

Welcome & Introductions

- Federal Co-Chair Bob MacDonald, USDA
- FDP Co-Chair Ron Splittergerber, Colorado State
- NGP Reps – Tony Cavataio, Sandy Swab
- FDP Committee Members
 - David Wright, FDP
 - Steve Dowdy, MIT
 - Gunta Lidars, Rochester
 - Dan Hofherr, NSF
 - David Robinson, Faculty Rep OHSU
 - John Etcheverry & Grants.gov team
 - Jason Hitchcock, USDA/CSREES



EGBF Goals



- A subcommittee of the FDP ERA
- Goal charged with creating a forum for discussion of implementation issues among FDP institutional members, federal agencies and Grants.gov staff
- Initiatives:
 - Organizational registration using Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and Central Contractor Registry (CCR) and the various transactions using this process in cooperation with NGP (Survey)
 - Federal Directory Pilot
 - System to System (S2S) issues & enhancements

Pilot Goals (NSF, NIH & USDA-CREES)



1. Provide simple mechanism to maintain user demographic information
2. Ensure mechanism can be expanded to other agencies
3. Provide robust identifier
4. Provide access through e-Identification
5. Provide method for agencies to synchronize their directory records
6. Explore Grants.gov access to directory during application process

Background & Purpose (NSF, NIH & USDA-CREES)



1. Biosketch effort in FDP Phase 3
2. Federal Commons and GUIDe – Government User Identifier
3. Grants.gov applications lack biosketch consistency – some only as attachment
4. Link unique identification to authentication credential valid for any E-Authentication enabled site

Timeline 2006

- ✓ EGBF Concept Approval May 5
- ✓ Initial response from agencies May 19
- ✓ Present to full FDP May 22
- ✓ Identify contacts for cooperating agencies
- Outline requirements document listing the critical needs vs. those 'Nice to have'
- Sketch working groups, review timeline for EGBF meeting in DC July 21

NSF Response to Draft

- Would like to explore the details to determine costs and define the value
- Plan is to present it to NSF senior management as part of the CPIC process.

NIH Response to Draft

- Would like to support the FDP in this pilot to the extent resources allow.
- Intends to work with the FDP to move towards the goals of the pilot concepts
- Does not want to set unrealistic expectations as to how much time or other resources will be available in realizing the pilot concept
- Without full involvement of the Grants.Gov project team, realizing a workable pilot may not be achievable
- NIH staff looks forward to discussing and working on this in partnership with FDP members.

NIH Response to Draft (Cont)

- NIH currently manages over 70,000 external person profiles, and certainly understands the desire for more consistency in maintaining demographic information
- There is a need to do this not just for the Grantee and Federal Grant organizations, but all Federal Government business partners
- While this is beyond the scope and interest of the FDP, NIH would like to see Goal 2 (Expand to other agencies) consider some method for addressing the needs beyond just the Grantor/Grantee community

USDA-CSREES Response to Draft

- CSREES is very committed to the concept of the pilot
- Cannot entirely support the demonstration as proposed because of concern about the proposed timeline of events
- Many agency resources are committed to ensuring a smooth transition to Grants.gov over the summer months - perhaps if the dates could be extended three to six months we would be able to be more fully engaged and dedicate the appropriate resources to this important activity

Questions



Integrated Acquisition Environment



- Sandy Swab (NGP), Earl Warrington (IAI)
 - Using DUNS to identify 'Trading Partners', invoicing & reporting
 - Repository for Institutional Profiles, 'Reps & Certs'
 - FedTeDS as document repository
- CCR Registration
 - Verify user - authentication
 - Pre-fill organizational information on grant applications

DUNS – CCR Information



- *DUNS, D-U-N-S or D.U.N.S. - Data Universal Numbering System – is a 9 digit code provided by Dun & Bradstreet.
- Used by the government to identify contractors and their locations by a single unique number
- Introduced in 1963 to support credit worthiness (rating) of business entities by Dun & Bradstreet
- Randomly assigned number – the digits have no significance other than to have a checksum digit to help assure the number is valid.

DUNS – CCR Information



- A DUNS number is frequently required to register with the CCR (Central Contractor Register) – a requirement when doing business with the U.S. Federal Government
- DUNS Location - 4 digit facility suffix for DUNS ID can be assigned by the business entity assigned the original 9 digit code. The 4 digit suffix, known as the DUNS Plus Four or DUNS +4 is used to identify sub-units generally at different locations
- DUNS +4 can be used to register multiple times with CCR

DUNS – CCR Information



- OMB announced in the June 27, 2003 issue of the Federal Register that a DUNS number will be required for all grant applicants for new or renewal awards on or after October 1, 2003
- The D-U-N-S number will supplement other identifiers, e.g. EIN, and will be required whether an applicant is using paper or electronic application processes.

