DATA ACT SECTION 5 PILOT WEBINAR

April 1, 2015

Logistics

- We look forward to a dialogue today. You will have the opportunity to post questions throughout the presentation via the Q&A window. We will post a summary of the questions and answers after this event.

- You can download this deck by selecting it under “Files” and clicking “Download File(s)” any time during this presentation

- We will also be posting this deck and other related documents in the near future to Grants.gov

Introductions

- **Christopher Zeleznik, Lead Intergovernmental Recipient Engagement, DATA Act PMO**

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Agenda

- DATA Act Overview
- Section 5 Grants Pilot
- Questions and Answers

Objectives

Learn about:

- **The DATA Act**
- **HHS's role in implementation**
- **The Section 5 Grants Pilot Outreach efforts**

DATA Act Key Points

Data Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 = DATA Act

Establishes government-wide financial data standards and increases the availability, accuracy, and usefulness of Federal spending information

- **Goals include:**
  - ✓ **Establishing Government-wide data standards**
  - ✓ **Simplifying reporting**
  - ✓ **Improving the quality of data**

Section 5 Pilot Key Points

- Section 5 of the DATA Act calls for a pilot program to develop recommendations for:
  - standardized reporting elements across the Federal Government;
  - the elimination of unnecessary duplication in financial reporting; and
  - the reduction of compliance costs for recipients of Federal awards
- OMB asked HHS to be the executing agent for federal grants (a part of OMB leads procurement pilot)
- HHS's DATA Act PMO coordinates the Section 5 grants pilot
- Pilot launches on May 9, 2015

HHS Role in DATA Act Section 5 Grants Pilot

DATA Act Section 5: Establish Pilot program that will generate recommendations to standardize reporting elements, eliminate duplication and unnecessary reports, and reduce recipient compliance costs

- **Pilot to include data collected during a 12-month reporting cycle**
- **May 2015 – May 2017**
- **Report to Congress on results of pilot (Aug 2017)**

Section 5 Grants Pilot

The activities:

- **Governance/Recipient outreach**
- **Analysis of Standardized Grants Data Elements**
- **Technology Partners becoming engaged**

May 2015 rollout:

- **Deploy a blog-type dialogue to initiate a discussion among the grants community to discuss opportunities to reduce burden and compliance costs for Federal award recipients**
- **Launch a Common Data Element Repository Library (C-DER Library) (a federal-wide, "authoritative source" to facilitate consistency of federal financial and business terms and definitions) inclusive of agreed-upon standardized data elements**
- **Launch an expanded Grants.gov portal for public use to promote greater transparency and easier access to grants' lifecycle information**

