

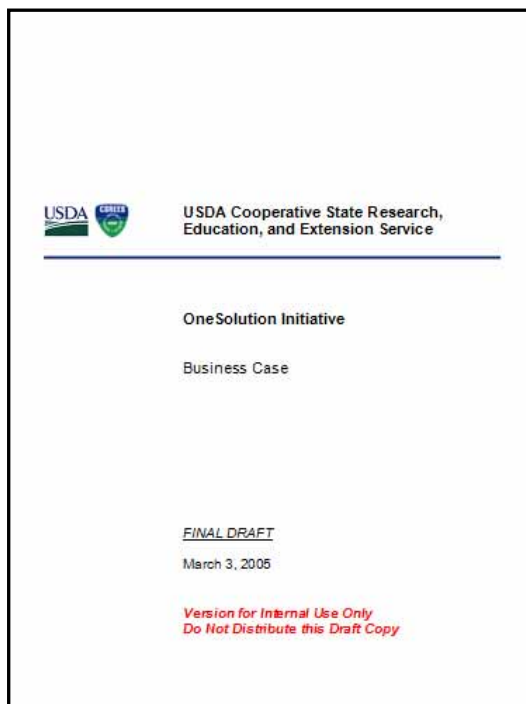


One Solution Initiative

2006 CSREES

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Last year, CSREES developed a business case for One Solution that defined the initiative's vision, goals, and value proposition.



One Solution - An integrated reporting strategy

- ❑ *Ties together disparate reporting processes and systems;*
- ❑ *Simplifies reporting for CSREES staff and partners; and*
- ❑ *Improves the usefulness of reporting data.*

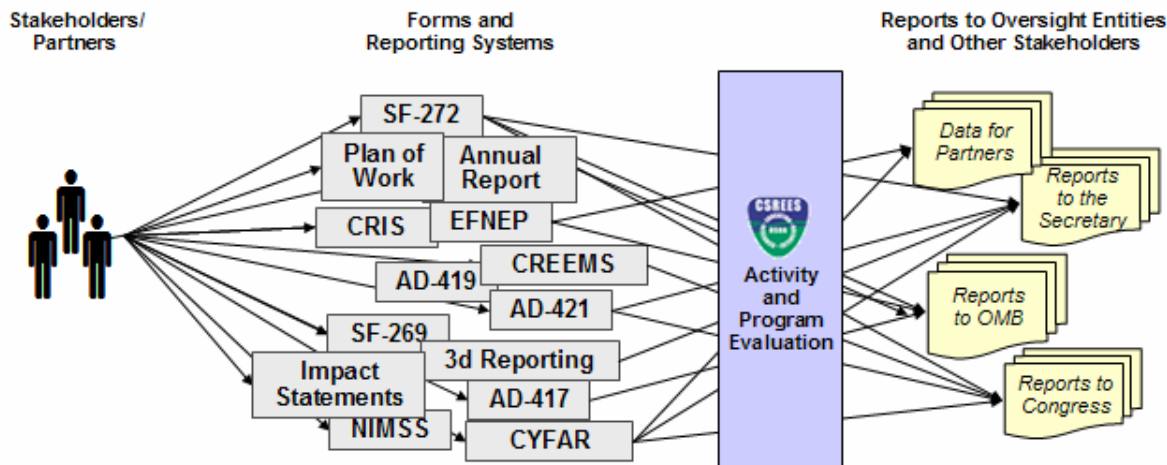
One Solution will fulfill three major goals:

- 1. Simplify reporting** and reduce burdens for funding recipients;
- 2. Improve the quality** of accountability data, better equip the agency to meet increasing performance and budget reporting expectations, and improve AREERA compliance (particularly through development of a more structured Plan of Work); and
- 3. Reduce staff effort** required to complete reporting-related processes, allowing staff members to focus on program leadership and active, portfolio-based management.

