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HHS-led Grants.gov Processes 45,000 Federal Grant Applications, Surpassing Submission Milestone Ahead of Schedule

Grants.gov, the single secure website to apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants, has received its 45,000th electronic grant application for fiscal year 2006, reaching a core program milestone in the third quarter. The accomplishment signals an accelerated adoption of a more efficient mode of grants processing, moving from an 80 percent paper-based grants management process to a goal of a seamless 100 percent electronic environment for the Federal grants community.

Managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Grants.gov is one of the 24 E-Government initiatives operating under the governance of the Office of Management and the Budget (OMB). The award-winning, free website centralizes grant information and electronic submission for more than 1,000 grant programs across the Federal government.

OMB established specific operational objectives for the program that helped Grants.gov meet the 45,000th application goal, including that Federal agencies post all grant opportunities on the Grants.gov website and attempt to post 75 percent of their grant application packages on Grants.gov.

“Reaching the 45,000 milestone so quickly testifies to the efforts of our agencies in posting their grant packages and communicating with their applicant communities,” said John Etcheverry, Acting Grants.gov Program Manager. “We were poised to reach our ambitious goal of a three-fold annual increase in submissions by year end, and now we will significantly exceed our target.”

About Grants.gov:

Grants.gov is the single website unifying Federal grants. Through Grants.gov, state, local, and tribal governments, colleges and universities, not-for-profits, research institutions, and other organizations can access, find, and apply for Federal grants. The award winning website has received ten major honors and awards recognizing the impact, technology and innovation of the site—including the FOSE Showcase of Excellence two years in a row—plus selections as an Innovations in American Government Award top 50 finalist and an American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC) best-practice partner.

As a collaborative cross-government program, Grants.gov is focused on streamlining grants management for the Federal grant community. Collaborative partners include the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, Veterans Affairs, the Agency for International Development, Corporation for National and Community Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, Small Business Administration, the Social Security Administration and 11 other Federal grant-making institutions.

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