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Subaward Reporting System (FSRS)

Contractor User Guide 1.0

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Section 1 Log-In to FSRS

Users registered in the electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (www.esrs.gov) 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.

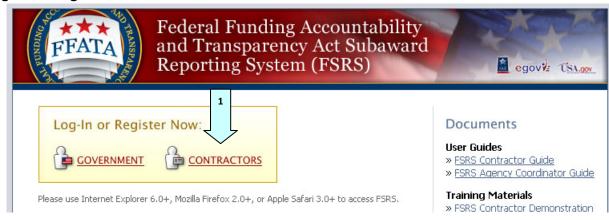
eSRS log-In Screen



1.1 Existing Users

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

Log-In or Register Now Box



III. A user logs-in to FSRS by typing their email address and password under the "returning contractors: login" section. They then click the "Login" button.

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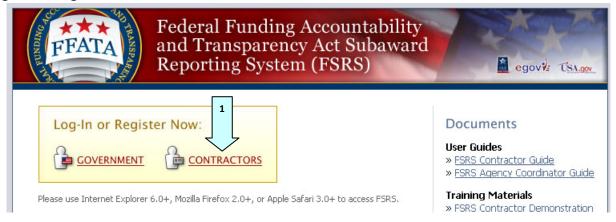
Contractor Login Screen



1.2 New Users

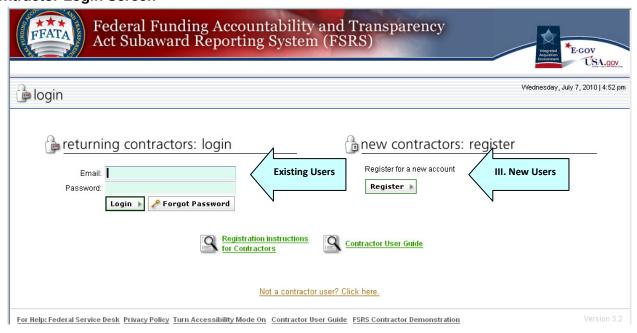
- I. Users point their browser to https://www.FSRS.gov. Note: users do not need to reregister if they have an existing eSRS Contractor user account (www.esrs.gov).
- II. The contractor clicks on the "Contractors" link within the "Log-In or Register Now" box

Log-In or Register Now Box



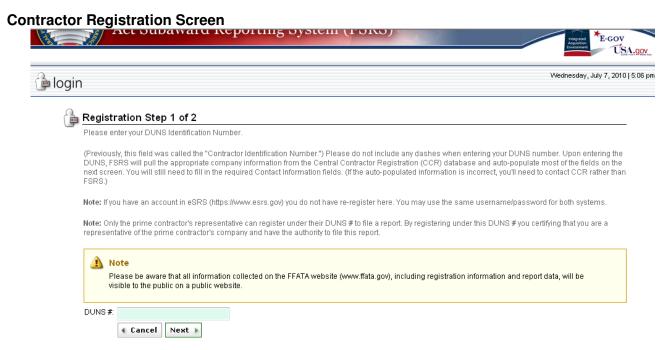
III. To register, the user clicks the "Register" button under the "new contractors: register" section.

Contractor 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 DUNS Identification Number and clicks the "Next" button.



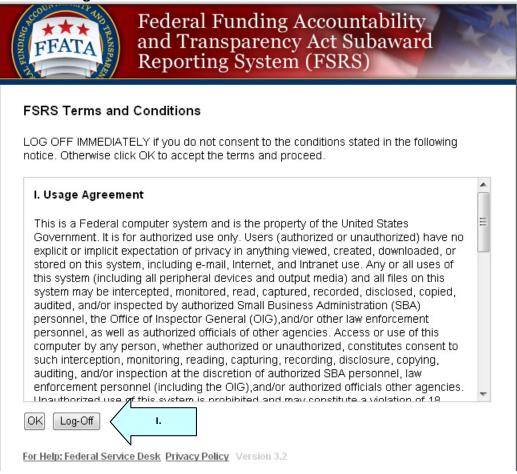
- VII. On step 2, some form data may already be populated on the form from CCR.gov based on the DUNS entered in step one.
- VIII. Users must complete all required fields (indicated with a red asterisk) and click the "submit" button.
- IX. After submitting this form, a confirmation email is sent to the email address provided during the registration. The 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 3). They can then enter their e-mail address and password, and click the "Login" button, to login to FSRS.

