



FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PARTNERSHIP
Redefining the Government & University Research Partnership

CUSP Project Update

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CUSP SHARING SITE

CUSP = Compliance Unit Standard Procedure

Goal:

Develop an online venue where participating institutions can share standard procedures used in animal care protocols.



Current Project Status



Alpha Testing

- Initial testing of system.
- Identify major bugs, usability issues or feature gaps.
- Largely performed by tech team
- 2-3 institutions

Dev Team:
David Wright
FDP-designated resource

Testers:
Scott Bury
Elaine Kim
Ellen Ladenheim
Eva McGhee



Development: Next Steps





Beta Testing Phase: Preparation

Testers:

- Stuart Berr (*University of Virginia*)
 - Madeline Budda (*University of Oklahoma Health Sciences*)
 - Steve Crowley (*Harvard*)
 - Viola Devine (*Penn State*)
 - Eva McGhee (*Charles R. Drew*)
 - Melanie Lucas (*Penn State*)
 - Nick Newfinch (*Harvard*)
 - Rachel Panas (*Penn State*)
 - April Ripka (*Penn State*)
 - Kerrey Roberto (*University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences*)
 - Cyndi Rosenblatt (*Medical University of South Carolina*)
- Revised testing plan and updating test cases.
 - Will collect additional feedback to help with implementation (e.g., FAQs).
 - Training of testers completed!





Other Progress

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Aubrey Schoenleben, Sally Thompson-Iritani
Federal Representative: Axel Wolff

Education & Outreach

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Help Desk

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Quality Control

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Technical Systems

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- Gathering information re: national and regional/local meetings.
 - ⇒ **Fall 2020 AALAS National Meeting Session** (panel and demo video) - *On the CUSP: A New Option for Addressing Administrative Burden*
- Help Desk now receiving and managing emails to cusps@thefdp.org
- Drafting Help Page content for new users (e.g., data dictionary, user definitions)



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- Business process (and supporting materials) ready for beta testing:
 - ✓ onboarding new institutions
 - ✓ reviewing flagged procedures
- Developing business processes (and supporting materials) for inactivating institutions.
- Updating CUSP page on FDP website, high level FAQ categories created
- Creating user survey questions (e.g., demographics, usability data)



Questions?

