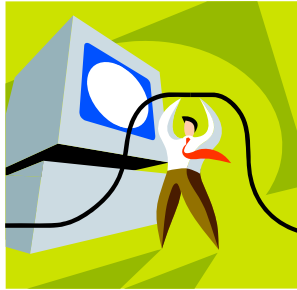


# APD ALERT

## Procurement Systems Enhancements - Access and Security



In recent months, many of the acquisition systems commonly used by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Acquisition Workforce, such as the Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) and the Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOpps), have been updated to make these systems more secure. As a result, you may be required to reset your password or contact the Agency Procurement System Administrator, Angelia Fleming Loggie to reactivate your account in these systems.

Below are recent updates which have been made to each system:

- **FPDS-NG**

Passwords must contain at least eight (8) characters and include all of the following:

- Letters - both upper and lower case
- Numbers
- Special characters (e.g. !, %, ^)

The password cannot contain the user ID. Accounts that have not been accessed in 90 days will automatically be disabled. Processing FPDS-NG actions through the Integrated Acquisition System (IAS), does not log you into FPDS-NG.

- FedBizOpps

The password must contain between 10-14 characters and include all of the following:

- 2 lower case letters
- 2 upper case letters
- 2 numbers
- 2 special characters (e.g. !, %, ^)

It is recommended that you log in to these acquisition systems at least once every 90 days to reset your passwords to ensure that your accounts remain active. It is helpful to set up a reoccurring reminder on your Microsoft Outlook calendar to remind yourself to reset passwords.

If you forget your User ID or password, or are unsure if you have an account for any of the acquisition systems, please contact Angelia Fleming Loggie, REE Acquisition Systems Program Administrator, before using the registration feature for these systems. This is to minimize the number of duplicate accounts in these systems.

If you have any questions regarding access or use of the acquisition systems, please contact Angelia Fleming Loggie at 301-504-1730, or via e-mail at [angelia.flemingloggjie@ars.usda.gov](mailto:angelia.flemingloggjie@ars.usda.gov).

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