DUNS – CCR Information



- The Commercial And Government Entity Code, or CAGE Code, is an identifier assigned to any organization wishing to be a supplier to any NATO treaty organization including the United States Department of Defense
- CAGE codes provide a standardized method of identifying a given facility at a specific location
- United States CAGE codes are issued by the Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS)
- An entity issued a cage code must reapply annually to renew their cage code

DUNS – CCR Information



- The Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is the primary supplier database for the U.S. Federal government. The CCR collects data from suppliers, validates and stores this data, and disseminates it to various government acquisition agencies
- In October 1993, President Bill Clinton issued a memorandum that required the Government to reform its acquisition processes. Subsequently, the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 was passed, requiring the establishment of a "single face to industry." To accomplish this, the United States Department of Defense (DoD) identified a centralized, electronic registration process known as CCR as the single point of entry for vendors that want to do business with the DoD.

DUNS – CCR Information

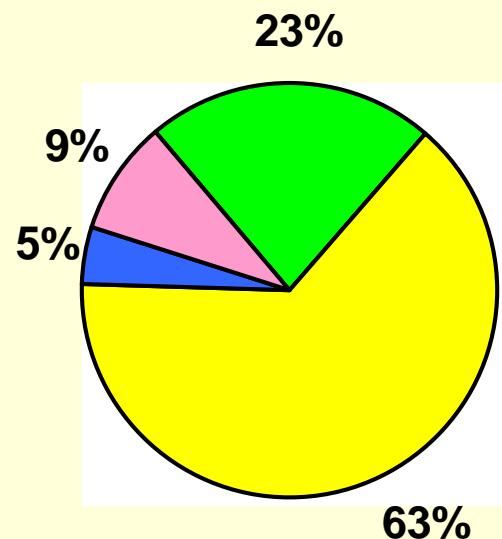


- A new Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) policy, (Circular 2003-016, FAR case 2002-018), requires that all federal contractors register in the CCR database prior to award of any contract or purchase agreement
- The Trading Partner Identification Number (or TPIN) is a confidential number assigned to organizations which are or intend to be contractors to the Federal Government of the United States. It is issued by the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) of the Department of Defense
- Contractors are consistently advised by CCR to treat the TPIN as if it were a password, and not to reveal it to others not directly involved in their business operations.

DUNS – CCR Survey



- Analysis scheduled June 2006
- Respondents:

