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# Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS)

# Awardee User Guide 1.2

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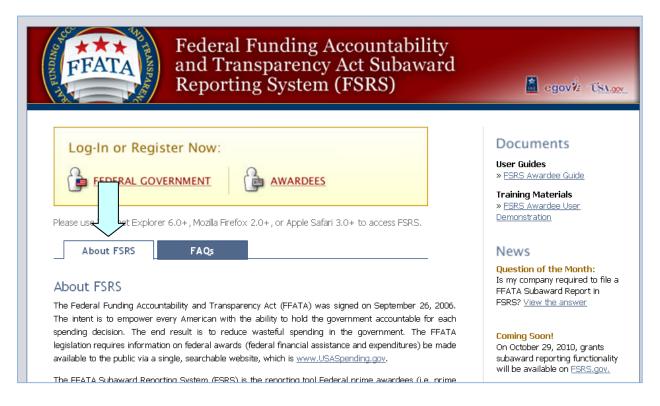
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# Section 1 FSRS Basics

# 1.1 System Background

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) necessitated a system to allow prime grant award and prime contract recipients to report sub-award activity and executive compensation. The FFATA Sub-award Reporting System – FSRS.gov – is the system that allows grant award and contract award recipients to electronically report their sub-award activity. July 2010, "FSRS.gov" launched as the resource for prime awardees to report on FFATA-required contract sub-award activity and executive compensation October 2010, "FSRS.gov" expanded to incorporate FFATA-required grant sub-award and executive compensation reporting.

To learn more, please review the home page materials that discuss the system's background, reporting requirements, and the FFATA legislation, regulations and OMB Guidance.



## 1.2 About this User Guide

This user guide is intended to help **prime** award recipients utilize the system to report their FFATA required sub-award activity. "Sub-awardees" or "sub-contractors" do not use this system to report. Only prime award recipients submit FFATA reports in this system.

Federal government users should refer to the "Federal Government User Guide" (links to this guide can be found on the Federal Government user's login in screen, and from within all navigational pages of the federal government user's fsrs.gov interface).

# 1.3 Key Navigational Icons/Terms Defined

(Note - Please refer to system's data dictionary links – found in the report creation "tips" section, or in the "resources page" navigation, for specific FFATA report field definitions).

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FFATA Contracts Data Definitions

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FFATA Grants Data Definitions

Navigation Term	What to Look for:	Description
Add All Contracts to My Worklist	Add All Contracts To My Worklist	From the tab "Contracts Not Added" (from the "worklist" main navigation), the user can click the "add all contracts to my worklist" button to add all the presented contracts to their worklist.
Add all Grants to my Worklist	Add All Grants To My Worklist	From the tab "Grant Awards Not Added" (from the "worklist" main navigation), the user can click the "add all grants to my worklist" button to add all the presented grants to their worklist.

Navigation Term	What to Look for:	Description
Add to Worklist Or Add Award to Worklist (button on home page)	Add To Worklist  add award to worklist	Button used to place a grant/contract award on a user's worklist.  Use from the home page will take the user to the first step of adding an award to the worklist.
Apply Search	Apply Search	Button where the user clicks to apply the desired search.
Back	Back	Takes the user back to the previous step in a stepwise form.
Back to List	◆ BACK TO LIST	When reviewing a record from a list (e.g., worklist award), use the "back to list" button to return to the list (previous screen).
Batch upload reports	Batch Upload Reports	Resource allows prime awardees to "batch upload" grant/contract FFATA reports in either excel or xml batch formats.
Browse	Browse	Used to search for a file on your system for upload to the system.
Cancel from a record review - e.g., when reviewing an award record on the worklist)  Or  Cancel when creating a FFATA report	Cancel	Return to previous page.  From within a report - Click 'Cancel' to leave and continue a report later from the point it was last saved. If a report has not yet been saved, clicking cancel will simply return the user to the reports list.

Navigation Term	What to Look for:	Description
Clear	Clear	Clears selected search criteria.
Collapse Navigation Arrow	▼ <u>Sea</u>	Click a downward pointing arrow to "collapse" a navigation category (e.g., collapse "Search Filters")
Contracts Not Added	Contracts Not Added	This tab (within worklist), lists contracts that were found that match a user's registered DUNS # and have not been added to their worklist.
Copy Report	Copy Report	From the FFATA report list, an awardee can copy a report as the basis of another report in the system. "COPY" will bring in report elements that would not be specific to a particular report month (e.g., a previous report's sub-awardee data is not copied forward, but the "prime" awardee's data elements would be carried forward).
Create New Report Or	◆ Create New Report	From the main navigation FFATA reports, this button allows the prime awardee to add a new report.
create FFATA report (button on home page)	create FFATA report	From the home page, this button will take the user to the first step of creating a FFATA report.
		As users start to create a report, they will be presented with fields that establish whether the report is a contract or grant award report.

Navigation Term	What to Look for:	Description
Create/Review Reports FFATA Reports	Create / Review Reports  FFATA Reports  Batch Upload Reports	This main navigation allows the prime awardee to review their exiting reports
Delete	Delete	From the FFATA reports list, a user can delete a draft report.
Edit	<b>'</b>	Use this icon to open a record for "edits" (versus merely "review").
Expand Navigation Arrow	▶ <u>Sear</u>	Click a right pointing arrow to "expand" a navigation category. (e.g., expand "Search filters")
FFATA Report	FFATA Reports	A FFATA report is created by the prime awardee (contractor or prime grant award recipient), by award for each month where they had sub-contract of sub-award activity for the contract or grant.
Grant Awards Not Added	Grant Awards Not Added	This tab (within the main navigation worklist) list grant awards that were found that match a user's registered DUNS # and have not been added to their worklist. Users can add a specific grant award to their worklist, or click the "add all grants to my worklist" button to add them all to their worklist.
Home	Home	This is the user's point of entry to the system. From this page, users can access all navigation, utilize quicklinks and review system announcements.

Navigation Term	What to Look for:	Description
Ignore Errors, Save and Continue	Ignore Errors, Save & Continue	Button that allows a user to save a form without resolving all presented errors (e.g., not all required fields on report creation step have been completed).  Note, users must resolve all errors prior to "submitting" a FFATA report.
Jump	Jump 1 💌	Moves directly to and displays the selected page (in a multi-page list).
Logout	<u>Loqout</u>	Navigation to sign off the system. Found in upper right of every page in the system.
Next	Next>	Shows the next page (in a multi-page record list).
Previous	< Previous	Shows the previous page (in a multi-page record list).
Quicklink	add award to worklist  create FFATA report	Quicklinks are home page navigational elements (buttons) that allow users to directly navigate to a particular action in the system. E.g., from the home page, click the "create FFATA report" button to navigate directly to that action in the system.
Reopen to Edit Report	Reopen to Edit Report	After a report is submitted, an awardee would need to "reopen" the report to make any necessary edits. After edits are made, the awardee would need to "submit" the report again.

Navigation Term	What to Look for:	Description
Report Month	Report Month	FFATA reports are submitted by month of subaward/sub-contract activity. The Report Month indicates what month the report is reflecting.
Required Field	*	Indicates entry into the field is required before save/submit can be used.
Review	3	Review the record data.
Save	Save	Saves your work and leaves you on the same form of the record.
Save & Go Back	Save & Go Back	Saves the data on the current form, and
Save and Continue	Save & Continue	Saves your work and moves the user to the next step of a step-wise data entry form.
Save PDF	Save PDF	Opens a FFATA report in PDF document format. This can be saved to a user's local system.
Search Filters	▼ <u>Search Filters</u> Davs	Search filters are resources that allow a user to search for records in a list that match the search filter settings.
Sort Arrow (on list displays)	Contract / Award Number Agency ID	When reviewing a list, if the column heading has an arrow, the user can click the heading to sort by that column's terms. The heading title of column that is controlling the presented order will be "maroon" in color.

