

Grants.gov has achieved tremendous growth during Fiscal Year (FY) 2006. The Grants.gov Program Management Office worked hand in hand with Agencies and concentrated on system adoption, utilization, customer satisfaction and supported Agencies in achieving their FY 2006 Grants.gov application posting goals. In addition, Grants.gov successfully met their FY 2006 milestones which supported the continued maturity and growth of the system.

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| • Merged Backend-Side Find and Apply Mechanisms | 10/31/05 |
| • Enhanced the Find & Apply Mechanisms | 9/30/06 |
| • Deployed SAML and Multiple Credential Providers for Grantors | 8/30/06 |
| • Deployed and Ramped-Up Mandatory Apply Mechanism | 9/30/06 |
| • Developed and Cleared Government-Wide Grant Forms | 9/30/06 |
| • Conducts Ongoing Systems Operations and Maintenance | Ongoing |

System Growth and Accomplishments

September 2006 ❖ **Utilization Goals Met:** The adoption and utilization of Grants.gov has grown tremendously during FY 2006. Over 52,000 Authorized Organization Representatives are currently registered with Grants.gov vs. less than 18,000 at the end of FY 2005 and an average of over 1.3 million email notifications are sent weekly. Grants.gov far exceeded the FY 2006 goal of receiving 45,000 submissions, hitting 86,321 on September 26, 2006. For FY 2006, the number of submissions increased by 400%.

❖ **Agencies Succeed in Meeting 75% Goal:** Agencies continued to post 100% of their discretionary funding opportunities on Grants.gov. OMB set goals for Agencies in which they were to post an application package for at least 75% of the synopses posted in FY 2006. 80% percent of the 26 Agencies met their 75% posting goals and 10 Agencies exceeded their goal by meeting 100%. As of September 26, 2006, 2,766 synopses were posted on the website with 2,101 of those having a matching application posted.

❖ **New Systems Integrator Contract Awarded:** The Grants.gov Program Management Office awarded a hybrid time-and-materials/fixed-price performance-based task order on September 7, 2006 for System Integration Services to Anteon Corporation.

❖ **Central Contractor Registration Handbook Published:** The new grantor Central Contractor Registration (CCR) handbook, which provides guidance on the CCR registration process, was published on September 15, 2006.

August 2006 ❖ **E-Authentication for Grantors Implemented:** Grants.gov met a milestone by working with the E-Authentication team and successfully deploying multiple credential providers to the federal grantor community on August 30, 2006.

❖ **FY 2006 Funding Completed:** Grants.gov, in conjunction with OMB, successfully collected FY 2006 funding from 25 of the 26 grant-making Agencies who are committed to contribute to Grants.gov.

❖ **2006 Digital Government Achievement Award Announced:** Grants.gov received the 2006 Digital Government Achievement Award from the Center for Digital Government in the Government to Government category.

July 2006 ❖ **Site Redesign:** A Grants.gov site content redesign was launched on July 7, 2006 with enhanced features and capabilities allowing greater efficiency in searching and applying for grants with Grants.gov.

❖ **C&A Refresh Complete:** The Certification and Accreditation refresh for Grants.gov was completed at the end of July 2006.

June 2006 ❖ **Stakeholder Listserv Operational:** Grants.gov sent out its first listserv email on June 1, 2006 to the Stakeholder members to provide them with the Stakeholder Meeting update.

❖ **American Council for Technology Intergovernmental Solutions Award Finalist:** The American Council for Technology (ACT) recognized Grants.gov as one of 15 Federal and Department of Defense Finalists for the 2006 ACT Intergovernmental Solutions Awards.

May 2006 ❖ **Grants.gov Surpasses FY 2006 Submissions Goal:** Grants.gov surpassed their FY 2006 goal of receiving 45,000 electronic grant submissions for the fiscal year by receiving over 49,700 by May 29, 2006.

❖ **Major Hardware Upgrade Deployment Handles Record Breaking Submissions:** A system hardware upgrade was deployed May 12, 2006, which included installation of additional servers to increase the processing capacity of the system, and was completed prior to the anticipated peak grant application season of FY 2006.

❖ **Systems Integrator Re-Compete Underway:** A re-compete was undertaken to award a new systems integration contract. The Request for Quotation (RFQ) was published on May 10, 2006.

❖ **Conclusion of Independent Baseline Validation:** The Independent Baseline Validation (IBV), which was completed early May 2006, concluded that Grants.gov was only one of two initiatives (out of 32) that were not required to re-baseline; indicating that the Grants.gov PMO has reasonable EVM practices in place.

February 2006 ❖ **Early Registration WebCast:** Grants.gov hosted a live webcast on February 9, 2006, as a follow-up to the Federal Register Notice, emphasizing the need to register early with Grants.gov and offering an opportunity for Q&A. The webcast had over 4,000 participants.

January 2006 ❖ **Merged System Overview:** On January 18, 2006, the Grants.gov PMO hosted two sessions for the grantor Agencies. These sessions provided an opportunity for the Agencies to learn about the newly merged Grants.gov system to understand functionality changes, enhancements, new terminology, and how their grantees would be affected by the new look and feel.

❖ **Federal Register Notice for Early Registration:** The Grants.gov PMO worked closely with the Grants Executive Board and HHS, the managing partner, to publish a notice in the Federal Register, which advised grantees to register early with Grants.gov.

December 2005 ❖ **Deployment of the Integrated Find and Apply:** On December 19, 2005, Grants.gov completed their milestone to integrate the Find and Apply databases.

❖ **Deployment of the Citrix Server:** Grants.gov partnered with NIH to launch a Citrix server to allow non-Windows users to download and complete PureEdge forms and also submit completed grants applications via Grants.gov.

❖ **Independent Baseline Validation:** In December 2005, the Grants.gov initiative was one of seven major IT investments at HHS chosen to undergo an IBV.

November 2005 ❖ **New Outreach and Liaison Contract:** Grants.gov awarded a new Outreach & Liaison contract in November 2005.

❖ **New Contact Center Contract:** Grants.gov awarded a new Contact Center contract through GSA's USA Services contract.