

# THE FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PARTNERSHIP



**STRATEGIC PLANNING AND  
FDP UPDATE SPRING 2010**

# Researchers doing science not administration.

- The FDP is achieving measurable results that reduce burden and enable researchers to do science
- We have successfully completed several demonstrations that have resulted in improved administrative processes for research grants
- The entire life cycle of electronic research administration from proposal submission to award close-out is common among all Federal agencies

# Themes for Phase V

- Maximize the time available for Principal Investigators and scientific staff to focus on research while reducing unnecessary administrative burden.
- Increase the efficiency of administrative and compliance practices while reducing inefficient or redundant agency and institutional procedures and practices.

# Goals for Phase V

- Successfully complete a minimum of five internally generated high priority projects.
- Maintain effective forum for ongoing collaboration to address current and emerging external issues
- Develop and implement effective strategy for communicating and engaging key stakeholders
- Ensure that the FDP has the right membership and structure to carry out its mission in Phase 5.

# Accomplishments in Phase V

- We have a Phase V!
- Strong growth - 130 applicants, 120 accepted; a waiting list of applicants
- 10 Federal agencies
- Created the FDP Foundation
- Increase in member ERIs –14 in all
- STAR METRICS
- FDP is now viewed as a “go to” group – visibility
- 42% participation in the facility burden survey - amazing!
- Outreach has increased

# Accomplishments in Phase V

- JAD team interactions with Grants.Gov
- ARRA response
- Effort reporting pilot has been initiated
- Financial stability
- Friendly collaborations
- Website and communication have been greatly enhanced
- Good interactions at meetings
- Increased faculty visibility
- Better engaged faculty...more unified voice



# Accomplishments cont.

- Willingness to enforce standards of civility in our meetings and interactions
- Mentoring program
- Volunteers for extended registration hours
- Presentations available on the website
- Audit website up and running
- Good leadership of committees, etc.
- Federal Research Terms and Conditions

# Current Projects

- STAR Metrics Pilot
  - [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA\\_055531](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA_055531)
- A-133 Subrecipient Monitoring
- Troublesome Clauses Database
- ARRA Reporting Best Practices
- Effort Reporting Pilot
- Grants.gov JAD Team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty Burden Survey
- Administrative Burden Reduction

# Missed the Mark

- Faculty burden survey could have been better with procedures, getting word out, etc.
- We aren't always financially transparent
- We need to push forward on demonstrations
- Website - there's more we could be doing
- We have tough time getting the follow through
- We haven't got an easy way to engage volunteers and get participation in surveys
- We don't have tools to do outreach in institutions
- We reinvent the wheel every time: lack of consistent procedures

# Lessons Learned

- We often fly by the seat of our pants
- We sometimes fail to use available resources
- We need a coherent approach to conducting surveys
- We need a good process / system / tools for doing outreach within agencies and institutions
- FDP should not duplicate the roles of COGR, SRA and NCURA; they should complement each other
- We need to find a way to “professionalize” and institutionalize FDP operations
- It’s hard to quantify achievements where we avoided things

# External Threats / Opportunities: What are the big changes?

- New president, renewed enthusiasm / interest in Science and Research
- Struggling economy, huge impact on institutions
- Tremendous cost and burden regarding research administration and compliance
- Lots of new rules coming down
- Technological advances regarding information and knowledge management
- Institutions being required to justify research impacts
- National Academy building is under renovation
- No longer have terms and conditions as “incentive” for FDP membership
- Pending legislation regarding grants.gov

# Internal Strengths / Weaknesses: What, if anything, has changed?

- New leadership
- Growth in membership
- Growth in ERI's
- No succession plan
- Lack of documented "history" and institutional knowledge
- Great support staff at FDP
- Plenary speakers tough to arrange

# **Successfully complete a minimum of five internally generated high priority projects.**

- Accountability: Develop visual tracking system for 5 high priority projects. Conduct regular review of projects. Report annually to members on status and impacts of projects.
- Develop systematic capacity / approach to surveys and data gathering.
- Surveys should be targeted to high priority projects.
- Approach should address analysis and dissemination.
- Address quick surveys as well as more in-depth / full blown surveys.

# Maintain effective forum for ongoing collaboration to address current and emerging external issues

- No recommended changes.



# Develop and implement effective strategy for communicating and engaging key stakeholders.

- Use GUIRR Council to showcase STAR Project to engage Federal Partners
- Develop strategy to conduct effective outreach to institutions.



## Ensure that the FDP has the right membership and structure to carry out its mission in Phase V

- Modify item in key principles regarding size being smaller (FDP has actually experienced growth in Phase V)
- Develop a standard process for launching subcommittees and working groups so they get set up and running quickly.
- Institutionalize key business processes to support FDP operations.
- Add bullet under organizational structure - Establish and maintain an effective relationship with the FDP Foundation.

# Action Plan

- Send letters to Presidents and Vice Presidents for Research in member institutions to provide recognition about FDP
- Develop a standard process for launching subcommittees / groups
- Develop a powerful communication on our accomplishments.
- Engage the three presidents of the Academies
- Issue a press release on STAR project.

# Action Plan cont.

- Explore linkage with AAAS.
- Deliver STAR presentation to STEM Educational Caucus on the Hill.
- Conduct a briefing on FACA for the FDP Executive Committee.
- Explore social networking as a strategy for FDP.
- Develop survey capabilities

# Desired Meeting Outcomes

- Information dissemination
- Provide time for working groups to do real work on projects
- Validation of assumptions – asking our members what they think
- Direct our members to focus on key topics and stay current on them
- Give opportunity for our members to hear from important thought leaders
- Increase outsider's awareness of FDP (bring them into FDP)
- Enhance participation of members
- Professional networking

# FDP INCOME

<u>Income</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Dues	\$159,000	\$132,000
Grants	\$493,000	\$493,000
Registration	\$105,000	\$77,080
Investments	\$0	\$921
Total Income	\$757,000	\$703,001

# FDP EXPENSES

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Labor	\$331,873	\$106,813
Operations	\$61,000	\$19,595
Foundation	\$0	\$21,588
Meeting Exp.	\$150,000	\$81,921
Committees	\$44,000	\$6,597
F&A	\$169,500	\$59,762
Total Exp.	\$756,373	\$296,276

