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What is Agency Final Review/Recipient Reconciliation?

The Agency Final Review process provides Agencies the ability to finalize and sign-off on awards that are complete and will no longer be reported on by the recipient. Once an award has been officially reviewed and reconciled, further actions (submissions, Automated Data Change [ADC] Requests, etc.) for that award cannot be made. Reconciliation is final and cannot be reversed once completed.

Final Review/Reconciliation Timeline

Beginning August 2, 2012, Agencies can initiate the reconciliation process for eligible awards (see Eligibility section below for details). There is no deadline for reconciling an award—once an award is eligible, it may be reviewed, reconciled, and finalized at any time.

Which Awards are eligible for Reconciliation?

Awards meeting the following criteria are eligible for Final Review and Recipient Reconciliation:

- No report for the current quarter exists for the award
- The report has been marked as Final
- There are no pending ADC Requests for any report associated with the award

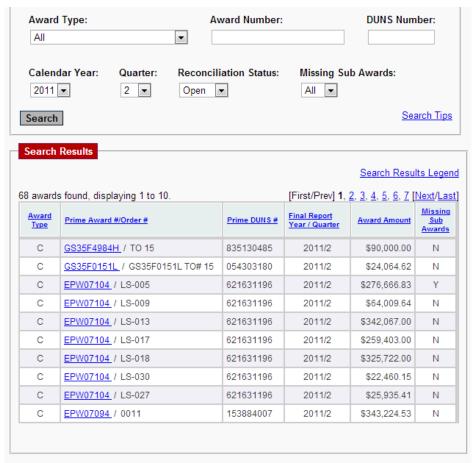
If a new report or ADC request is submitted, the award will no longer be eligible for reconciliation and will be removed from the Final Review Process.

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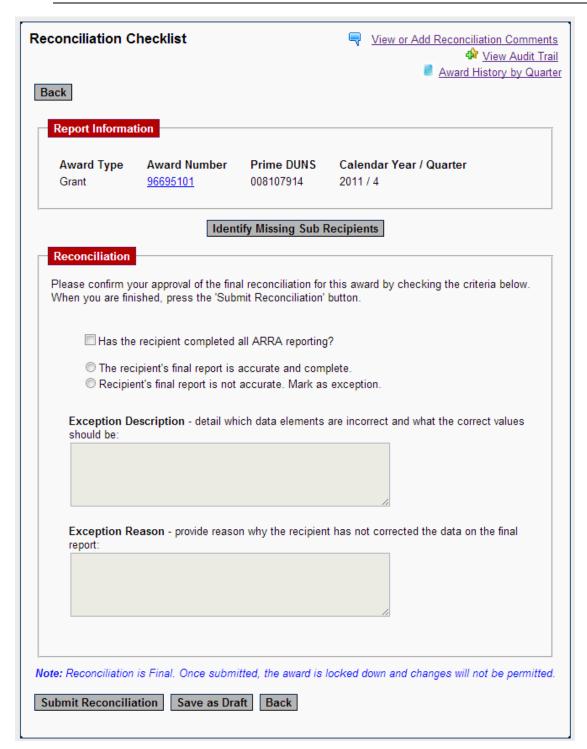
How to review the Final Report for an Award Online

To see the list of eligible awards click "My Reconciliation Queue" located in the "Quick Links" section on the left-hand side of the FederalReporting.gov home page.





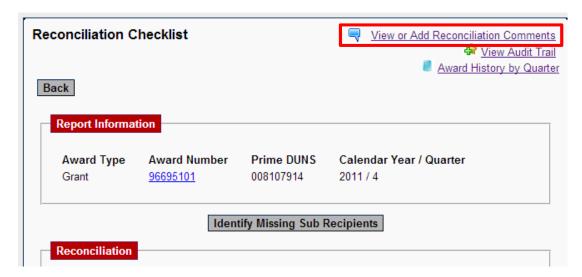
Use the search filters and/or sortable columns to locate a specific award. Click on the Prime Award Number to open the Reconciliation Checklist page.



Click on the Award Number in the Report Information section to open and review the Final report for that award. If there any discrepancies in the data that your recipient should correct, unlock the report



by clicking on the "View or Add Reconciliation Comments" located at the top right-hand corner of the page. Enter comments and instructions in the comments window.



Please note that by leaving a comment, you are unlocking ONLY the FINAL report for the award—prior reports for the award remain locked and cannot be edited. Once unlocked, the recipient is able to make changes to the data in the final report.

Click "Close Comments Window" to return to the Prime Recipient report.

NOTE: Job numbers cannot be changed, as they are reported quarterly.

It is also important to note that recipients are NOT permitted to deactivate, link, or change the business key of a final report during the Recipient Reconciliation process. If the recipient wishes to deactivate, link, or change the business key of the final report, please submit an Automated Data Change (ADC) request (see Chapter 16 of the User Guide).

