

## AT-A-GLANCE

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## SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM INTEGRATION MOVES FORWARD

Grants.gov is well on its way to mainstream use by the grant community, making it easier to Find and Apply for Federal government-wide grant opportunities. The latest step in the right direction is the gathering of grant applicant organization requirements for the ability to communicate with Grants.gov via a system-to-system (S2S) interface. Several grant-making agencies already connect with Grants.gov via an S2S interface. The S2S capability is now being expanded to include the grant community enabling them to:

- Continue to use internal business processes and systems while being compatible with Grants.gov
- Avoid costs related to building separate systems and processes for grant application and management

Currently, research and academia grant applicants are the earliest adopters, working hand-in-hand with Grants.gov on creating S2S interfaces. Jerry Stuck, Executive Director of the Federal Demonstration Partnership stated, "University researchers would rather spend more time conducting their research and less time pushing grant paperwork around or searching for the next funding opportunity." This sentiment rings true for the grant community as a whole. Acknowledging this sentiment, Grants.gov conducted a workshop focusing on grant community requirements for an S2S interface.

The Applicant System-to-System Workshop was well attended by a cross section of the grants community, including representatives from large universities (e.g., Duke, MIT and Cornell), the Federal Demonstration Partnership, state governments, research institution staff and third party grants software vendors. The goal of the workshop was realized by soliciting and capturing input from the grant community on requirements and alternatives for the development of an applicant S2S interface.

The future of Grants.gov's S2S effort is bright, equating to more access to application packages via Grants.gov and less paperwork and redundancy in the grant submission process. Contact Grants.gov via email at [\(Continued on Page 2\)](#)

## GRANTS.GOV RECOGNIZED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The grant community has spoken! With over 7 million Grants.gov pages viewed to date, the grant community has embraced the site as the common face for information and applications for over 900 Federal government-wide grant programs. The active support of the grant community is complimented by a number of recent honors recognizing Grants.gov's contributions to grants management. [\(Continued on Page 2\)](#)

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## SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM INTEGRATION MOVES FORWARD (CONTINUED)

support@grants.gov if your organization is interested in developing an S2S interface. You can also visit <http://www.grants.gov/DoingBusiness> to learn more about S2S interfaces, find presentations, minutes, and even a schema for your organization's technology group.

## GRANTS.GOV RECOGNIZED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

### ● Grant Community Recognition

The National Grants Management Association (NGMA) presented its first annual Electronic Solutions award to Grants.gov in April, noting that the site offers inspiration by championing excellence and innovation.

### ● Showcase of Excellence Award

Grants.gov was named as one of two Showcase of Excellence E-Government winners by the Federal Leadership Council's Showcase of Excellence (FOSE). The site was highlighted at their annual conference in March as an example of the finest implementations of citizen-centric electronic government.

## FEDERAL AGENCIES GET IN GEAR

Federal grant making agencies are working closely with Grants.gov to post more application packages for electronic transmission. Grants.gov recently conducted a Data Analysis and Forms Development Workshop detailing the steps necessary for agencies to make grant application packages available on Grants.gov and integrate electronic forms into their operations. To date over 12 agencies have standardized their program forms and posted applications. Additionally, four agencies/sub-agencies have taken the lead in completing their System-to-System interfaces (i.e., U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Education, and Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration of Children and Families and HHS Health Resources and Services Administration).

## THE WORD ON THE STREET

"I was amazed and pleased at how helpful, accessible and useful [Grants.gov] is. The search capability is comprehensive, fast, connects to the full announcement and leads one seamlessly to all of the guidelines and forms needed to proceed with an application. "

- Ron DiMelfi, Ph.D., National University

## GRANTS.GOV NEWS

### Growth and Momentum

Did you know that Grants.gov...

- Serves over 3 million page views monthly to the grant community
- Sends over 400,000 grant opportunity email announcements a week
- Posted over 113 grant application packages on behalf of 12 Federal agencies
- Processed hundreds of submitted applications from the grant community

Don't miss your grant opportunity. Visit Grants.gov and join the momentum.

### Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar! Grants.gov looks forward to connecting with the grant community at the following upcoming events:

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| 5/16-5/19 | Prevent Child Abuse America National Conference, Orlando, FL         |
| 5/20      | NGMA Grants Management Training, Washington, DC                      |
| 6/23-6/26 | Council on Undergraduate Research National Conference, La Crosse, WI |
| 7/12      | National E-Gov Usability Summit, Washington, DC                      |

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Help us help you! Contact us at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

- PREPARE TO APPLY – Visit [www.Grants.gov/GetStarted](http://www.Grants.gov/GetStarted) now to prepare to apply for grants via Grants.gov.
- HELP PROMOTE GRANTS.GOV– Access new information and links at [www.Grants.gov/Resources](http://www.Grants.gov/Resources) to help get the Grants.gov word out.
- TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – We need your input to shape the future of Grants.gov, from feedback on the site or suggesting a newsletter article, to telling us about a conference Grants.gov should be involved in. We value your opinion!