Navigation Term	What to Look for:	Description
Source	Source	The report list will indicate the "source" of the report. Those reports tied to a Contract award will list "contract", and those report s tied to a grant award will list "grant".
Status	Status	FFATA reports have three types of Status – DRT (DRAFT – saved in the system but not submitted), SUB (Submitted through the system) or RPN (Reopened – previously submitted and reopened by the awardee).
Step	Contract / Grant Request Form (Step 1)  1 Instructions 2 Enter Award ID (FAIN) 3 Grant Award Details 4 Prime Award Details 5 Subawardee Data 6 Review 7 Submit Report	The "step" term indicates that the system has "steps" that comprise a multiple step process.  For filing a FFATA report in the system, a green step circle on the left side bar display indicates that the user has completed a step. A yellow step circle indicates that the step is open to edits. Gray indicates that the step has yet to be fully addressed.
Submit	Submit	Button used to submit a report (during step 7 of creating a report/or when resubmitting a reopened report).
View Printable Report	View Printable Report	Opens a FFATA report in a format that is formatted for printing.

Navigation Term	What to Look for:	Description
Worklist	Worklist	This main navigation allows the prime awardee to organize the awards for which they have reporting responsibility. The user can search for and add awards (both contracts and grants awarded to their registered DUNS number) to their work list from contracts reported in FPDS-NG and grants reported through the Agency's FAADS+ submissions to USAspending. The user can create new FFATA subaward reports against those prime awards. The user can view unassigned prime contracts and/or grants awarded to their registered DUNS number and add them to their worklist.

# 1.4 Log-In to FSRS

# 1.4.1 System Tie with eSRS

Users registered in the electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (<a href="www.esrs.gov">www.esrs.gov</a>) are able to access the FSRS system with the same log-in credentials that they use for eSRS. If a user registers for a new account in the FSRS system, they will be able to login to the eSRS system with the same credentials.

In addition, authenticated (logged-in) users in either system are able to toggle between the eSRS.gov and FSRS.gov applications seamlessly by clicking on the link in the upper right hand corner of any page, "Log-in to eSRS" or "Log-in to FSRS," depending on the system in which they are currently working.

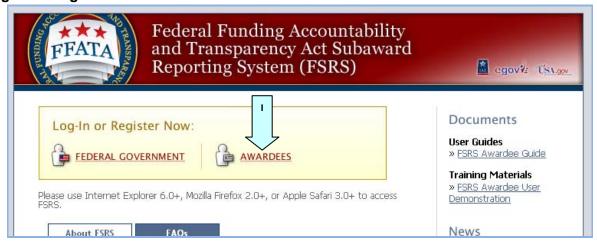
# eSRS log-In Link (from within FSRS.gov)



# 1.4.2 Existing Users

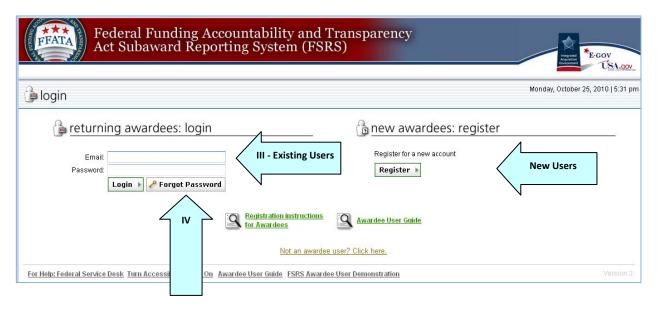
- I. Users point their browser to https://www.FSRS.gov/.
- II. The awardee then clicks on the "Awardees" link within the "Log-In or Register Now" box shown below.

#### **Log-In or Register Now Box**



- III. A user logs into FSRS by typing their email address and password under the "returning awardees: login" section. They then click the "Login" button.
- IV. If a user forgets their password, they can click the "forgot password" resource. Doing so resets the user's password and generates a reset password email to the user.

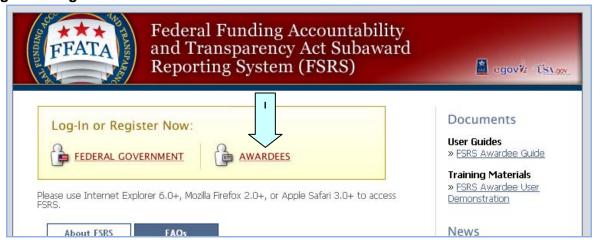
## **Awardee Login Screen**



## 1.4.3 New Users

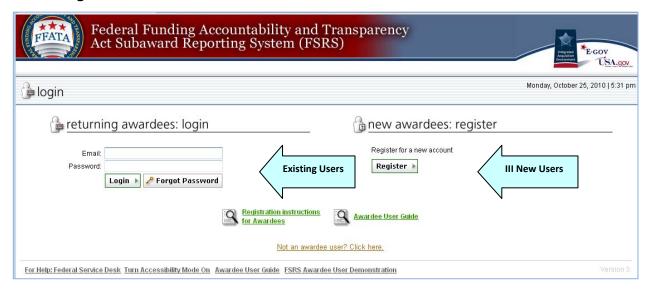
- I. Users point their browser to https://www.FSRS.gov. Note: users do not need to reregister if they have an existing eSRS Contractor user account (www.esrs.gov).
- II. The awardee clicks on the "Awardees" link within the "Log-In or Register Now" box

## **Log-In or Register Now Box**



III. To register, the user clicks the "Register" button under the "new awardees: register" section.

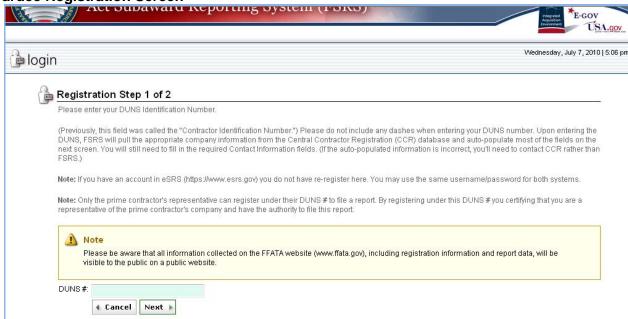
#### **Awardee Login Screen**



IV. The registrant completes the two step process that opens (forms capture registration data).

- V. Note: Throughout the system a red asterisk (\*) designates that the field is required.
- VI. Step 1: The user enters their organization's DUNS Identification Number and clicks the "Next" button.

**Awardee Registration Screen** 

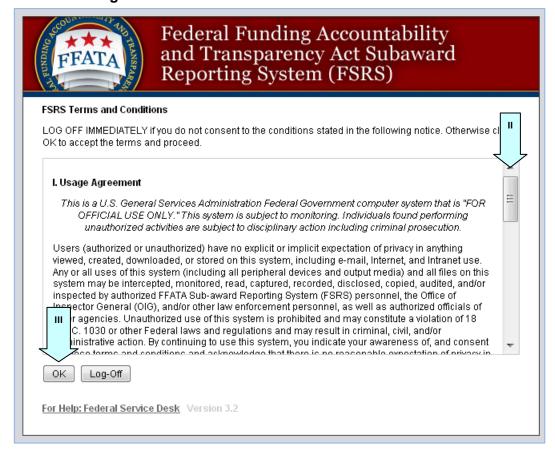


- VII. On step 2, some form data may already be populated on the form from CCR.gov. This is based on the DUNS entered in step one.
- VIII. Users must complete all required fields (indicated with a red asterisk) and click the "submit" button.
- IX. After submitting this form, a confirmation email is sent to the email address provided during the registration. The confirmation email presents instructions on how to finalize the registration process. An account is only activated after the user follows the instructions presented in the email that is sent to them.
- X. After a user has confirmed their registration, as outlined in the email that they received, the user can return to the Log-In page (see Existing Users, page 14). They can then enter their e-mail address and password, and click the "Login" button, to login to FSRS.

