



DATA Act Program Management Office

DATA Act and Section 5 Pilot Updates

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MEETING TOPICS

DATA Act Overview

DATA Act Impact

Section 5 Pilot and HHS's Role

Upcoming Activities

In May 2014, Public Law 113-101 Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act) was signed into law with the purpose to establish government-wide financial data standards and increase the availability, accuracy, and usefulness of Federal spending information.



FEDERAL VIEW



Changes in
reporting
requirements

System changes



Improvements in
operational
efficiency

PUBLIC VIEW



Reduced burden
associated with finding
and applying for grants

Increased transparency
into the Federal
Financial process



Reduced grant recipient
reporting burden

SECTION 5 PILOT OVERVIEW

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) DATA Act Program Office (DAP) serves as the executing agent for the Section 5 Pilot requirement for Federal grants. The goal of the Section 5 Pilot is to facilitate the development of recommendations for—

- “(A) standardized reporting elements across the Federal Government (§5(b)(1)(A));
- “(B) the elimination of unnecessary duplication in financial reporting (§5(b)(1)(B)); and
- “(C) the reduction of compliance costs for recipients of Federal awards (§5(b)(1)(C)).”

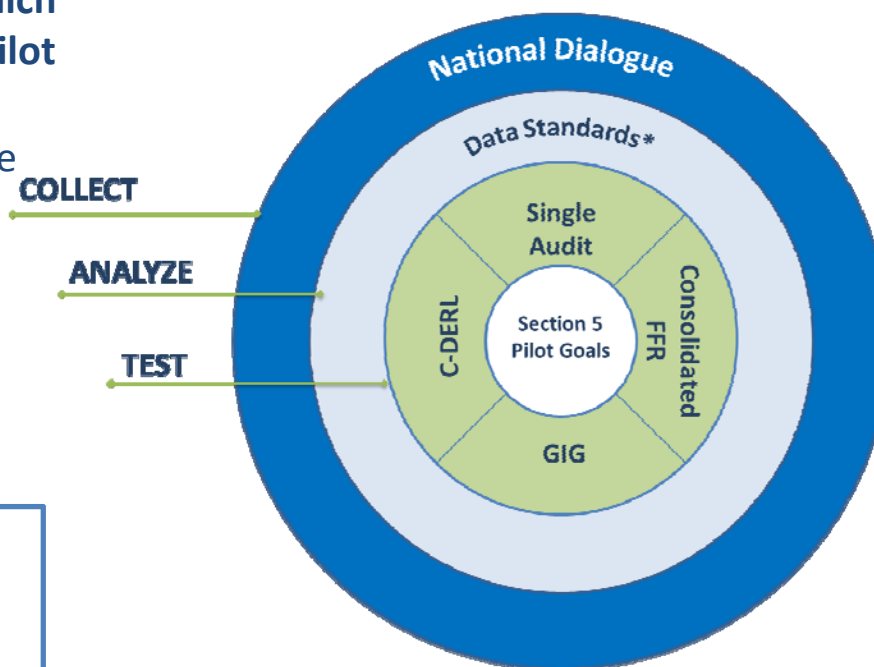
HHS DAP created the Section 5 Pilot Framework, which takes a holistic approach to meeting the Section 5 Pilot Goals by:

- *Collecting* feedback through the National Dialogue
- *Analyzing* data standards
- *Testing* initiatives like C-DERL, Single Audit, Consolidated FFR, and GIG

Section 5 Pilot Goals

- ✓ Standardize reporting elements
- ✓ Eliminate unnecessary duplication
- ✓ Reduce compliance costs for Federal award recipients

Section 5 Pilot Framework



*Potential outputs include Data Centric forms, Standardized Notification of Award.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE

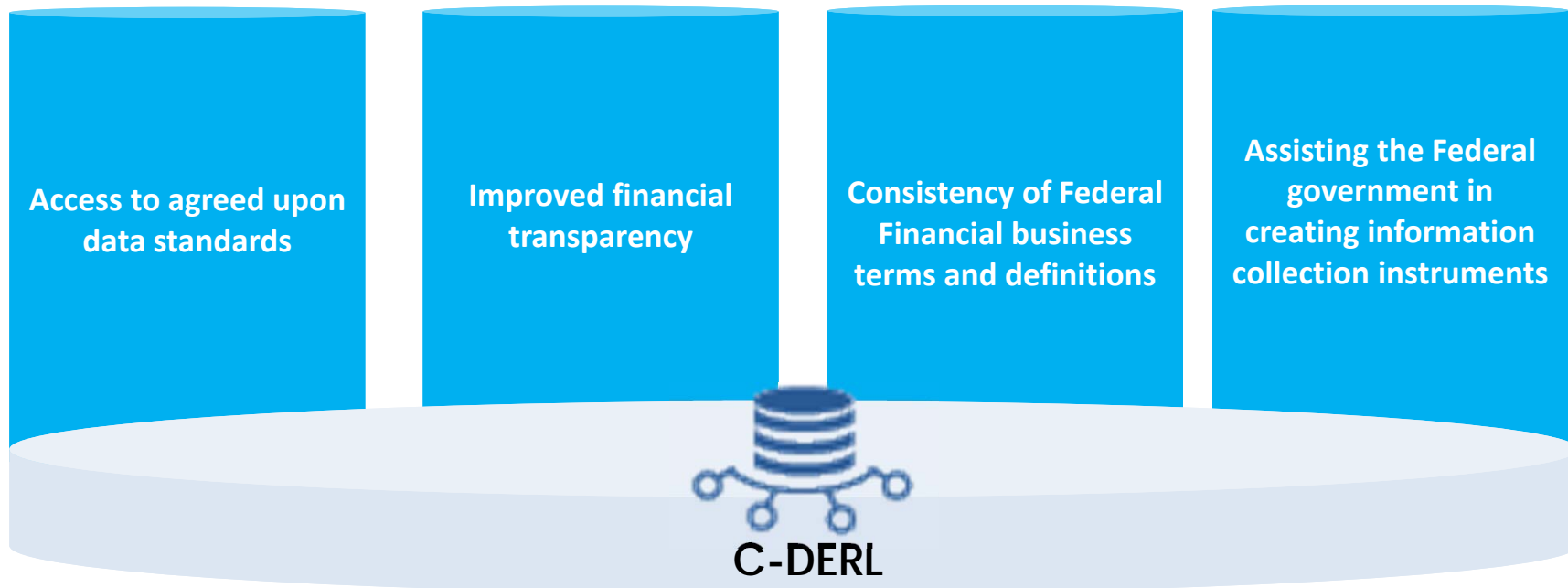
National Dialogue is a web-based communication platform that provides the opportunity for a diverse collection of grant recipients and contractors to engage in discussions on compliance costs and ideas for reducing reporting burden. It is the primary mechanism for collecting data/feedback on the Section 5 Pilot.

The National Dialogue was launched in May 2015. Stakeholder feedback and participation will be critical to the success of this testing initiative.



COMMON DATA ELEMENT REPOSITORY LIBRARY (C-DERL)

C-DERL is a Federal-wide online, searchable repository for data standards, definitions, and context. C-DERL provides a forum to engage federal and public stakeholders in further defining Federal financial and business terms/definitions inclusive of agreed-upon standardized data elements. *Through C-DERL we can facilitate:*