1.3 Terms of Use Agreement

I. All users are required to agree to the Terms of Use for FSRS. A user can click "OK" to move forward or "Log-Off" to exit.

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Terms of Use Agreement Screen



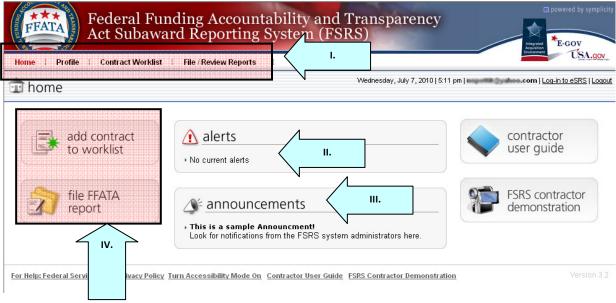
Section 2 FSRS Basics

After successfully logging into the FSRS reporting system, 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 buttons on the left hand side of the screen allow users to quickly create a new FFATA Report, or link a contract to their account. 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>Contract Worklist</u>: The Contract worklist allows a user to view all contracts that have been linked to their account. Turn to "Section 4, Contract Worklist" for more information.

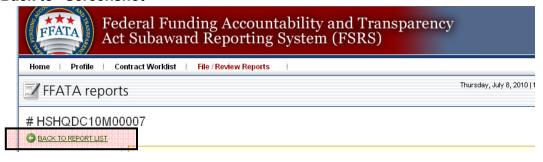
File / Review Reports:

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.

<u>Batch Upload Reports</u>: The batch upload section allows a user to download a Microsoft[®] Excel[™] template that can then be used to create a CSV (comma separated value) or tab delimited file which can then be imported into the FSRS system. This feature allows a user to file multiple FFATA Reports at once. Turn to "Section 6, Batch Uploads" for more information.

Note on Sticky Pages - The system uses the notion of "sticky-pages." As a user visits a navigation, and then clicks out of that navigation, and goes into another area of the site, when they return to the previous navigation, they will return to the same sub-navigation within the previous main navigation (back to where they were prior to navigating away from that section). This feature allows for across site navigation with "memory" of where the user was within the previous navigation (within a FSRS login session). For instance, if a user returns to "FFATA Reports," they return to the last location they were within FFATA Reports prior to leaving the section, unless they logout of FSRS. Because of this logic, users should use the "Back" links presented in the system, versus using their browser's back button.

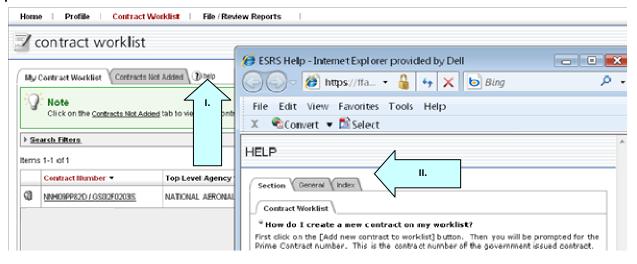
"Back to" Screenshot



2.3 Help

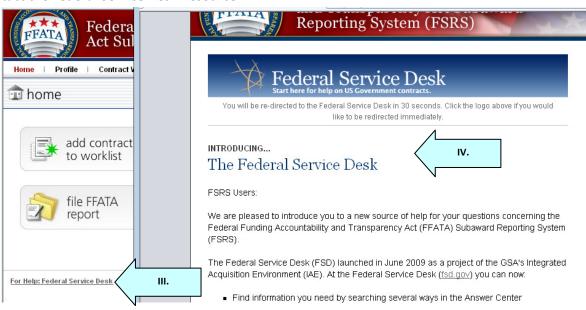
- I. Throughout the system, users are presented with a "?" (help) feature. When clicked, the user opens help content for the specific section (current navigation), or they can access general help content.
- II. When the "?" help icon is clicked, help content is presented in a new window.