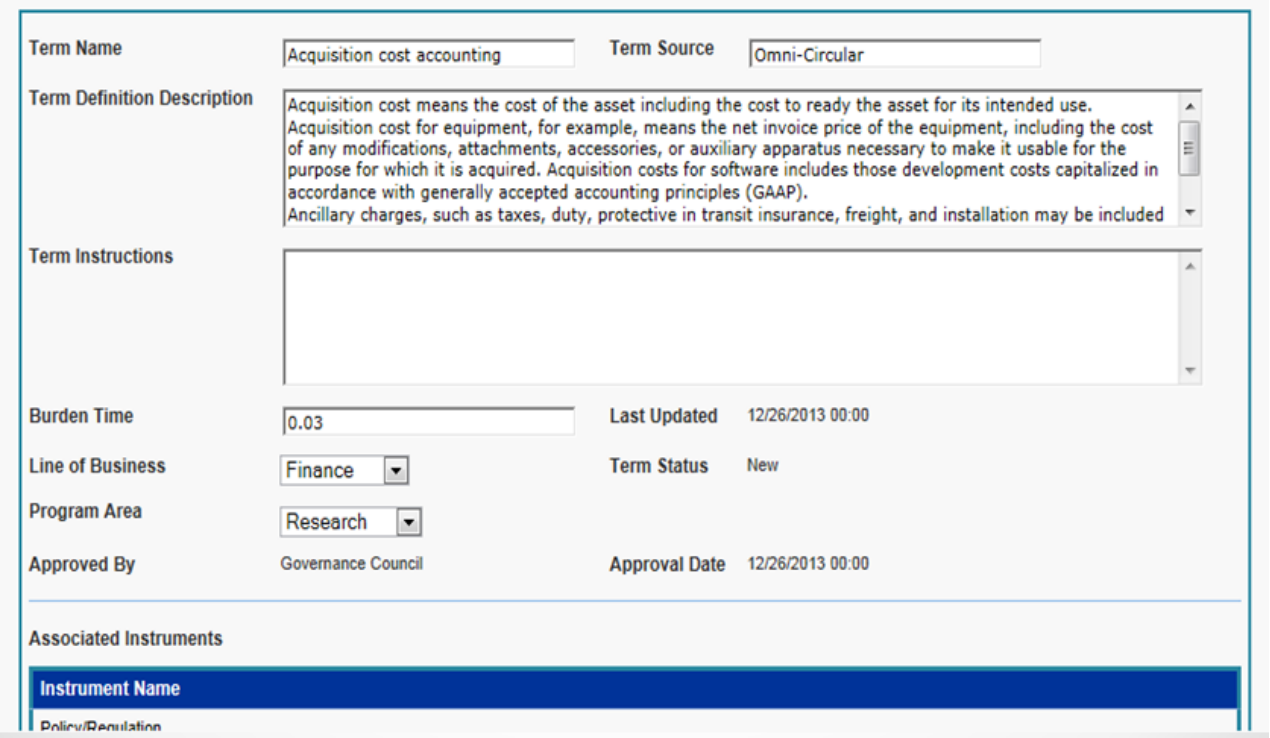
Dialogue - Outreach

- Management of federal grant business arrangements requires multiple layers of reporting across multiple agencies
- Lack of standardization results in variations that create additional administrative and burdensome requirements for awardees that could be readily rectified
- Dialogue is intended to identify opportunities for reducing burden, standardizing processes and forms, and actions to reduce costs and eliminate duplication for awardees
- Interested parties may submit ideas, comment on others, respond to questions posed by moderators, and vote to indicate which ideas they think are most promising and impactful

CDER Library

The Common Data Elements Repository (CDER) Library provides an online, searchable resource of Data Elements and their source, definitions, use, ownership, etc. Data Elements based in "Policy" become accessible through an electronic repository; leverage existing framework for Information Collection Activities and enable burden to be associated with Data Elements.