# 1.5 Terms of Use Agreement

- I. All users are required to agree to the Terms of Use for FSRS.
- II. Use the side scroll bar resource to review the terms and conditions in their entirety.
- III. A user can click "OK" to move forward or "Log-Off" to exit.

# **Terms of Use Agreement Screen**

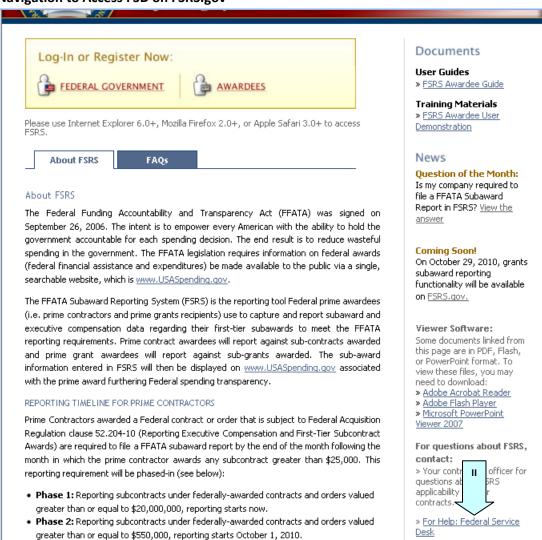


# 1.6 Getting Help with FSRS

# 1.6.1 The Help Desk

- I. Users can access the Federal Service Desk (FSD) directly from within the system. FSD is the help desk organization that provides help desk support for FSRS.gov.
- II. A link to the FSD is presented on the home page.

#### **Navigation to Access FSD on FSRS.gov**

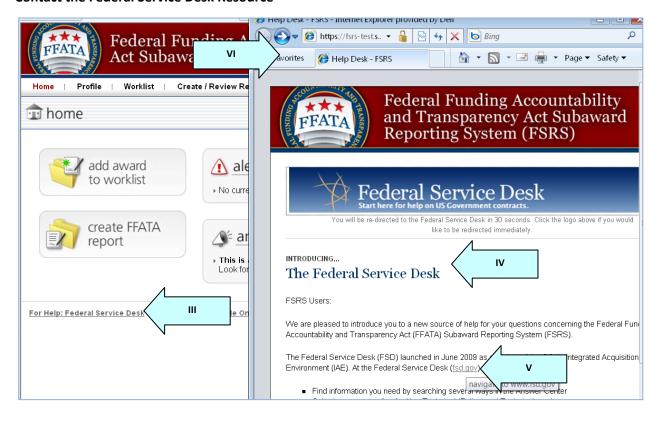


III. There is also a navigational link for the FSD (help desk) contained in the lower navigational bar that is presented when a user is logged into the system.

IV. Clicking the FSD link opens a transition page introducing the Federal Service Desk (FSD) where users can secure assistance (shown as new window open on image below).

- V. The link to access the FSD is presented on this screen (FSD.gov).
- VI. Users are automatically re-directed to the FSD 30 seconds after navigating to the transition page.

#### **Contact the Federal Service Desk Resource**



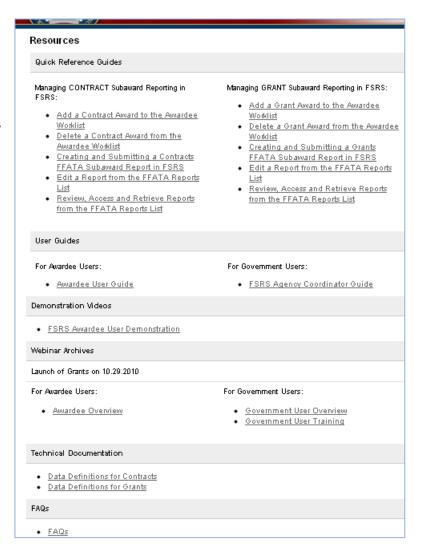
# 1.6.2 Resources Page

I. When logged into the system, in the main navigation bar at the bottom of any system page, users will see a link to access a resources page. This page presents resources for the user.

#### Image of Bottom Navigation



II. On this page, users will find Quick Reference Guides, User Guides, Demonstration Videos, Technical Documentation, and access to the system's FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions).



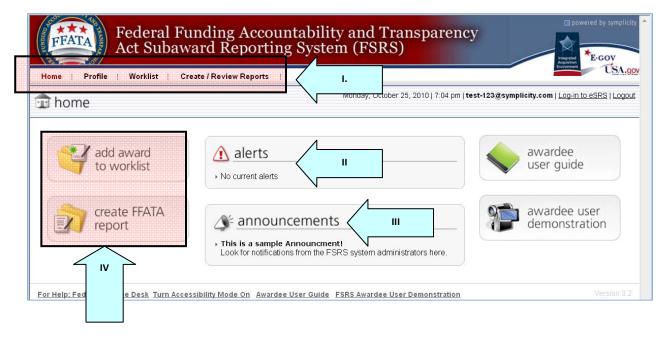
# Section 2 FSRS Home/Main Navigation

After successfully logging into FSRS.gov, users are taken to a "home" page that is similar to the "Home Screenshot" below.

#### 2.1 Home Features

- I. The Navigation bar at the top of the screen allows users to move through the system. This bar is available on every screen throughout the system. Please read "Section 2.2 Navigation Overview" for more information.
- II. The "Alerts" section shows messages that require a user's attention.
- III. "Announcements" are created by FSRS administrators.
- IV. The quicklink buttons on the left hand side of the screen allow users to quickly create a new FFATA Report, or to link an award to their worklist. Please see the corresponding sections of this manual for more information.

#### **Home Screenshot**



# 2.2 Navigation Overview

# **Navigation Screenshot**



<u>Home</u>: Home returns a user to the default home page (same as seen on login).

**<u>Profile</u>**: The profile page allows a user to edit account and contact information. Please turn to "Section 3, Profile" of this manual for more information.

<u>Worklist</u>: The worklist allows a user to view all awards (both contracts and/or grant awards) that have been linked to their account. Turn to "Section 4, Worklist" for more information.

#### File / Review Reports:

**FFATA Reports:** The FFAFTA Reports section allows a user to add a new FFATA Report and to review existing FFATA Reports. Turn to "Section 5, FFATA Reports" for more information.

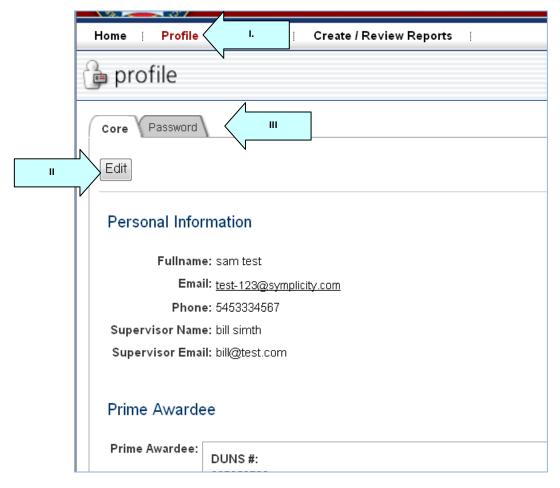
Batch Upload Reports: This feature allows a user to file multiple FFATA Reports at once. A user can download Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Excel<sup>™</sup> templates that can be used to create a CSV (comma separated value) or tab delimited file which can then be imported into the FSRS system for either a set of grants or a set of contract FFATA reports. There are resources to allow users to download XML file templates for reporting batches of contracts or batches of grant FFATA reports in XML format. Turn to "Section 6, Batch Uploads" for more information.