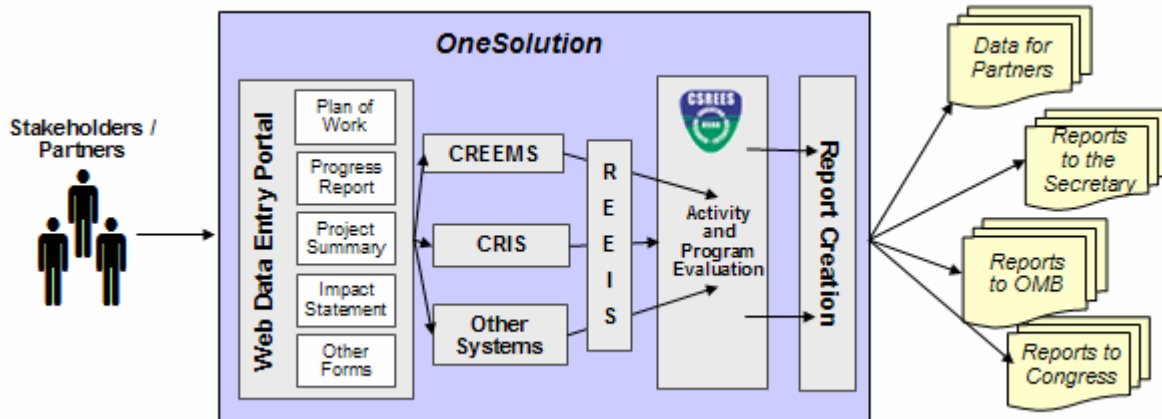
One Solution will restructure existing, uncoordinated systems into a more efficient arrangement that simplifies reporting processes.



