Welcome

Please help yourself to breakfast.
Agenda

8:00 - 8:45am  Registration and Breakfast
8:45 - 8:55am  Welcome
9:25 - 9:55am  Q&A and Discussion
9:55 - 10:00am Closing
ezFedGrants Overview
One Grant Solution for USDA
Agenda

- USDA Shared Services
- USDA Grants Management
- ezFedGrants Overview
- Benefits and Vision of ezFedGrants
- ezFedGrants Development Approach
- Future Vision
USDA as a Shared Service Provider

- Current Portfolio Services:
  - Financial management
  - Reconciliation of financial data and reporting
  - Payment processing
  - Payroll processing
  - Financial statement preparation
  - Collections
  - Grants and Agreements
Benefits to a Grant Management
Shared Service Model

- Simplify the grant life cycle
- Improve the timeliness of funding
- Streamline and improve business performance by improving business process and supporting decision-making
- Improve Business Intelligence and decision-making by increasing access to data (mobile platforms such as iPads)
- Facilitate compliance with regulation and statutes
- Reduce overall sustainment cost by consolidating multiple systems into a single grants management IT platform
  - Reduce support costs of redundant IT resources
  - Labor related savings from economies of scale
  - Non-labor savings
- User-centered, business-driven approach to grants transformation on active engagement with all grant stakeholders
- Financial and program parallel and integrated
Benefits to a Grant Management Shared Service Model

- Focus more agency resources on core mission requirements rather than administrative support services
- Spur adoption of best practices and best-in-class ideas and innovations
- Simplified audits (transparent data, ease of access)
- Increased control and visibility
- Faster transactional response time (real-time financial data integration)
- Fewer errors (automated processes to reduce human error)
ezFedGrants system offered through USDA’s Financial Shared Services - Grant Management Line of Business.

USDA began an initiative to transform the way Federal Government operates grants. The Grant Modernization program seeks to streamline grant across the USDA agencies and throughout Government through a user-centered, business-driven approach.

This led to establishing a single grants management platform for USDA’s grants operations, a common grants management life cycle, and unified business process across the USDA agencies to improve efficiency and effectiveness of grant operation, thereby strengthening USDA’s ability to carry out its mission.
A comprehensive grants and agreements management solution that gives **agencies** and **recipients** the ability to manage their awards throughout the entire lifecycle of the award.

- Pre-award: Solicitation, Application, and Evaluation
- Award: Execution (with electronic signature)
- Post Award:
  - Claims (Invoices)
  - Progress Reports (Financial and Performance)
  - Amendments
- Closeout
- Financial Audit (A-123 Requirements) and Reporting

**What is ezFedGrants?**
ezFedGrants Overview

- Integrated with the USDA financial system for accurate, real-time information
- Interfaced with Treasury’s ASAP and Grants.gov
- Hosted by a FedRAMP certified cloud provider
- Since 2013, more than $275 billion has been distributed using the application
- 7 agencies deployed (AMS, APHIS, FAS, FNS, NIFA, NRCS, OAO)
- Over 2,000 users and rapidly growing (350,000 projected users by 2022)
- System is common to all, but recipients are subject to variations due to types of programs, authorizations, and appropriations
Benefits of ezFedGrants

- Single Enterprise System
  - Streamlined Workflow
  - Scalability
- Multiple Transaction Types
  - Grants
  - Repayments
  - SF-270 Advance and Reimbursement Payments
  - Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)
  - Collection Agreements
- End-to-End Support to Recipients and Awarding Agencies
- Ensured Compliance
- Increased Speed
- Shared Services Ready
- Financial Integrity
System Integration

- **FMMI Financial System (SAP ECC)**
- **Internal Agency Portal (SAP CRM)**
- **External Recipient Portal (Pega)**
- **ezFedGrants**
ezFedGrants Development Approach

- Agile-like approach

- Functionality is incrementally introduced/improved

- Additional capabilities are added as time goes on
  - This model is used for development of many products we all use every day such as Facebook, Gmail, smartphone apps, etc.

- Replace agency-specific code with Enterprise code
  - 95% of code is Enterprise to drive down costs and facilitate easy onboarding
ezFedGrants Development Approach

Traditional Approach

Custom Code/Configuration

Enterprise Code/Configuration

ezFedGrants Approach

Enterprise Code/Configuration

Custom Code/Configuration
ezFedGrants is configuration driven, meaning agencies can achieve base functionality with a level of flexibility to fit the uniqueness of its organization.

ezFedGrants can be configured at the program level, allowing organizations and agencies flexibility within standard grants business process.

Role-driven security allows agencies to personalize the system for their business users.

Automated workflow throughout the grants lifecycle can be customized, and more importantly, reused.

A configuration driven approach allows for customer focused agile development with ability to pilot simple processes with minimal development.
ezFedGrants Vision and Goals

- All USDA grants to be administered within the system by 2022, which would include:
  - Approximately 253 CFDA programs across 17 grant making agencies
  - Approximately $125 billion per year transaction volume

- Goals
  - Meet stakeholder expectations
  - Ensure all financial data is reliable, complete, and timely
  - Compliance with applicable laws/regulations
  - Operate in a secure environment for maximum integrity
  - Bolster internal controls and efficient program activities/operations
  - Add new transaction types as more agencies come into the system
  - Continuous process improvements and enhancements
Future State

Future Planned Functionality

- Recipient users can be associated to multiple DUNS/Cage codes
- Recipient role configuration improvements
- Amendment requests can be initiated by Recipient
- Interagency and Partnership agreements
- Utilizing Mobile for Performance Monitoring
- Improved System Self-Help
Questions