# Section 3 Profile

- I. If a user clicks on "Profile" in the top navigation menu bar, they can review their core contact information on this screen.
- II. To edit profile information, the user should click the "Edit" button. After making desired changes, the user should click the "submit" button to enter the changes.
- III. To change a password, users click on the "Password" tab near the top of the page.

  Users may enter a new password on that page. The user should click "save password"
  when done. For security purposes, passwords must meet the following criteria:
  - 1. Must be between 10 and 14 characters
  - 2. Must contain 2 of each of the following: lower case letter, upper case letter, number, special character (i.e. !, %,^)

#### **Profile Review Screenshot**



Note: If a user's company/organization profile is not accurate, the user must make any necessary updates in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR.gov) system.

# Section 4 Worklist

# 4.1 Overview of the Worklist

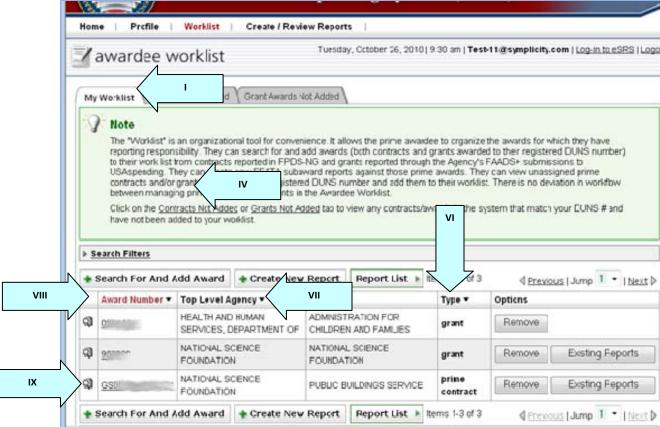
- I. The Worklist main navigation allows the prime awardee to manage and review the awards for which they have reporting responsibility.
- II. The user can search for and add awards (both contracts and grants awarded to their registered DUNS number) to their worklist from contracts reported in FPDS-NG and grants reported through the Agency's FAADS+ submissions to USAspending.
- III. From the worklist they can create new FFATA sub-award reports against those prime awards.
- IV. Users can view unassigned prime contracts and/or grants awarded to their registered DUNS number and add them to their worklist.
- V. This navigation provides a way to review an award and all associated reports for that award (view existing reports).

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# 4.2 View Existing Worklist Records

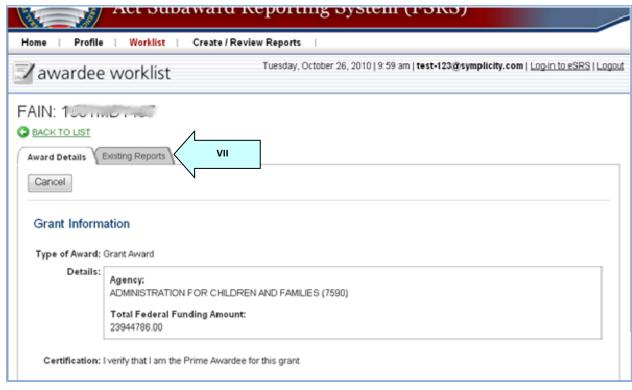
- Within the main navigation "worklist", the "My Worklist" tab lists those contracts/grant awards that have been selected by a user for reporting through the system.
- II. The "type" column indicates the type of award (contract/grant award).
- III. The list of awards can be sorted. This is accomplished by clicking on the column heading text (adjacent to any up/down arrow). Toggle the sort between descending and ascending order by clicking the same heading again.
- IV. The currently active sort column is designated by a Maroon color column heading.
- V. View the details of a contract/grant award, by clicking on the question beside the award number, or clicking on the Award Number. This takes the user to the "Award Details" tab.

My Worklist Screenshot



VI. When a user views a specific award, there is another tab that lists any existing reports associated with that award. This tab is called "Existing Reports".

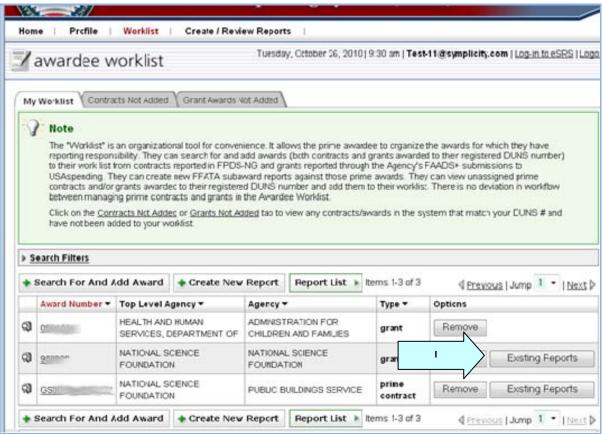
## **Award Details Screenshot**



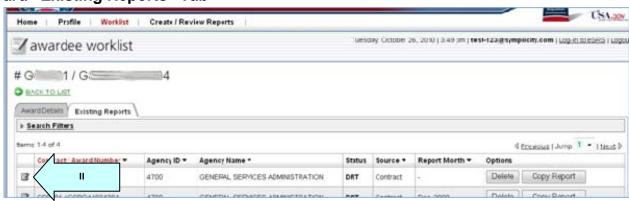
# 4.3 View Existing Reports for Worklist Records

- I. From the "My Worklist" tab of the main navigation "Worklist", click the "existing reports" button to review existing reports for an award.
- II. From the tab "Existing Reports", the user can see the reports that are in the system for that award. Click the review icon to open a specific report to review.

# **My Worklist Screenshot**



#### Award "Existing Reports" Tab

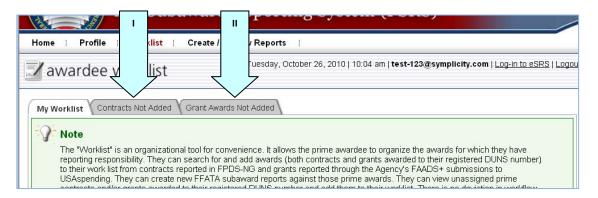


## 4.4 Find Award Records Not Added to the Worklist

 From the main Worklist navigation, the "Contracts Not Added" tab provides a listing of Contracts in the system that are associated with the user's registered DUNS, but that have NOT been added to their Worklist.

II. From the main Worklist navigation, the "Grant Awards Not Added" tab provides a listing of Grant Awards in the system that are associated with the user's registered DUNS, but that have NOT been added to their Worklist.

#### **Worklist Tabs Screenshot**



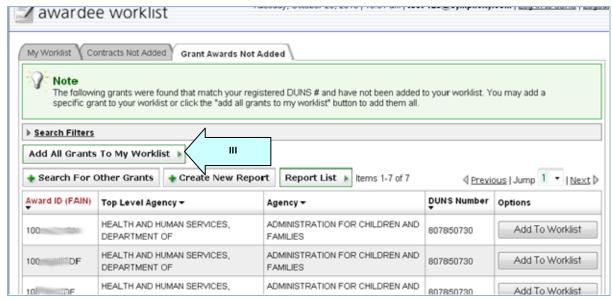
#### 4.5 Add ALL Records Not Added to the Worklist

- I. From the main Worklist navigation, the "Contracts Not Added" tab provides a listing of Contracts in the system that are associated with the user's registered DUNS, but that have NOT been added to their Worklist.
- II. From the main Worklist navigation, the "Grant Awards Not Added" tab provides a listing of Grant Awards in the system that are associated with the user's registered DUNS, but that have NOT been added to their Worklist.
- III. From either of these "not added" list tabs, users will see a button to "Add All \_\_\_\_ To My Worklist" button to add all contracts/grants to the "My Worklist" (making all contracts or grants reportable).