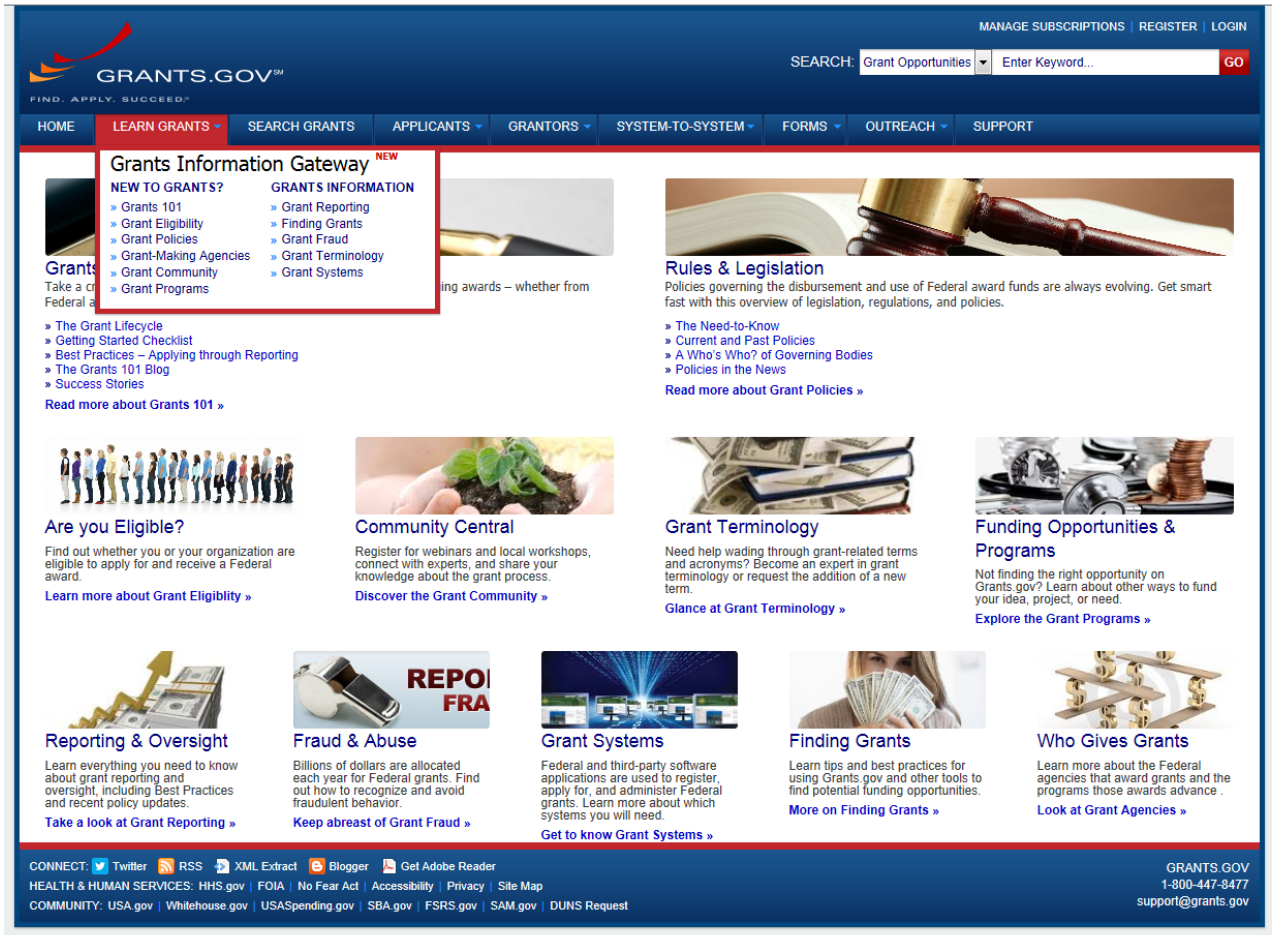
- **Put Data Elements into the context of their policies and Information Collection (IC) instruments**
- **Enable new ICs to be built, or to easily identify existing similar instruments vs. designing a new one – reducing duplication**
- **By associating burden to Data Elements, create the ability to understand and calculate the costs of information collection**



Grants Information Gateway Goals

- To provide a framework and content to establish a knowledge sharing site for the grants community
- To summarize and provide links to new and important grants information such as policies, processes, funding, and other information needed throughout the grants lifecycle
- To provide information that puts federal grants in context of other types of assistance and direct citizens to the proper source that matches their needs
- To promote the standardization of grants terminology and data

Grants.Gov Sample Wireframe



Taxonomy:

- **Grants 101**
- **Grant Lifecycle**
- **Grant Policies and Regulations**
- **Grant Eligibility**
- **Finding Grants**
- **Grant Reporting**
- **Grant-Making Agencies**
- **Grant Community**
- **Grant Fraud**
- **Grant Terminology**
- **Grant Systems**

Participation

- ***Economic:*** **Will be looking for the government to engage the recipient community in a dialogue about burden and cost reduction. The audience does not want an increase in burden or cost.**

- ***Transparency:*** **The DATA Act addresses improved federal financial reporting. The audiences will be interested in hearing how the pilot could help accomplish improvement.**

- ***Participation:*** **Will be interested in receiving updates about pilot activities, participating in the pilot, and providing feedback.**

All's Well that Ends Well

- Thank you for your time today. We hope you found the presentation Informative!

- The HHS DATA Act Program Management Office is always an email away at dataactpmo@hhs.gov

- For more information on the DATA Act please see the Federal Spending Transparency website on GitHub at http://fedspendingtransparency.github.io/

THANK YOU!