Help Resource



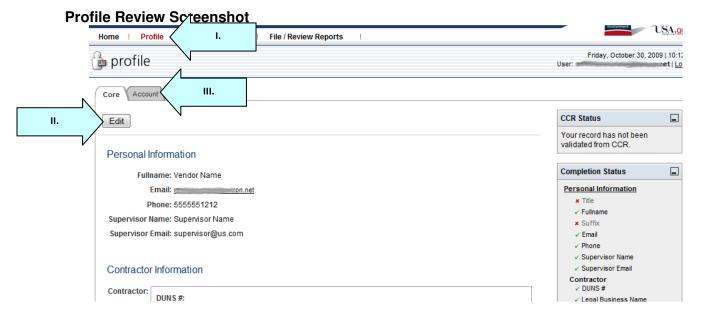
- III. There is a navigational link for the help desk contained in the lower navigational bar.
- IV. Clicking this link opens a transition page introducing the Federal Service Desk where users can secure assistance (shown as new window open on image below).

Contact the Federal Service Desk Resource



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 "Account" tab near the top of the page. Users may enter a new password on that page. The user should click "save password" when done.
- IV. 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. !, %,^)



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.

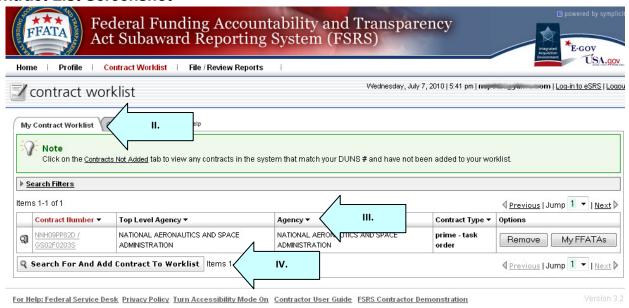
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Section 4 Contract Worklist

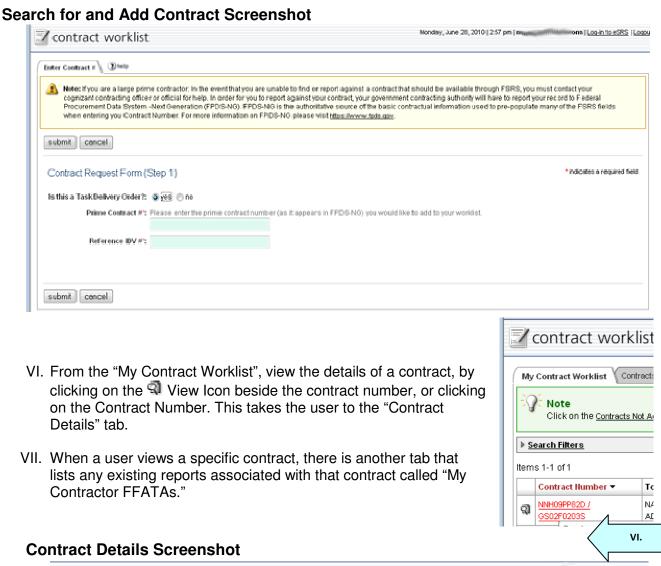
4.1 View Existing

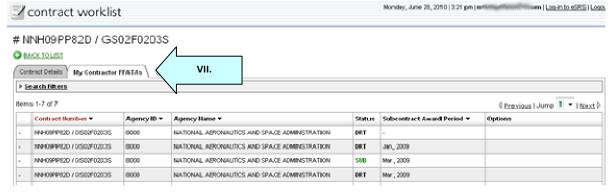
- I. View Contracts using the "Contract Worklist" option on the top navigation menu bar. When clicked, a screen similar to the "contract worklist" screenshot below appears.
- II. The "My Contract Worklist" lists those contracts that have been selected by a user for reporting through the system.
- III. The list of contracts 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. The currently active sort column is designated by a Maroon color column heading.
- IV. Use the "Search For And Add Contract to Worklist" button to search for a contract.

Contract List Screenshot



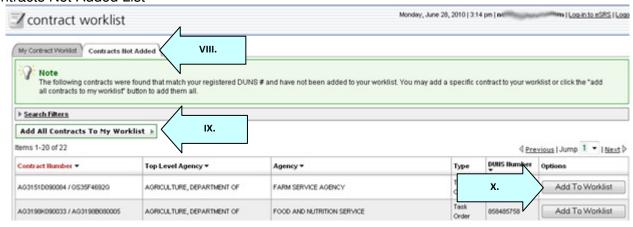
V. The "Search For And Add Contract To Worklist" resource allows for Prime Contract # Search (if task/delivery order is "no"), or Prime Contract # Search and Referenced IDV# Search (if task/delivery order is "yes").





