



ezFedGrants Overview

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What is ezFedGrants?

A comprehensive grants and agreements management solution that gives **agencies** and **recipients** the ability to manage their awards throughout the entire lifecycle of the award

- Pre-award: Solicitation, Application, and Evaluation
- Award: Execution (with electronic signature)
- Post Award:
 - Claims
 - Progress Reports (Financial and Performance)
 - Amendments
- Closeout
- Financial Audit (A-123 Requirements)





ezFedGrants Vision and Goals

- All USDA grants to be administered within the system by 2022, which would include:
 - Approximately 253 CFDA programs across 17 grant making agencies
 - Approximately \$125 billion per year transaction volume
- Goals
 - Meet stakeholder expectations
 - Ensure all financial data is reliable, complete, and timely
 - Compliance with applicable laws/regulations
 - Operate in a secure environment for maximum integrity
 - Bolster internal controls and efficient program activities/operations
 - Add new transaction types as more agencies come into the system
 - Continuous process improvements and enhancements



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- Integrated with the USDA financial system for accurate, real-time information
- Interfaced with Treasury's ASAP and Grants.gov
- Hosted by a FedRAMP certified cloud provider
- Since 2013, more than \$270 billion has been distributed using the application
- 7 agencies deployed (AMS, APHIS, FAS, FNS, NIFA, NRCS, OAO)
- Approximately 1,000 users and rapidly growing (350,000 projected users by 2022)
- System is common to all, but recipients are subject to variations due to types of programs, authorizations, and appropriations



ezFedGrants Development Approach

- Agile-like approach
- Functionality is incrementally improved
- Additional capabilities are added as time goes on
 - This model is used for development of many products we all use every day such as Facebook, Gmail, smartphone apps, etc.
- User feedback is essential to continuous improvement!
 - Improvements to workflows and processes for more efficient operation



Future State

- Future Functionality
 - Recipient users can be associated to multiple DUNS/Cage codes
 - Recipient role configuration improvements
 - Repayments
 - Ad-hoc advance payments
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)
 - Collection Agreements

- What do we need from users?
 - Talk to us – send critical feedback so we know what needs improved
 - Be patient – we will be delivering improvements over time



External Portal Rollout

Release	Agencies	Timeframe
In Production	FAS, APHIS, NIFA	In Use
Summer	AMS, NRCS, OAO	June/July 2017
Future	Other USDA Agencies	TBD



Questions

