

PROJECT UPDATE:
Federal Demonstration Partnership

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UPDATE SINCE JUNE 2010: The fall FDP meeting was hosted on August 30 & 31 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. Dr. Charlotte Kuh from the National Academies gave a keynote presentation about the Academy project looking at what the federal government should do in order to maintain the level of excellence in the US doctoral education system. Representatives from the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) and the Association of American Universities (AAU) discussed what actions might be taken in order to shift some of the time that researchers spend on administrative tasks to doing research.

The ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment ACT) subcommittee has distributed a survey to our members asking for information on how resources were allocated in meeting the requirements for ARRA reporting. This is a very extensive survey and will provide a lot of insight into the time and effort it took to meet those requirements as well as put a cost associated with those efforts.

The Subawards group is updating the subaward templates with the information required by the new FFATA (Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act) rules enacted by OMB.

The ERA committee is still working closely with Grants.gov to improve the software and services provided by Grants.gov. They have face-to-face meetings in conjunction with each of the FDP meetings. These meetings are hosted by HHS and include discussions that are of importance to the applicant community.

The STAR METRICS project continues to move along. This project is working to provide insight on the impact of the federal investment in the American research enterprise by examining data from multiple sources. This information is designed to determine the economic impact of federally funded research. This project is currently in stage 2 and has almost 100 institutions actively participating or in the queue to participate.