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# Federal Demonstration Partnership NIFA, USDA Update

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# Topics

- Grants Modernization update
- Award Terms and Conditions update
- Streamlining of Continuation Awards



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# 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



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# Capacity Programs

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



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# 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



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# **ezFedGrants Questions for NIFA?**

**Email: [Grantsmod@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:Grantsmod@nifa.usda.gov)**





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# 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



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# Streamlining Continuation Increments of Funding

# Continuation Awards Process Streamlining

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

Streamline



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

Pilot



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

Amendment





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# Streamlined Process

- Eliminates Grants.gov
- Subsequent increments of funding accomplished through an award amendment



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# Thank you!!

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