Current Reporting Situation



One Solution Concept

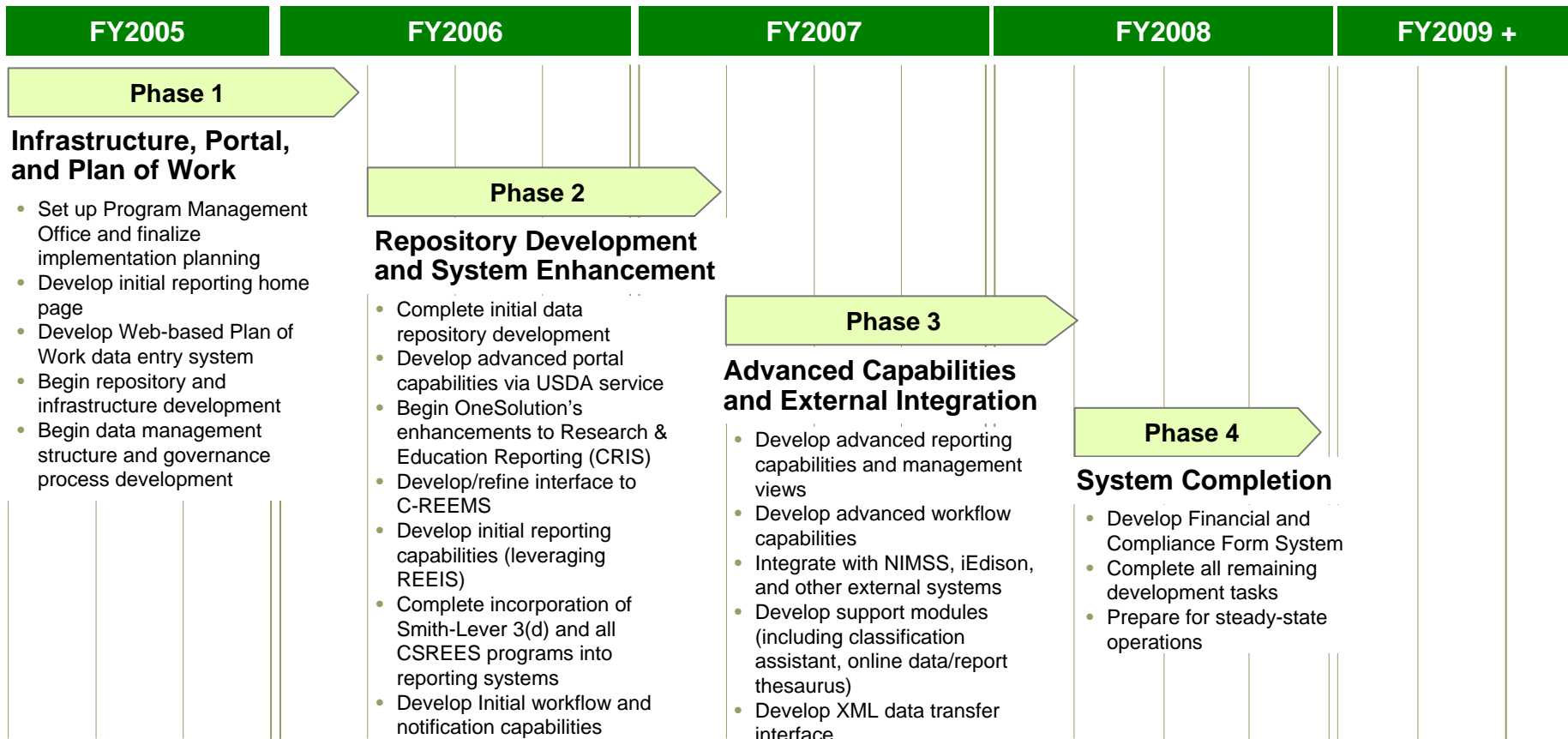


What is the One Solution Initiative?



- ***CSREES internal reviews and changes***
 - ***What reporting do we already require?***
 - ***What reporting do we really need?***
- ***Redesign, re-purpose of existing CSREES computer applications.***
 - ***CRIS, C-REEMS, REEIS***
 - ***Standardize and re-use information***
- ***Some new CSREES computer applications in the future:***
 - ***Finish building Plan of Work***
 - ***Standardized Reporting***

One Solution is a Long Term Investment



A Project Plan is being developed for One Solution.



Objectives

- Enable the successful implementation and management of the One Solution initiative.
- Enable CSREES to transform its One Solution vision into an operational business solution.
- Provide guidance for resolving various issues currently within the critical path of the initiative, including key decisions that will need to be made in the areas of Agency governance methods, IT policies and procedures, and business processes

Project Plan Characteristics

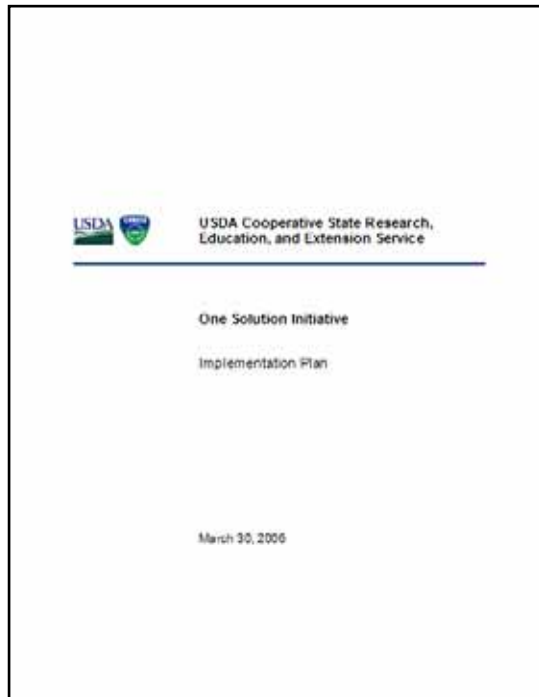
- Serve as a guide for future development of One Solution by outlining project milestone and key tasks necessary for implementation, including their respective interdependencies.
- Details key action steps, assigns responsibilities, and establishes timelines.
- Defines the capabilities and resources needed for a successful implementation of One Solution.
- Enable the assessment of required modifications to existing CSREES systems that may be incorporated into One Solution.

The Project Plan will define and map the key processes necessary to achieve the One Solution vision.



The Table of Contents will include:

- Purpose of the Implementation Plan
- Process for Completing the Implementation Plan
- Implementation Plan Maintenance
- Mission, Vision, Values, Goals, and Guiding Principles
- Information Technology
- Our Approach: Major Milestones
- Gameboard
- Workplan
- Staffing Plan
- Budget
- Performance Metrics
- Performance Metrics Detail
- Risk and Mitigation Strategy



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