Identification of Missing Sub Recipients

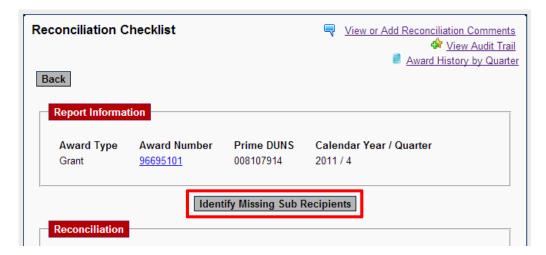
Prime recipients must ensure that all sub-recipient awards (including those already marked final) are included in the prime recipient's final report. FederalReporting.gov has provided a simple tool for agencies to identify sub recipients missing from the prime's final report.

How to use the Identify Missing Sub Recipients tool (Agencies only)

Agencies may access the tool in two ways:

• From the Reconciliation Checklist page:

Click "Identify Missing Sub Recipients" on the My Reconciliation Checklist page to display the list of sub-awards not included with the prime's final report.



• From the Sub Recipients tab on the final report:

Click the Award Number in the Report Information page to open the final report. Then click the Sub Recipients tab of the Prime Report. Click "Identify Missing Sub Recipients" to display the list of sub-awards not included with the prime's final report.

NOTE: To identify missing sub recipients on any other prior or current quarter report, open a Prime Recipient report and click on the Sub Recipients tab. Click "Identify Missing Sub Recipients" to display the list of sub-awards not included on the selected report. This functionality is available only to Agency users with access to the reconciliation module.



How to Submit the Final Reconciliation Online

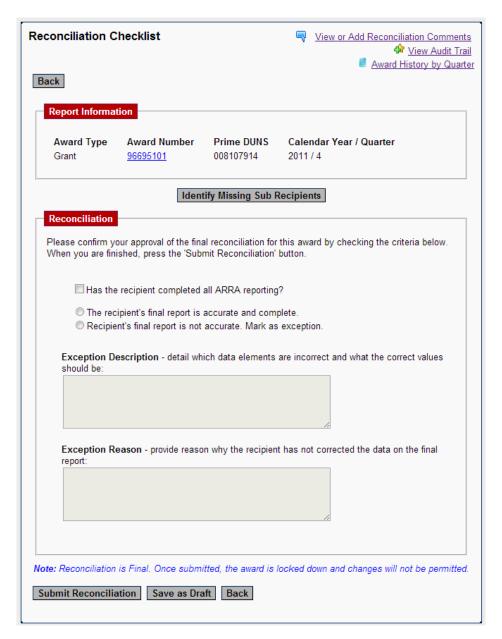
When you are ready to finalize and submit a report for Reconciliation, go to the Reconciliation Checklist page to determine:

- If reporting for the award is complete, and
- If the final report submitted by the prime recipient is accurate and complete.

NOTE: If further reporting is expected for this award, do not proceed past this point.

If the data in the final report is accurate and complete, click "Submit Reconciliation."

If the final report is not accurate, you may opt to submit the Reconciliation with an "Exception Description," noting the data that could not be reconciled by the recipient. You are also required to describe in the "Exception Reason" field why the recipient has not corrected the data.





To complete the reconciliation process, click "Submit Reconciliation." A notification message will be sent to the recipient's inbox and email address indicating the agency has reviewed and approved the Final Reconciliation Report for the award, and that no more reports are required and no data correction requests will be allowed through the ADC.

How to review the Final Report for an Award Offline - Data Extracts

Federal agencies are provided two Reconciliation Extracts daily containing a list of awards eligible for final review. Both extracts contain all data elements from a subset of final recipient reports. The first is the "Historical" reconciliation extract; if the final report for an award was submitted in January 2012 or earlier, it appears on this extract. The second is the "Current" reconciliation extract; if the final report for an award was submitted in April 2012 or later, it appears on this extract.

To access the Reconciliation Extracts,

• In the Quick Links, click "My Reconciliation Extract (Historical)" or "My Reconciliation Extract (Current)."

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- Save the extract to your local computer.
- Open a blank Excel spreadsheet.
- In the Data menu, hover over "Import External Data" and click "Import Data."
- Locate the saved extract and select the Delimited Historical Reconciliation Extract or Current Reconciliation Extract file.



- Select "Delimited."
- Click "Next."
- Select "Other" and enter the pipe symbol () press Shift and click the key above Enter.
- Click "Next."
- Click "Finish."
- Click "OK."
- Save the file.

Each extract can be uploaded into an Excel spreadsheet or other tools for ease of manipulation and data review.

How to Submit Bulk Final Reconciliation of Historical or Current Awards

As an efficient, time-saving alternative, federal agencies with a large volume of historical or current awards to reconcile can use the Historical Reconciliation or Current Reconciliation extract to upload a bulk file to FederalReporting.gov.