- VIII. From the main Contract 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.
- IX. Use the "Add All Contracts To My Worklist" button to add all contracts to the "My Contract Worklist" (making all contracts reportable).
- X. Use the "Add to Worklist" button to add a single contract to the "My Contract Worklist" (see section below for further details).

Contracts Not Added List



4.2 Add New Contract to the FSRS Worklist

There are two main methods to add a new contract to a user's worklist.

4.2.1 Homepage Quicklink Method

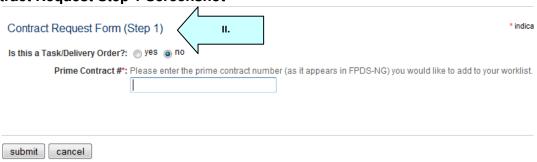
I. Users can easily add a new contract from the "home" page once logged into the system. To do so, they simply click on the "Add Contract to Worklist" button.

Homepage Quicklink - Add Contract to Worklist



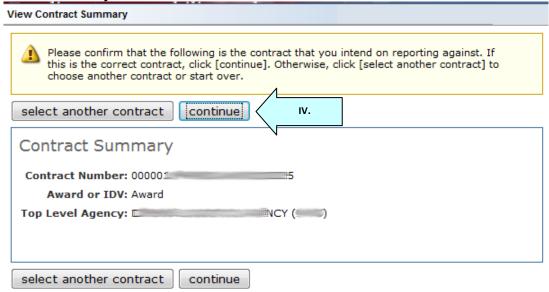
- II. Users are then taken to the "Contract Request Form (Step 1)". There they enter the Prime Contract # as it appears in FPDS-NG (If it is a Task/Delivery Order, users must also enter the Referenced IDV #). Note: If a Contract Number changes in FPDS-NG, users will be able to search on the current number only.
- III. Click the "submit" button to initiate the search. Note: If a user does not know the complete contract number, they should enter a minimum of 6 characters and the system will produce a list of similar contract numbers (if available) from which the user can choose.

Contract Request Step 1 Screenshot



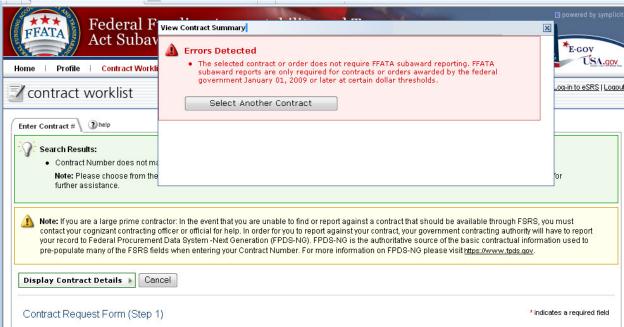
IV. If the contract number is found in the system and meets the necessary criteria for FFATA Reporting, a pop-up window displays the Contract Summary. Click "continue" to confirm a selection or click "select another contract" to choose another number.

Contract Summary Screenshot



V. Note – if a contract is selected that does not meet the standards for FFATA Reporting the user is advised via a system "errors detected" message.

Warning for Non-FFATA Contract



- VI. After clicking "continue," a user is taken to Step 2 where they must verify that they are the Prime Contractor for that contract (FFATA Reports can only be submitted by the Prime Contractor).
- VII. Select the radio button next to the verification statement and then click the "submit" button.

Contract Request Step 2 Screenshot



VIII. Users are then directed to the "Contract Details" page for the contract they just added.

To return to the Contract Worklist, a user should click on the

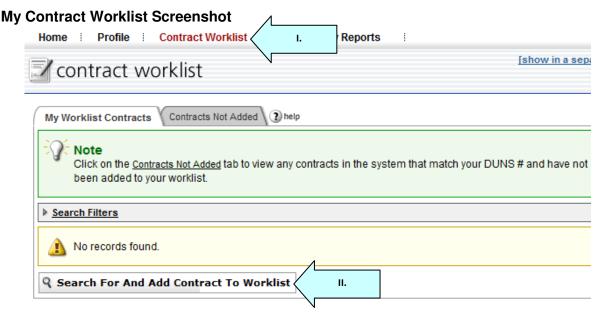
BACK TO LIST button within the system. Note: Users should NOT click their browser's back button.

