Important Information Regarding Grants.gov and Fedgrants.gov

Grants.gov is excited to announce new site enhancements—marking another important accomplishment for Grants.gov, Federal agencies and the Federal grant community. On Monday, December 19th, Grants.gov will continue the efforts, originally scheduled for October 2005, to fully merge the two Federal web sites it currently manages: www.fedgrants.gov and www.grants.gov. Grants.gov is fully integrating its search functionality and the apply functionality. The enhancement will present a single look and feel for Find and Apply, increase integration between the two functions, and standardize the terminology. On Monday, December 19th, Fedgrants.gov will cease operations and all visitors will be redirected to the Grants.gov homepage.

During next few weeks, Grants.gov Program Advisors (PAs) will be in contact with your Agency Points of Contact (POC) to provide information pertaining to this transition. You can locate your Agency POC at the following location on Grants.gov:

http://www.grants.gov/assets/AgencyPointsofContacts.pdf.

In the meantime, there are three important items that you will need to know to ensure a smooth and successful transition:

- Ensure you have a Grants.gov Username and Password by Monday, December 19th:

  If you have had a Fedgrants.gov Username and Password, it will become inactive on Monday, December 19th. If you already have a Grants.gov Username and Password, you will begin to use that Username and Password at Grants.gov for both posting your grant synopses and application packages. In order to be able to post your grant synopses on Grants.gov, you will need to have that functionality added to your profile. Your Agency POC will be able to access your profile and update it to include this functionality. If you do not have a Grants.gov Username and Password, you will need to speak with your Agency POC to establish your Grants.gov profile. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your Agency POC.

- Grants.gov System Downtime:

  In order to merge the two websites, Grants.gov and Fedgrants.gov will experience system downtimes. Here is the information pertaining to the specific downtimes for each website:

  o On Fedgrants.gov, beginning at 5:00 PM EST on Thursday, December 15th, you will be unable to access certain pieces of functionality. You will be unable to post new synopses, modify existing synopses or delete synopses until Monday, December 19th. Additional unavailable functions include adding/deleting attachments, archiving/unarchiving opportunities, administration, and profile functions.   If you have anything that is in "Edit"

status, you will need to have it posted by 5:00 PM EST on December 16th. Synopses in "Edit" status post-December 16th will not be moved to Grants.gov.

You will be able to gain access again to these functionalities beginning on Monday, December 19th at Grants.gov. All the information currently on Fedgrants.gov will be moved to the Grants.gov website with the exception of the synopses that were saved in the "Edit" status. Again, starting on Monday, December 19th, Fedgrants.gov will no longer be available. If you go to Fedgrants.gov on that date, you will be redirected to the Grants.gov homepage. During this transition period, the grant community will be able to still search for information that was posted before the December 15th deadline and will be able to continue searching until 6:00 PM EST on Friday, December 16th. The only functionality that the grant community will not be able to perform will be the ability to register for the grant notification email service.

o   Grants.gov will be temporarily unavailable beginning at 6:00 PM EST on Friday, December 16th. You will not be able to post new application packages, nor modify or delete existing packages. Also, you will not be able to download applications during this time. However, beginning on Monday, December 19th, you will be able to login to Grants.gov and have full access to both posting grant synopses and posting grant application packages. At this time, you will also be able to access submitted grant applications. The grant community will not be able to submit grant application packages nor download grant application packages during this down time. They will be able to resume this activity again on Monday, December 19th.

▪   Overview of the merged Grants.gov website:

Grants.gov will be conducting overview sessions to provide agencies with a full view of the merged Grants.gov website. You will be able to get an in-depth look at the changed format, as well as a walk-through to demonstrate how you will post information to the website. The details are being finalized regarding the dates and location for these sessions. This email distribution list will be used to announce the details once they are final.

Thank you for your patience during this transition period.

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