How to prepare the historical reconciliation or current reconciliation file for upload

- Using Microsoft Excel or another file editor of your choosing, open the Reconciliation Extract (Historical) or Reconciliation Extract (Current) that was downloaded in the prior section.
- For each award that you wish to submit for reconciliation, enter "Y" in the "RECONCILIATION CLOSE FLAG" column.
- In the File menu, click "Save As." Add the name you want to save the file as. In the "Save as type" field, change the file from Excel to a Comma Delimited (*.csv) file.
- Save the file.

NOTE: The ONLY acceptable file format for upload is .csv. If you save the file with any other extension, you will be prevented from uploading.

How to upload the historical or current reconciliation file

- Login to FederalReporting.gov.
- Click "Upload Reconciliation Awards" in the "My Reports" section on the home page.
- Browse for the *.csv file and click "Upload File."
- You will receive a confirmation message that you uploaded the file successfully. A copy
 of this message will also appear in your system inbox. A message will be sent to the
 recipient's inbox and email address notifying them the agency has reviewed and
 approved the Final Reconciliation Report for the award, and that no more reports are
 required and no data correction requests will be allowed through the ADC.

NOTE: If you need to request corrections from the Prime Recipient or submit the reconciliation with an exception, you must do so through the online Reconciliation Checklist webpage.



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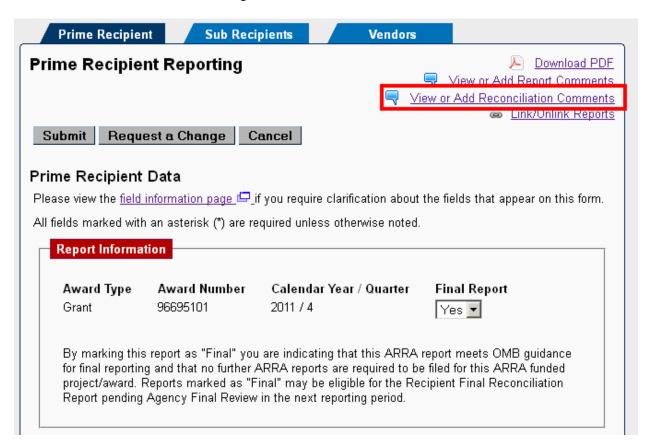
How to make corrections to a report during Recipient Reconciliation

While most of the Final Review process is handled by the federal agency, you may be asked to make some changes to your final report in order to reconcile the award data.

You will be notified via e-mail and system inbox message if your agency adds a comment to your report. You can reply to your agency's comments within the system before submitting your report changes.

To reply, log into FederalReporting.gov, locate and open your final report. Click on "View or Add Reconciliation Comments" located in the upper right-hand corner of the report. You may update data using the online web form in FederalReporting.gov.

NOTE: Job numbers cannot be changed.

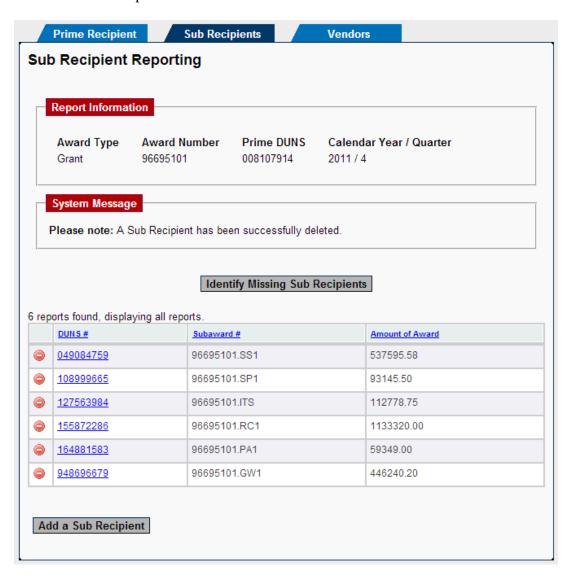




Identify Missing Sub Recipients

Prime recipients must ensure that all sub-recipient awards (including those already completed) are included in the prime recipient's final report. FederalReporting.gov has provided a simple means for primes to pull sub-award report data forward.

Click the Sub Recipients tab of the Prime Recipient Report to display the list of sub-awards submitted with the final report.



Click "Identify Missing Sub Recipients" to identify the sub-award reports missing from the final report.



All final sub-recipient awards that are not included with the final prime recipient report are listed. To copy a sub report forward to the final prime report, click the checkbox next to the sub-recipient report and then click "Apply Changes." That sub-recipient report is copied forward to the prime recipient's final report. To expedite the process, click the checkbox next to the DUNS # to select or de-select all reports at the same time.

After adding your sub-recipient reports, click the Prime Recipient tab to navigate back to the Prime Recipient information and click "Submit" to save all data changes. At this time you will be prompted to enter your FRPIN.

Please be sure to make all required corrections at the point of resubmission as your report will lock upon submission and require another agency comment to unlock for further changes.