Federal Demonstration Partnership
NIFA, USDA Update
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Topics

• Grants Modernization update
• Award Terms and Conditions update
• Streamlining of Continuation Awards
USDA Enterprise Solution for Grants Management

ezFedGrants

• Foreign Agricultural Service portal is live, as of this week
• FAS is reaching out to grantees on a rolling schedule
• NIFA will go live for FY 2017 capacity programs in the fall
Next Steps for NIFA

• FY 2017 capacity awards will be processed in ezFedGrants
• Working with capacity award recipients to register in portal
• Identifying functionality to develop in the next releases
Capacity Programs

• Capacity Research Programs
  – Animal Health and Disease Research, Evans-Allen, Hatch, Hatch Multi-State, McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Research

• Capacity Extension Programs
  – Renewable Resources Extension, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education, Cooperative Extension at 1862s, Extension at 1990s, Smith-Lever Special Needs, and District of Columbia Public Postsecondary
eAuthentication Level 2 Access for ezFedGrants

- Anybody who might need to use ezFedGrants in the future MUST obtain Level 2 access
- If you work with NIFA capacity grants, NIFA will reach out to you
- For NIFA’s Release 1, ezFedGrants applicants and recipients can
  - Check grant application status
  - Submit SF-425 financial reports
What is NOT Changing

• Applicants will apply through Grants.gov just as the currently do – but read the RFA for slight modifications
• Grantees will utilize ASAP to draw funds just as they currently do
• Competitive awards will not be managed in ezFedGrants until a later date
ezFedGrants Questions for NIFA?

Email: Grantsmod@nifa.usda.gov
Awards Terms and Conditions Update
NIFA Award Terms

- March 2016 version
  - Participant support costs
  - Provision on the prohibition of certain internal confidentiality agreements
    - General provision of appropriations
    - NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide
Streamlining Continuation Increments of Funding
Continuation Awards Process Streamlining

- Looked at other agencies
- Stop using grants.gov
- Removes forms
- Saves time

- Use of amendment
- Streamlined process
  - Vetted
  - Piloted
  - Positive feedback

- Pilot ends in September
- Develop new process policy
  - Goal: FY 2017
Streamlined Process

• Eliminates Grants.gov
• Subsequent increments of funding accomplished through an award amendment
Thank you!!

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