#### **Contracts Not Added List**



#### **Grant Awards Not Added List**



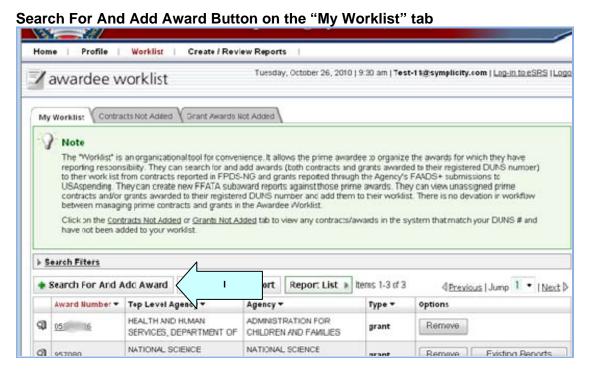
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# 4.6 Search for and Add a Single Award to the FSRS Worklist

There are two primary methods to add a new award to a user's worklist. From the "My Worklist" tab, use the "Search For And Add Award" button, or from the home page, click the "Add Award to Worklist" Quicklink button,

Note, if a user submits a report on an award, the award is automatically added to the worklist as well.

I. From the "My Worklist" tab, the "Search For And Add Award" is a two step process which allows for Prime Awardees to search for an award to be added to their worklist.



II. Users can easily add a new contract from the "home" page once logged into the system. To do so, they simply click on the "Add Contract to Worklist" button.

Homepage Quicklink - Add Award to Worklist

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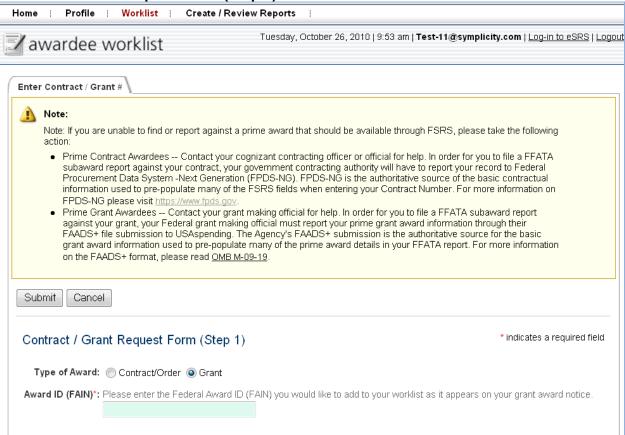
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III. Regardless of the point of entry above, users are then taken to the "Enter Contract / Grant Form (Step 1)". The first question on the form establishes if the award is a Grant or Contract/Order.

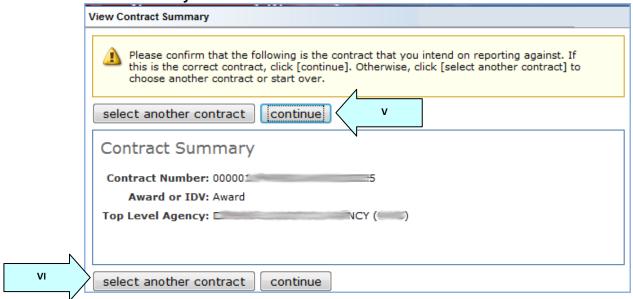
- i. If Contract, the user indicates if the contract is a task/delivery order (yes/no). If "no", the user enters the Prime contract # (as it appears in FPDS-NG). If "yes", the user enters the Prime Contract # and the Reference IDV#.
- ii. If Grant, the user enters the Award ID (FAIN). This is the Federal Award Identification Number as set in FAADS+.

# **Contract / Grant Request Form (Step 1)**



- IV. Click the "submit" button to initiate the search.
- V. If the contract / grant award is found in the system and meets the necessary criteria for FFATA Reporting, a pop-up window displays which summarizes the contract/award. Click "continue" to confirm a selection.
- VI. Click "select another contract" or "Click another grant" to choose another number.

## **Contract Summary Screenshot**

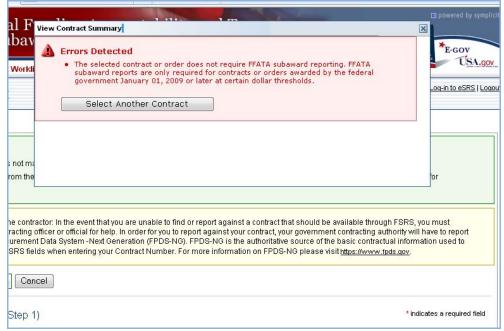


# **Grant Award Summary Screenshot**

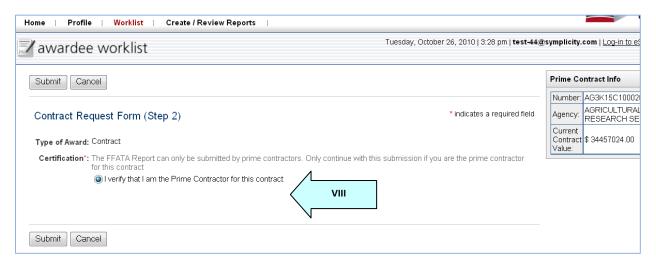


Note – if a contract/grant award is selected that does not meet the standards for FFATA Reporting the user is advised via a system "errors detected" message. A sample warning for a non-reportable contract is shown below.

# **Warning for Non-FFATA Contract**



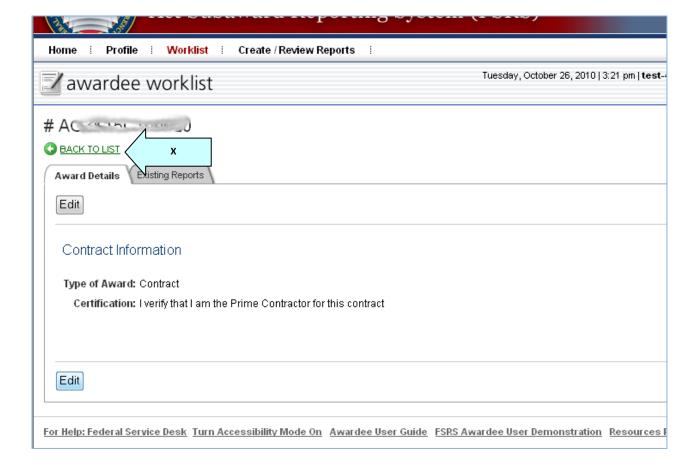
- VII. If the award is eligible for FFATA reporting, after clicking "continue," a user is taken to Step 2 where they must verify that they are the Prime Contractor / Awardee for that contract or grant award (FFATA Reports can only be submitted by the Prime Contractor / Awardee).
- VIII. Select the radio button next to the verification statement and then click the "submit" button.
  - 1. Contract Request Step 2 Screenshot



IX. Users are then directed to the "Award Details" page for the contract or grant award they just added..

X. To return to the Worklist, a user should click on the OBACK TO LIST button within the system. Note: Users should NOT click their browser's back button.

