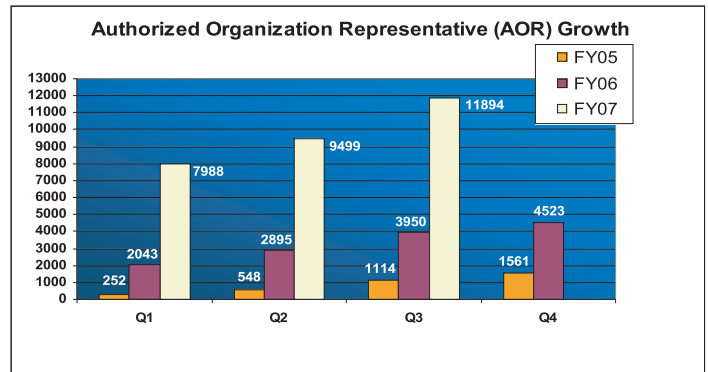
As we move into the busiest season for federal grant applications, call volume is rising and Grants.gov is paying particular attention to the quality of service applicants are receiving from the Contact Center. Based on a newly implemented Customer Satisfaction Survey, we are pleased to report that respondents are overwhelmingly positive about the professional and courteous staff responding to inquiries, their knowledge of Grants.gov and the time it took to handle requests. Of the 2,437 respondents to the survey, 79% are very satisfied overall with how their call was handled.

STAKEHOLDER WEBCAST

The next Grants.gov Stakeholder Webcast will be held July 19, 2007. Details for logging on to the Webcast are available at http://www.grants.gov/resources/stakeholder_communications.jsp. If you have questions you would like addressed please send them to support@grants.gov. We will attempt to answer as many questions as possible within the time allotted.



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FEDERAL GRANT STREAMLINING

The Grants Policy Committee (GPC) announces its next GPC Stakeholder Meeting and Webcast, scheduled for October 30, 2007, to discuss the long term planning of the GPC. This will be the fourth in a series of GPC Webcasts designed to keep the stakeholder community updated on federal grant management and streamlining activities. Meeting materials and a solicitation for public comments on the GPC activities will be posted under “Grants Streamlining Initiative News” in the fall. See http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/grants_news.jsp.

GRANTS.GOV HONORED AS FINALIST FOR 2007 INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOLUTIONS AWARD

Grants.gov was selected as a finalist for the 2007 Intergovernmental Solutions Award. More than 100 nominations were received for these awards that honor the outstanding progress being made at all levels of government through the innovative use of technology as a tool for more efficient and effective business processes.

This is truly a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the 26 Federal grant-making agencies that post their competitive discretionary grant synopses and application packages on Grants.gov, as well as the continued support of the applicant community as exhibited by the over 100,000 successfully submitted application packages. Grants.gov appreciates everyone’s support in this effort. Our thanks go out to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Resources and Technology for the nomination.

CONGRESSIONAL WORKSHOP JULY 13TH

Representatives from the Grants.gov Program Management Office conducted a Grants.gov workshop for the Congressional staff on Capitol Hill. The workshop provided an overview on the Grants.gov Find and Apply process. Staffers were invited to attend and learn about the changes Grants.gov has been making in their continuing efforts to streamline the process of finding and applying for federal grants.

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NEED HELP FINDING AND APPLYING FOR GRANTS?

There are many resources available online to assist you in finding and applying for opportunities on Grants.gov. Click on HELP in the left navigation and check out the applicant and agency user guides, FAQs and comprehensive glossary of terms. You may also want to view the newly updated Grants.gov Overview. Click on RESOURCES in the left navigation, and then click on Grants.gov Animated Overview for a narrated tutorial on getting started with Grants.gov.

The Contact Center is also available to respond to your questions. You can email your inquiries to support@grants.gov or call 1-800-518-4726. When emailing or calling the Contact Center for support, the following will help to expedite your request:

- Funding Opportunity Number (FON)
- Name of the agency you are applying to
- Specific area of concern

RECENT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Management of Change Conference, American Council for Technology on June 4, 2007

Congressional Workshop July 13, 2007 on Capitol Hill

UPCOMING EVENTS

Connect with Grants.gov at the following upcoming events:

July 17-19, 2007

Workforce Innovations Conference

July 19, 2007

Grants.gov Stakeholder Webcast