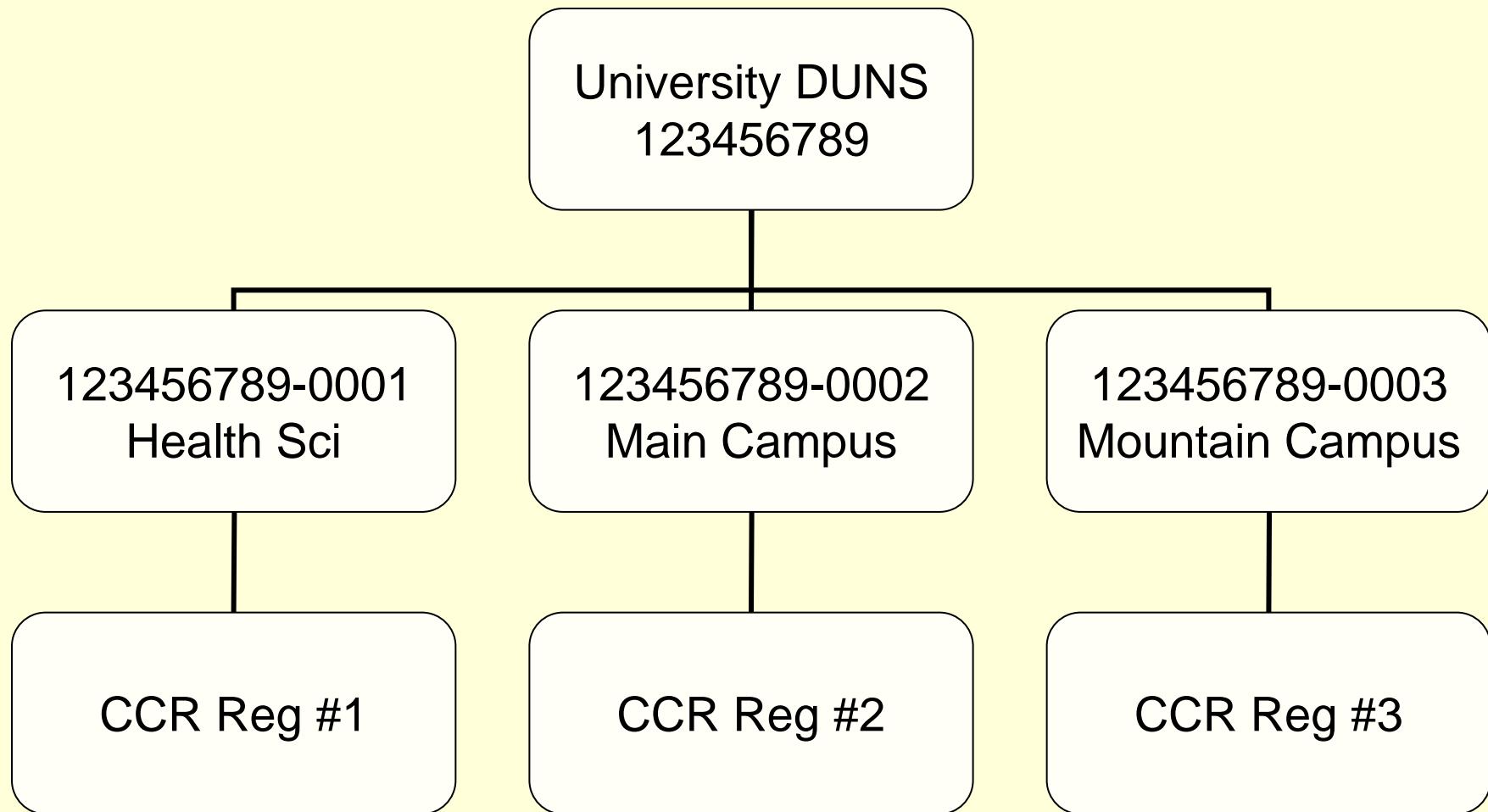


DUNS – CCR Survey



- Disconnect between DUNS and CCR registration information
- Difficulty in locating resource at Dunn & Bradstreet with familiarity on Higher-Ed
- Some submission deadlines passed while trying to resolve registration
- DUNS de-activated when location didn't match CCR

DUNS – CCR Issues



Questions



CCR & Federal Grants Community

Marguerite Pridgen (EPA to GPC)

Current Benefits:

- Validates the vendor's information
- Electronically shares the secure and encrypted data with the federal agencies' finance offices to facilitate paperless payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT)
- Shares the data with government procurement and electronic business systems

Central Contractor Registration (www.ccr.gov) and the Federal Grant Community

CURRENT REQUIREMENT

- CONTRACTS: FAR 4.1102 (October 1, 2003) requires prospective **contractors** to register in the CCR database prior to award of a contract or agreement
- GRANTS: Grants.gov requires prospective **grant applicants who wish to apply through Grants.gov** to get a DUNS Number and be registered with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR).

PROPOSED REQUIREMENT (only at concept stage)

- CONTRACTS: no proposed change
- GRANTS: Require prospective and existing grantees to register in the CCR database

To be discussed during the meeting:

Current Status of CCR and grants?

Work of CCR policy task group*?

Stakeholders concerns with CCR and DUNS?

SF-424 R&R XML PDF

Joe Bass ('til 1:15 p.m.)

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF 424 (R&R)		2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
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Department: <input type="text"/>		Division: <input type="text"/>	
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* City: <input type="text"/>		County: <input type="text"/>	* State: <input type="text"/> * ZIP Code: <input type="text"/>
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Person to be contacted on matters involving this application			
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Questions



Grants.gov Update

John Etcheverry

- Cross-platform (Mac) and PureEdge



- NIH Policy on Commons Verification
- SF-424 R&R Timeline for Agency Adoption
- Recent Architectural Changes

Grants.gov S2S Update

Russel Wyland ('til 2:20 p.m.)

- S2S Update, Applicant Update, Vendor status, S2S Stakeholder meeting
- Form in Form Issues – Steve Dowdy
- S2S Issues – Vendor Perspectives



PureEdge Submission Fix



- AOR Submission Fails with Blank screen
- Works for Network Administrator
- Security Policy 'locks down' desktop
- Insufficient User Privileges
- Caused by PureEdge Installation Method

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"Content Type"="application/vnd.xfdl"

Next Steps

- Replacement for Bob MacDonald as Co-Chair
- Next meeting Friday July 21 Washington DC
 - National Directory Pilot Working Groups
 - DUNS / CCR Survey Results



Questions

