

# 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. Kevin Harp, Grants.gov IT Operations

- Current Operational Status
- “Boost” Update
- Enhancements (Build) Update

Ms. Mary Tutman, Grants.gov Program Advisor

- Forms Update
- Next Generation Grants.gov Update

# Activity Update

	<b>FY 09</b>	<b>FY 10</b>	<b>% Diff</b>
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**



# Activity Update

## Cont'd

- Training/Outreach Activity FY 2010  
(October 2009 – March 2010)
  - 26 Interactive Sessions
  - 2,200 Attendees
  - 7,490 Brochures Distributed

# “Boost” Update

## Test and Training Upgrade

- Established Separate and Dedicated Test and Training Environments
- Test Environment
  - Is dedicated to PMO use and User Acceptance Testing (by invitation)
- Training/AT07 Environment
  - Is dedicated to grantor agencies/system-to-system users for systems interface and forms testing

# “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
- **Status**
  - In Production (live) since May 3

# Build Status

## Overview

- Resuming System Builds
  - July 24-25
  - October 9,10,11
  - Mid-Late Fall 2010 (Database Upgrade)
- Seeking to Engage Users in Build Planning
- Seeking to Engage FDP in Forms Testing



# Build Status

Available July 26, 2010

- Enhanced Reporting Capabilities for Grantors
  - Improved Selection Criteria - Published Opportunities, Organization, Manage Opportunities, Retrieve Submitted Applications and Rejections (new))
  - All reports export to Excel
- Enhance Basic Search Capabilities to Include Only Open Opportunities
- Verify AOR Status in Adobe Reader at the Time of Submission

# Build Status

Available October 11, 2010

- Security Enhancements
  - Password Complexity
  - Password Expiration (90 days)
  - Improved “I Forgot My Password” Functionality
  - Lock-out Procedures
  - Inactive Sessions Termination (Reduced to 15 min from 60 minutes)
  - Account cleanup after 1 year of inactivity
- 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 Change
  - 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 Online
- Self-generate Ad Hoc Grants.gov Activity Reports

# Next Generation Grants.gov

## Requirements - Applicants

- Online 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 Package
- Improved Interfacing to Related Databases

# Next Generation Grants.gov

## Next Steps

- Consideration of Investment Options by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Grants Executive Board (GEB) as Part of FY 2012 Budget Process
- Continued Stakeholder Input
- Detailed Requirements Specifications



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# Next Stakeholder Webcast

## Fall 2010