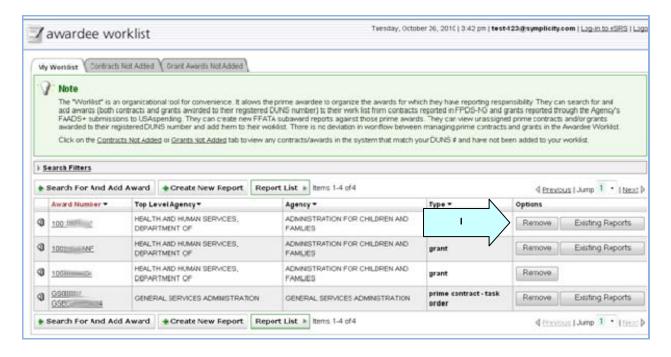
#### **Contract Details Screenshot**



# 4.7 Remove Awards from the FSRS Worklist

- To remove an award from the "My Worklist", from the "My Worklist" tab, click the "Remove" button.
- II. If used for a contract award, the resource returns the contracts to the "Contracts Not Added" tab. If used for a grant award, the resource returns the grant to the "Grants Not Added" tab.

#### **Contract Details Screenshot**



# Section 5 FFATA Reports

# 5.1 Overview of the Create/Review Reports Navigation

- I. The main navigation "Create/Review Reports" allows a prime awardee to review their existing reports in the system. From this view, the user is able to review FFATA reports across all awards (this differs from the view of reports from the worklist, which allows a user to view reports by award).
- II. Users can create new FFATA sub-award reports against their prime awards.
- III. Users can save reports as "draft" format prior to submission. If a draft report is not submitted, the user can delete a draft report from the system.
- IV. Users can submit a report.
- V. Users can re-open (for revisions) a previously sub-mitted report.
- VI. If a user has existing reports in the system, they can "copy" basic data elements from that report as the basis for another month's report for that same award. General award data is copied forward into the new month's report. The user is then only required to enter specific fields that should be unique for that reporting period.
- VII. Users have a "batch upload" resource that allows users to upload multiple reports. This feature is recommended for advanced system users that have multiple reports that they need to summit.

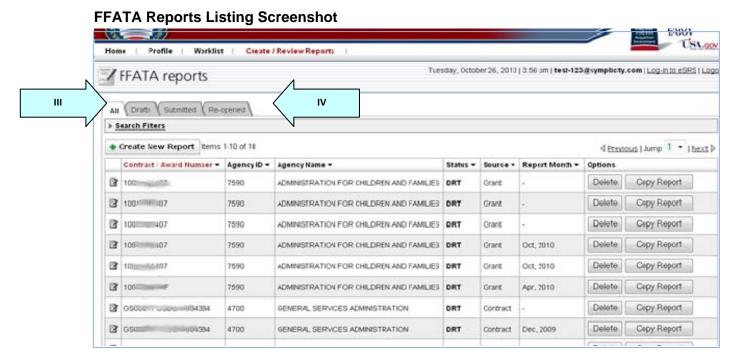
# 5.2 View Existing Reports

I. Click on "Create / Review Reports" in the top navigation bar and select the "FFATA Reports" option.

Create / Review Reports Navigation



- II. Users are directed to a screen similar to the "FFATA Reports Listing" screenshot below. There are four tabs on this navigation. Each tab contains a different type of report.
- III. When the list is opened, the system defaults to listing "all" reports regardless of report status. There are three types of status states in the system, DRT (Draft), SUB (Submitted), or RPN (Reopened).
- IV. Users can go to other tabs that would list only "Draft", "Submitted", or "Re-opened" reports.



The status for each report displays in the status column. A legend appears at the bottom of the page.

#### **Status Codes**



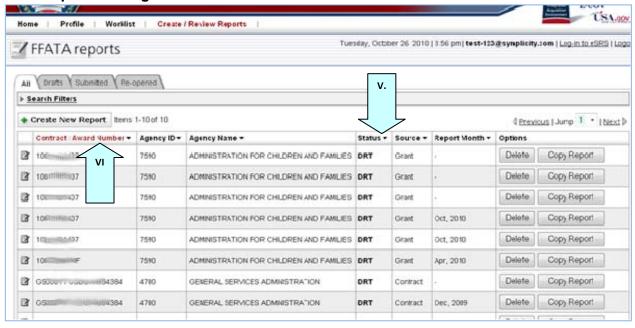
**Draft (DRT):** A user began working on the report; however, they did not complete it and/or submit it.

**Submitted (SUB):** A user successfully submitted the report in the system and the information is now visible to the public on a public website.

**Reopened (RPN):** The report was previously submitted, but has since been reopened for modification or corrections.

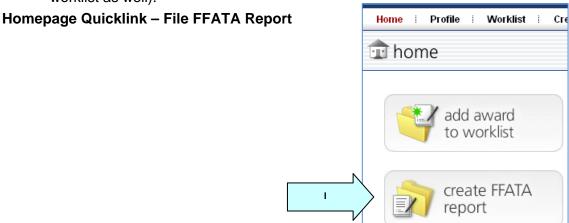
- V. Users can click on the column heading of any column with a black arrow to sort the data based on that column's data for the report (e.g., sort the list based on "Status").
- VI. The currently applied sort column is highlighted with maroon column heading text.

## **FFATA Reports Listing Screenshot**



## 5.3 File New

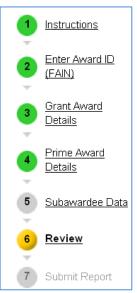
I. There are several methods to file a new FFATA Report. One method allows a user to easily file a new FFATA Report from the "home" page. The user simply clicks on the "file FFATA report" quicklink button (shown below). Alternatively, they may follow the method described below (users will see "Create New Report" button from their main worklist as well).



II. Alternatively, a user can click on "Create / Review Reports" in the main navigation bar and select "FFATA Reports" option.

# **Create / Review Reports Navigation**



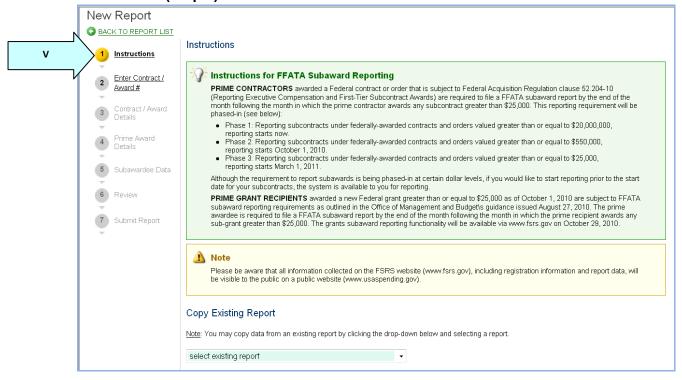


- III. To file a new report, the user then clicks the "Create New Report" button seen on the FFATA Reports list screen.
- IV. Users walk through a stepwise process to enter the report (image left).
- V. For filing a FFATA report in the system, a green step circle on the left side bar display indicates that the user has completed a step. A yellow step circle indicates that the step is open to edits. Gray indicates that the step has yet to be fully addressed.

Create New Report

VI. Step 1 is the Instructions page, similar to the screenshot below. Users should take time to read the instructions and click "Continue" when ready to proceed. To cancel, click the button "Cancel".

#### Instructions (Step 1) Screenshot



#### Form Options on Instructions Step 1

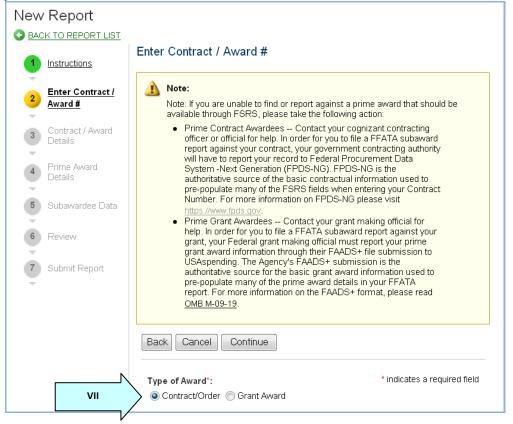


VII. On step 2, users indicate if they are submitting the report for a Grant Award, or a Contract Award, and if Contract, if for Task Order (select the appropriate radio buttons).