Contract Details Screenshot



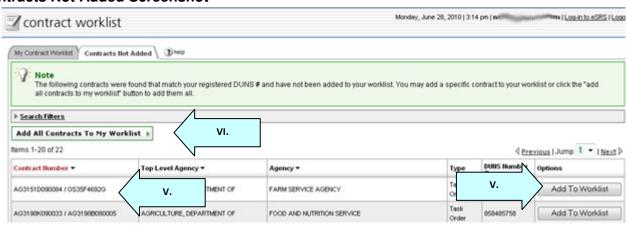
4.2.2 Main Navigation Bar Method

- I. Click on "Contract Worklist" in the top navigation bar. Users are taken to the "My Worklist Contracts" tab.
- II. To add a new contract, a user should click on the "Search For And Add Contract to Worklist" button.



- III. To complete, the user should follow the steps detailed in section 4.2.1 beginning with bullet "II".
- IV. Alternately, a user can click on the "Contracts Not Added" tab to view any contracts in the system that match their registered DUNS and that have not yet been added to their worklist.
- V. To add a contract, the user should select the desired contract number and click the "Add to Worklist" button in the "Options" column to the right.
- VI. A user can add ALL contracts listed to the worklist by clicking on the "Add All Contracts To My Worklist" button.

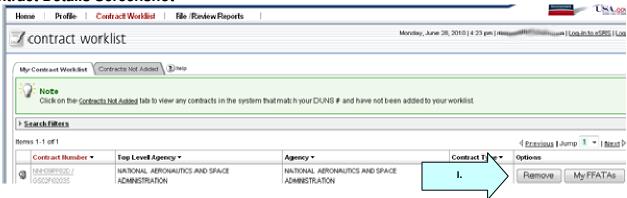
Contracts Not Added Screenshot



4.3 Remove Contracts from the FSRS Worklist

 To remove a contract from the My Contract Worklist, from the "My Contract Worklist" tab, click the "Remove" button. Doing so returns the contract to the "Contracts Not Added" tab.

Contract Details Screenshot

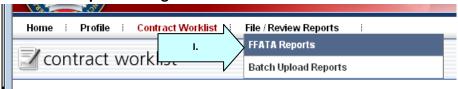


Section 5 FFATA Reports

5.1 View Existing

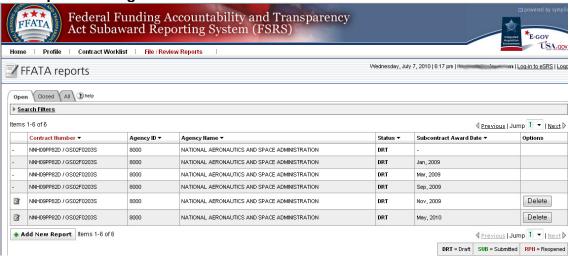
I. Click on "File / Review Reports" in the top navigation bar and select the "FFATA Reports" option.

File / Review Reports Navigation



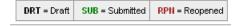
II. Users are directed to a screen similar to the "FFATA Reports Listing" screenshot below.

FFATA Reports Listing Screenshot



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

Status Codes



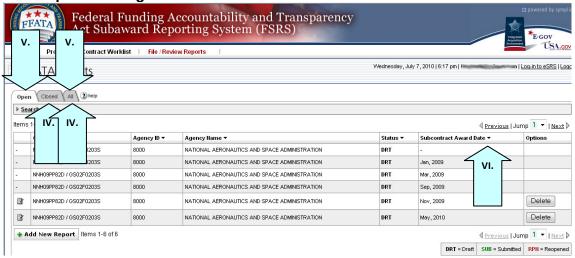
Draft (DRT): A user began working on the report; however, they did not complete it and/or submit it.

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 and accepted, but has since been reopened for modification or corrections.

- IV. Submitted reports appear on the Closed/All tabs of the list.
- V. Draft or Reopened reports appear on the Open/All tabs of the list.

- VI. Click on the column heading of any column with a black arrow to sort (e.g., Status).
- VII. The currently applied sort column is highlighted with maroon column heading text.



