

The Federal Demonstration Partnership Electronic Grants Business Forum



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What is the EGBF?

- A subcommittee of the FDP charged with creating a forum for discussion of implementation issues among FDP institutional members and 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.
 - Faculty profiles (utilizing previous FDP and federal agency work on professional profiles)

National User Profile Database

Draft Framework Document

- What is it?
 - A single, government-wide database of grant applicant individuals, especially project directors/principal investigators
 - To contain:
 - Unique, government-wide identifier (for grants)
 - Contact info
 - Additional basic grant information (TBD)

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- Why do we need this?
 - Institutions and agencies need a common way to identify project directors for systems management, eligibility, current and pending support, etc.
 - Are Joe Smith, Joseph R. Smith, and J.R. Smith the same people?
 - A single, authoritative source for the most up-to-date information government-wide
 - The CCR and Grants.gov registrations are only for Authorized Organizational Representatives, not Project Directors

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- What is the status?
 - Just starting
 - NIH, NSF, and CSREES are comparing the information they maintain on individuals
 - NIH and CSREES have merged information for Project Directors and proposal reviewers; NSF is planning to do so
 - Working with Grants.gov
 - ***Is this relevant to the NGP?***

DUNS/CCR Issues

- As of beginning of 2003 federal fiscal year, all grant and cooperative agreement applications were to use DUNS
- The CCR is primary registry for vendors – all federal contractors required to register before contracts are awarded
- Most federal online systems use DUNS and/or CCR for validation

DUNS/CCR Issues

- Has the effort to use DUNS/CCR been successful?
 - Many institutions are reluctant to meet requirement of separate CCR numbers for various physical locations
 - Federal agencies must understand that an institution may have multiple DUNS numbers (some agencies assume there is only one)
 - CCR does not always point to institutional contract and grant office (agencies assume it does)
 - Some federal online systems assume EB POC associated with institutional grants office

DUNS/CCR Issues

- Has the effort to use DUNS/CCR been successful?
 - Some federal online systems require use of CCR MPIN number to authenticate (many institutional contract or grant offices do not have access to MPIN)
 - Some federal online systems assume EB will be the POC associated with institutional grants office
 - Grants.gov supports only a single DUNS number per institutional credential

DUNS/CCR Issues

- What is needed?
 - Federal agency standards on how DUNS/CCR will be used to identify and authenticate various structures found with institutions
 - Better documentation on agency web/online systems to guide use of DUNS/CCR
 - NGP/FDP recommendation to educate institutions through SRA, NCURA, NACUBO

Grants.gov

Grants.gov System-2-System

- Platform independent support for PureEdge
- Change management
- Multiple DUNS numbers per institution
- Standard for enumeration of data across agency applications
- Enhanced architecture (DOS attack, slow response during heavy volume)

Other NGP – FDP Collaboration?