Important Notes: If the Award does not meet the reporting requirements for FFATA, the system will produce an error message informing the user that they will not be able to proceed.

If reporting on a Contract Number, and the Contract Number has changed in FPDS-NG, the user will only be able to search for the contract based on the current number in FPDS-NG.



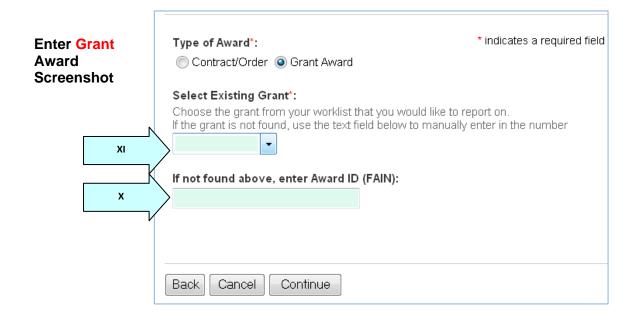


- VIII. Once the type of Award is established different fields will be presented based on whether grant or contract was selected.
- IX. If Contract/Order, the user will enter the Contract Number and if appropriate the Indefinite Delivery Vehicle (IDV) #.
- X. If Grant Award, the user will enter the Federal Award Identification Number.
- XI. Note for both types of awards, if an award has been added the user's worklist, the award will appear on a selectable pull-down bar. Users can make their selection from the pulldown option.

# Enter Contract # Screenshot

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\* indicates a required field Type of Award\*: Contract/Order Grant Award Is this a Task Order?\*: Indicate if you are submitting this report for a Task Order. After making your selection, additional information will be required. "Select "YES" if you are reporting subawards for a specific task, delivery, or call order for supplies and/or services placed against an established federal contract or agreement. These include: indefinite delivery contracts (also known as task or delivery order contracts), multiple award schedules (MAS) (also known as federal supply schedules), government wide acquisition contracts (GWAC), blanket purchase agreements (BPA), and basic ordering agreements (BOA). Please see the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) for the regulatory definition of each. These terms do not encompass federally-awarded grants, cooperative agreements, or other assistance actions. Select "NO" if you are reporting subawards for a federally-awarded contract or agreement itself. These include: definitized or letter contracts, purchase orders, and indefinite delivery contracts or agreements if the requirement was placed on the contract or agreement itself and not on a subsequent order. Please see the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) for the regulatory definition of each. These terms do not encompass federally-awarded grants. cooperative agreements, or other assistance actions. Yes No Select Existing Contract\*: Choose the prime contract from your worklist that you would like to report on. If the contract is not found, use the text field below to manually enter in the number ΧI If not found above, enter Prime Contract # (as it appears in FPDS-NG): Referenced Indefinite Delivery Vehicle (IDV) #:



XII. Note, for steps 3 and 4 there are field differences between grant and contract submissions. The Tips section (found in the right side bar seen starting on step 3) contains a data definition document that is specific to each type of report (one for the Grants Report workflow and one for the Contracts Report workflow). These data dictionaries are also available on the resources page. *The dictionaries define the fields on each report type workflow.* 

- XIII. Once users enter the award number, when they get to steps 3 and 4, they will notice a great deal of information is pre-populated. To ensure consistency between the FSRS.gov system and other government systems, the FSRS.gov system is designed to pull in data from other feed systems.
  - a. For Grants, a primary source of data is FAADS+ (as reported by USASpending).
     Data is also resourced from Central Contractor Registry (CCR) for prime award recipients, and from CCR or Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) databases for sub-awardees.
  - b. For Contracts, the primary source of data is FPDS-NG. Data is also resourced from Central Contractor Registry (CCR) for prime award recipients, and from CCR or Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) databases for sub-contractors.
  - c. The dictionaries define the primary/secondary sources of pre-populated fields on each workflow.
- XIV. Hover your mouse over the field's "?" help icon to learn about remediation options for any specific data that has been auto-populated.

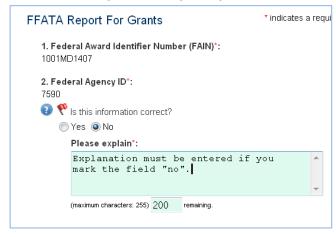
## Sample Hover Over? Message



- XV. Users will then complete the forms for each step and click "Save & Continue" or "Continue" to move to the next step in the process.
- XVI. FOR GRANTS ONLY, users will see a red "flag" resource on certain pre-populated data fields. Users can indicate that the data being auto-populated is incorrect by marking the "is this information correct?" field "no". The user is then required to explain their response. While the submitted FFATA report data is not changed, the flag designation

for the field, and the explanation of that flag, is viewable by the federal government user as they review the report on their interface.

#### Sample Grants Flag Field

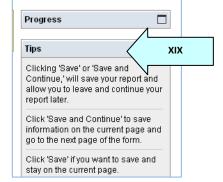


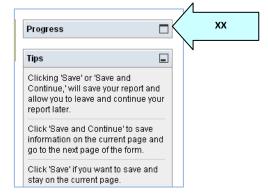
XVII. As a step is being completed, on the right side of the screen, users may see a "Progress" section (e.g., on step 4).

- a. A green check mark indicates the field has been entered and accepted.
- b. A red asterisk means a value is needed.
- Progress

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  FSRS Details
  Prime Contract Number
  Contracting Office Agency ID
  Contracting Office Agency Name
  Contracting Office ID
  Contracting Office ID
  Funding Agency ID
  Funding Agency ID
  Funding Agency Name
  Funding Office ID
- XVIII.To collapse the progress listing, a user clicks the button in the upper right corner of the inset box.
- XIX. Below "Progress", users see a "Tips" section that that can also be collapsed with the upper right button. As previously indicated, for steps 3 and 4 there are field differences between grant and contract report submission workflows. The Tips section contains a data definition document that is specific to each type of report (grant or contract). These data dictionaries are also available on the resources page.
- XX. Users can reopen either the Progress/Tips sections by clicking the upper right empty box.
- XXI. On Step 6, the user can review the entire report. Users have the option to "View Printable Report" or "Save PDF" during their review at this step. At the bottom of the review screen (not pictured below), the user can click "continue" to move to step 7 (submission step), or "Back" to return to a previous step.





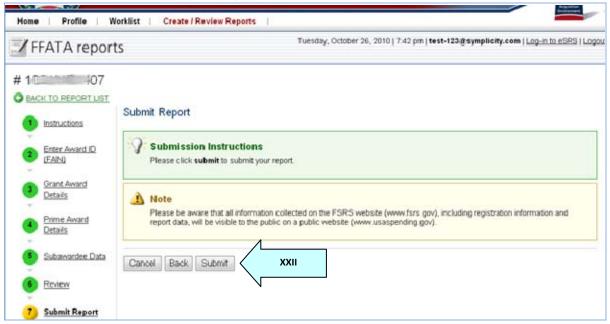
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## Report Review Step - Step 6 Screenshot



XXII. On step 7, a user must click "submit" to complete the report submission. This makes the report viewable by the public.

# Report Submission Step - Step7 Screenshot



- XXIII. Upon submission, users will see a confirmation message about the report being submitted.
- XXIV. Additionally, after the report is submitted, users will now see a "reopen" report option in the right side bar of the submitted report screen.