5.2 File New

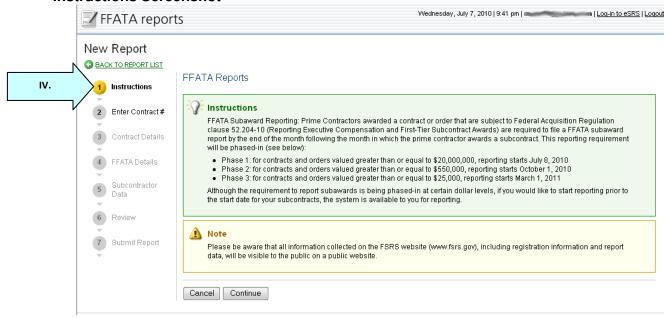
I. There are two primary methods to file a new FFATA Report. The first method allows a user to easily file a new FFATA Report from the "home" page. The user simply clicks on the "file FFATA report" button (shown below). Alternatively, they may follow the method described below.

Homepage Quicklink - File FFATA Report



- II. Alternatively, a user can click on "File / Review Reports" in the main navigation bar and select "FFATA Reports" option.
- III. To file a new report, the user then clicks the ** Add New Report | button.
- IV. Users walk through a stepwise process to enter the report. 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.

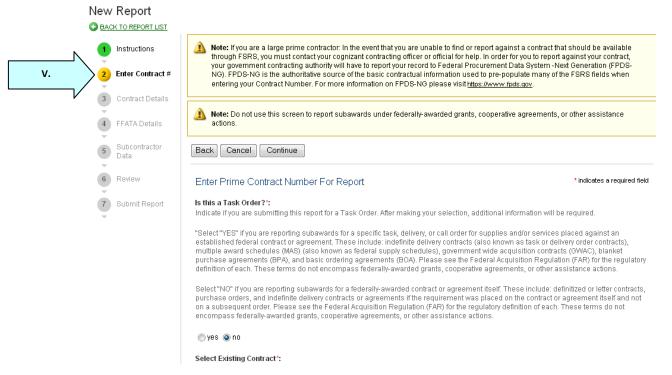
Instructions Screenshot



- V. On step 2, users determine if they are submitting the report for a Task Order (select the appropriate radio button).
- VI. Users can either choose the desired Prime Contract Number from their Worklist, or manually enter the Prime Contract Number for the report and click the "continue" button. If the user selected "yes" for Task Order, they must also provide the Referenced IDV#.

Important Notes: If the total "Award Amount" for the contract or order is not equal to or greater than \$25,000, the system will produce an error message informing the user that they will not be able to proceed. In addition, if a Contract Number changed in FPDS-NG, the user will only be able to search on the current number.

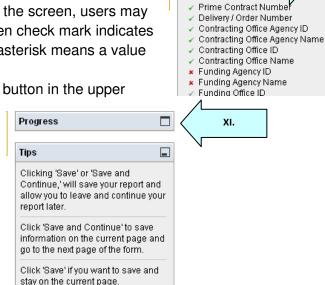
Enter Contract # Screenshot



- VII. Users fill out the forms for each step and click "Save & Continue" or "Continue" to move to the next step in the process.
- VIII. 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 green check mark indicates the field has been entered and accepted. A red asterisk means a value is needed.

IX. To collapse the progress listing, a user clicks the button in the upper right corner of the inset box.

- X. Below "Progress", users see a "Tips" section that that can also be collapsed with the upper right button.
- XI. Users can reopen either the Progress/Tips sections by clicking the upper right empty box.



Progress

FSRS Detail

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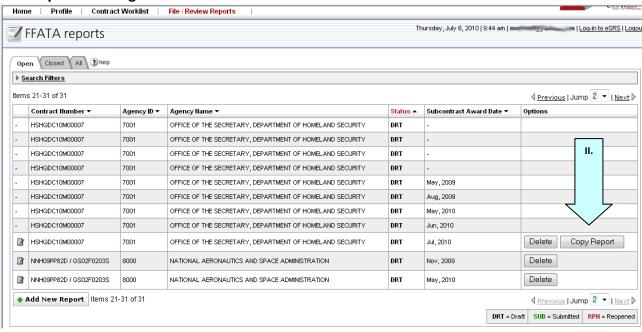
XII. On step 7, users click the "submit" button to send the report. Note: A user must click "submit" to completely process the report submission.

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XIII. Users may then return to "view existing reports" (Section 5.1) to review the status of the report just entered.

5.3 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 contract number. Doing so copies all data/information, except the Subcontract Award Date field, into the new report. The Subcontract Award Date field must be uniquely entered per report per contract number.
- II. To copy a report, click the option "copy report" 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.



