

Grants.gov Quarterly Stakeholder Webcast

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Current Operational Status
- Boost Update
- Enhancement (Build) Update
- Forms Update
- Next Generation Grants.gov Update

Presenters

Mr. Phil Clark, Grants.gov Program Manager

- Current Operational Status
- Next Generation Grants.gov Update

Mr. Ed Calimag, Grants.gov IT Lead

- “Boost” Update
- Enhancements (Build) Update

Ms. Mary Tutman, Grants.gov Program Advisor

- Forms Update



Activity Update

	FY 09	FY 10	% Diff
Applications Received	133,614	138,776	4%
AORs	161,319	219,987	36%
Contact Center	107,992	94,892	-12%

FY 09 – 64,409 ARRA Applications – 21% of Total

Data represents FY09 and FY10 volume through March 31

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Activity Update – Cont'd

- Training/Outreach activity (FY 2010, Oct through March)
 - 26 Interactive Sessions
 - 2,200 Attendees
 - 7,490 brochures distributed

“Boost” Update

Production Upgrade

- Go-live successful on Feb 10, 2010
- Smooth transition
- Performance benchmarking is planned

“Boost” Update

Test and Training Upgrade

- Establishes separate and dedicated test and training environments
- Test environment will be dedicated to PMO use and User Acceptance Testing (by invitation)
- Training environment will be dedicated to grantor agencies/system-to-system users for interface/forms testing and user training

“Boost” Update

Test and Training Upgrade (Cont’d)

- Benefits
 - Dedicated use avoids resource contention
 - Closer replication of the production environment
 - Reuse of old production servers adds greater capacity
- Schedule
 - Outages
 - AT07 down May 1 and 2
 - Production down May 1 (Midnight – 8 am only)
 - New test and training environments available May 3

Build Status Overview

- Resuming builds in June 2010
- First in June, second in September, then monthly
- Establishing a 3-month rolling build plan
- Grants.gov will engage users in build planning

Build Status

June 2010

- Include closing time (hh:mm) when creating funding opportunities
- Enhanced reporting capabilities for grantors
 - Submission Report
 - Rejections Report
 - Export to Excel
- Check AOR status in Adobe Acrobat when clicking “Submit” button on application
 - Block non-AOR submissions
- Enhance basic search capabilities to include only open opportunities

Build Status

September 2010

- Security Enhancements
 - Password complexity
 - Password expiration (90 days)
 - Lock-out procedures
 - Inactive sessions (reduced to 15 minutes from 60 minutes)
 - “Forgot Password?” functionality
- Grants.gov will conduct outreach to user community prior to build implementation

Forms Update

- January forms build
 - Approximately 80 forms were new or updated
- SF-424 forms expiring in July:
 - Mandatory – fax number optional
 - A – Budget (non const) – instructions only
 - B – Assurances (non const) – updated citations
 - C – Budget (const) – no changes
 - D – Assurances (const) – updated citations

Next Generation Grants.gov Objectives

- Increased functionality
- Increased commonality
 - Single face to applicants/public
 - Common data definitions/exchange standards
- Reduced operating cost
- Improved disaster recovery capability

Next Generation Grants.gov Requirements - Agencies

- Post/manage opportunities on-line
- Self-generate ad hoc Grants.gov activity reports

Next Generation Grants.gov

Requirements - Applicants

- On-line processing/data re-use
 - Pre-fill/copy data to forms
 - Partially complete/save forms
 - Role-based application preparation
- More intuitive processing/notifications
 - Consistent business rules across agencies
 - Clearer error and status messages
- Streamlined processes
 - Streamlined registration process
 - Earlier error checking



Next Generation Grants.gov

Requirements - All

- Support collaborative/complex/fellowship grant applications
- Maintain application format integrity from applicant to agency
- View/Print entire application packages
- Improved interfaces to related databases

Next Generation Grants.gov

Next Steps

- Business Case Timeline
 - Submit to Grants Executive Board for review: April 30
 - Grants Executive Board vote: May 20
 - Final FY 2012 Grants.gov budget proposal vote: June 4
- Continued stakeholder input
- Detailed requirements specifications

Grants.gov Support

- **Grants.gov Updates**
 - http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription_signup.jsp
- **Grants.gov E-newsletter**
 - <http://www.grants.gov/help/subscribe.jsp>
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