#### **Submitted Report Confirmation Screen**

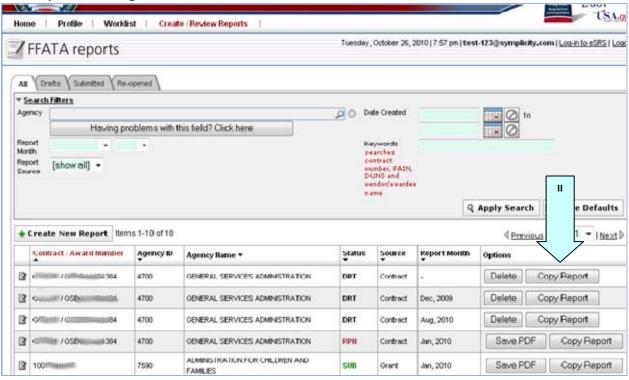


XXV. Users may then return to "view existing reports" (Section 5.2) to review the status of the report just entered.

# 5.4 Copy as the basis for a New Report

- I. From the FFATA reports list, users can copy a report as the basis for another report for the same award number. Doing so copies all data/information that can be carried forward into another report period month (e.g., those data elements that are not specific to a report month).
- II. To copy a report, click the option "copy report" button that is presented on the FFATA reports list.
- III. Users are then presented with the steps necessary to complete the report.
- IV. If the user does not see the copy button for a report, the user did not create the report and as such cannot execute the copy request for the report OR the contract is no longer available for reporting.





# 5.5 Edit an existing Report

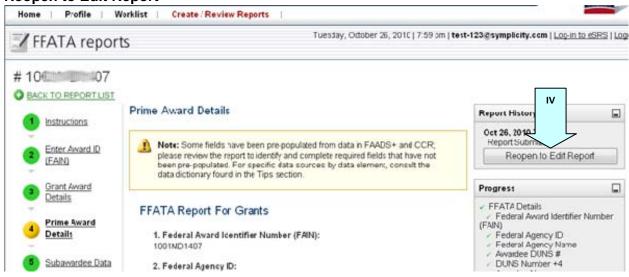
- I. The user can click on the "edit" icon beside the report number to edit a report.
- II. Once a user clicks on "edit", the report is open for edits. To return to the report listing from edit mode, the user can click the "Cancel" button at any time, or click the "BACK TO REPORT LIST" link.
- III. If the user does not see the edit button for a report, the user did not create the report and as such cannot execute that request for the report.

FFATA Reports Listing Screenshot



IV. Note: A user can only edit the report fields of an open (draft or reopened) report. If a user needs to update a submitted report, click on the edit icon for the desired report and select the "Reopen to Edit Report" button found in the Report History right sidebar.

Reopen to Edit Report



# 5.6 Delete a Report

- I. The user can click on the "Delete" button in the "Options" column to permanently delete a report.
- II. If the user does not see the delete button for a report, the user did not create the report and as such cannot execute that request for the report, or the report is not eligible for deletion (has been previously submitted).



# Section 6 Batch Uploads

# (For advanced users only)

The batch upload capability allows users to upload multiple FFATA Reports in one upload.

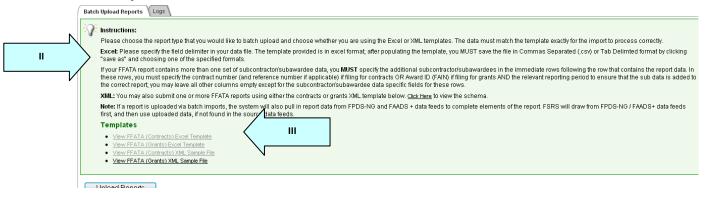
I. Users access batch uploads by clicking on the main navigation, "File / Review Reports" and choosing the "Batch Upload Reports" sub-navigation option.

## **Batch Upload Main Navigation**



II. Users first review the instructions presented at the top of the page.

#### **Batch Upload Instructions**

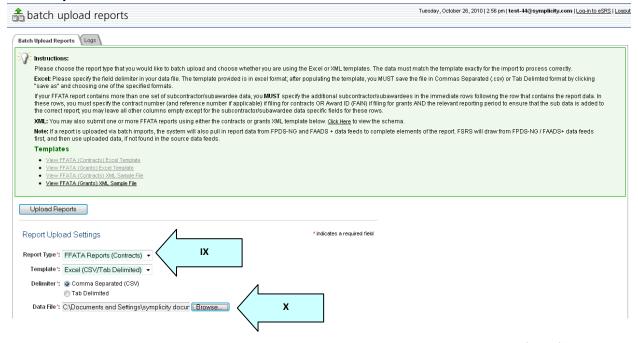


- III. There are four presented import templates. Users download the FSRS template that they want to use by clicking on the link for their desired format for upload. There are distinct templates for "Grants" versus "Contracts".
  - a. Uploads only consist of one of these types of reports (meaning a single file cannot be used to upload reports for both grants and contracts).
  - b. Users have two file formats that they can use: XML or Excel.
- IV. If a user is uploading using the Excel template, using Excel (or other compatible spreadsheet editor), the user adds all records that they intend to file within the Template. User should NOT change the template structure. They should ensure the data is entered so that it matches the file's structure exactly.
- V. Using the "Save As feature" in Excel, the user saves the spreadsheet as a CSV or Tab Delimited file,
- VI. If creating an XML file, the user should click the "xml template, and then view the "page source" to pull the desired template data (if pulled directly from your browser view, users will get invalid XML characters). They can then use a document editor (e.g., "notepad") resource to edit/save the xml file to include the reports.
- VII. The Excel or XML file should be saved so it can be accessed while the user is working on the FSRS system.

VIII. If the user has left FSRS to create the file, they should return to FSRS and go back to the Batch Upload Section.

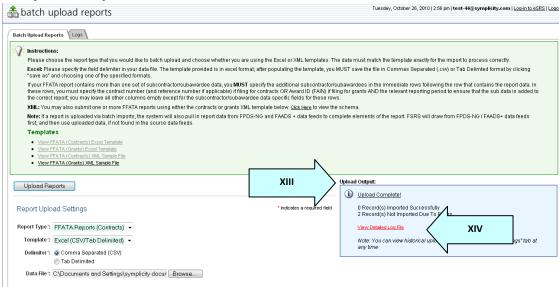
- IX. The user chooses the report type (grants/contracts), the template (which ties to file format excel or XML), and if using the Excel template, the delimiter type that was used when the data was saved in the template file (CSV or Tab Delimited).
- X. The user then clicks on the "Browse" button and chooses the file that was saved in Steps IV VI above.
- XI. The user then clicks "Upload Reports" to initiate the upload.

## **Batch Upload Screenshot**



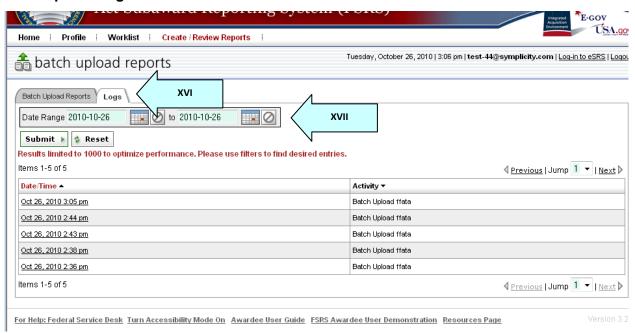
- XIII. When the import is complete, the system displays the import results of the file upload process on a confirmation section of the screen: "Upload Output".
- XIV. Any upload errors are described. If presented, a user should click the link "View Detailed Log File" to review the specific error information.
- XV. Errors can be remediated in the upload file, and the user can repeat the steps above as appropriate (assumes the error was tied to the data saved in the uploaded file).

# **Batch Upload Output Screenshot**



- XVI. Users can review the log of previous batch uploads on the "Logs" tab of the Batch Upload Reports navigation.
- XVII. Users can set date filters and click "submit" to review historical import logs (users are restricted to a maximum 3 month period for log searches).

#### **Batch Upload Logs Screenshot**



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