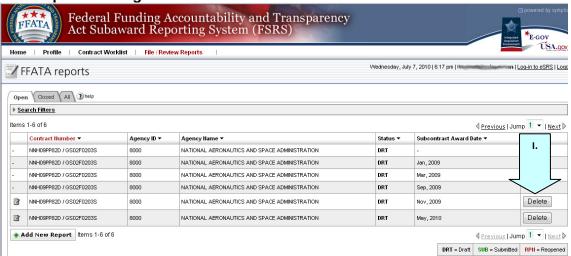
5.4 Edit an existing Report

- I. Click on the "edit" icon beside the report number to edit a report.
- II. One a user clicks on the "edit" icon, the report is open for the user to make edits. To return to the report listing from edit mode, 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.
- IV. Note: A user can only edit an open (draft or reopened) report. If a user needs to update a submitted report, open the desired report and select "Reopen Report" from the Report Actions drop-down in the right sidebar.



5.5 Delete a Report

- V. Click on the "Delete" button in the Options column to permanently delete a report.
- VI. 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.



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Section 6 Batch Uploads

(For advanced users only)

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

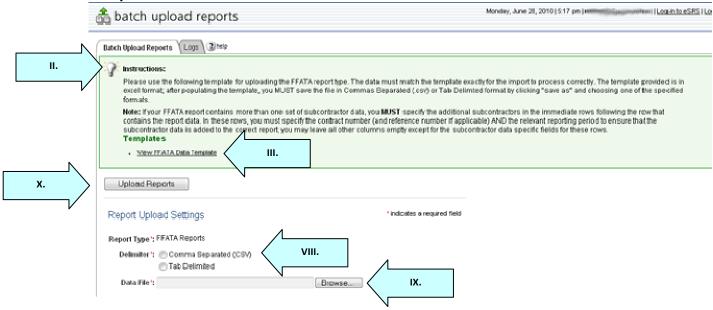
I. Access Batch Uploads by Clicking on the main navigation, File / Review Reports. Choose the "Batch Upload Reports" option

Batch Upload Main Navigation



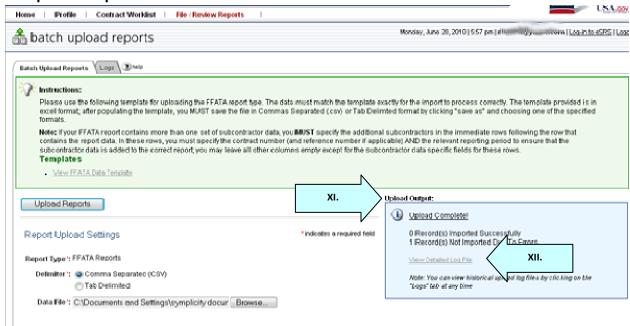
- II. Users first review the instructions presented at the top of the resource.
- III. They then download the FSRS template by clicking on the "View FFATA Data Template" link.
- IV. Using Excel (or other compatible spreadsheet editor), the user adds all contracts they intend to file within the Template. 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. The file should be saved so it can be accessed while the user is on the FSRS system.
- VII. If the user has left FSRS to create the file, they should return to FSRS and go back to the Batch Upload Section.
- VIII. The user chooses the delimiter type that was used when the data was saved in the template file (CSV or Tab Delimited).
- IX. The user then clicks on the "Browse" button and chooses the file that was saved in Steps V/VI above.
- X. The user then clicks "Upload Reports" to initiate the upload.

Batch Upload Screenshot



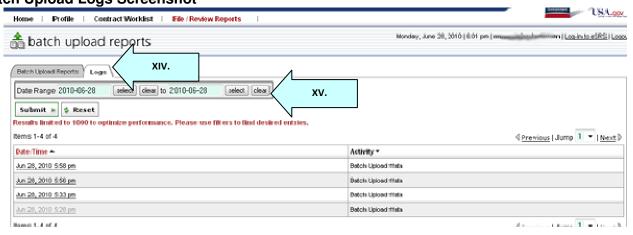
- XI. When import is complete, the system displays the import results of the file upload process on a confirmation section of the screen: "Upload Output".
- XII. Any upload errors are described. A user should click the link "View Detailed Log File" to review the information.
- XIII. Errors can be remediated 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



- XIV. Users can review the log of previous batch uploads on the "Logs" tab of the Batch Upload Reports navigation.
- XV. 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).





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