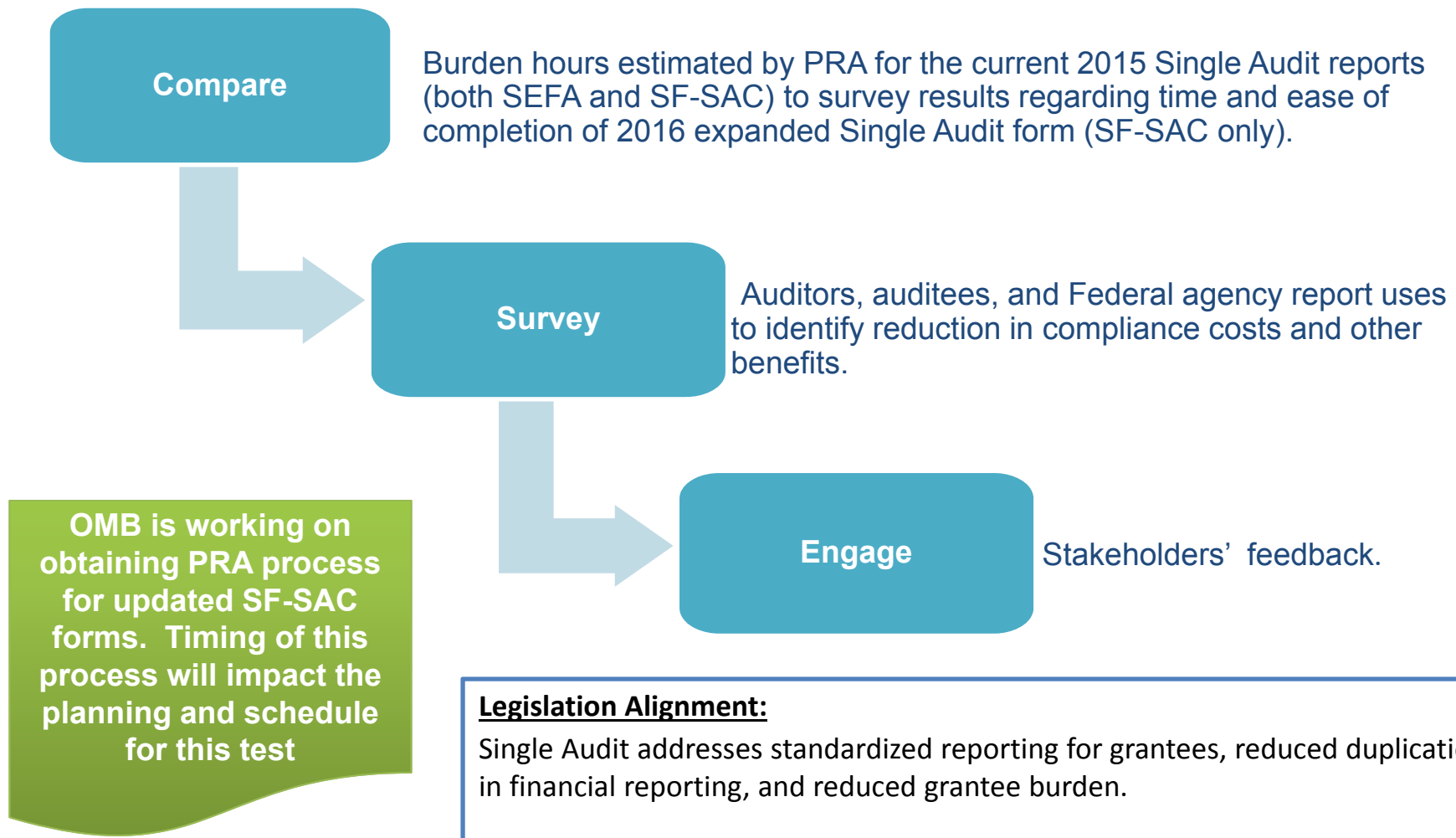
Legislation Alignment:

C-DERL addresses implementation of standardized reporting elements and can be leveraged to reduce unnecessary duplication in reporting, which reduces grantee burden.

C-DERL is currently in a read-only phase and will be shaped by Federal and recipient community feedback.

SINGLE AUDIT

Single Audit examines recipient post-award reporting requirements under the (Single Audit Act). These requirements may be facilitated by data standardization and grantees have been vocal about improvements in this area. This testing initiative seeks to:



CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTING (FFR)

Consolidated FFR testing initiative will identify reductions in burden for both grantees and the federal government. The consolidated FFR will allow grantees to submit the FFR form in one system, rather than in multiple entry systems. This will allow for a single point of data entry, earlier validation of FFR data, and a potential future streamlining of the close-out process.



The GRIP June 2013 recommendations a centralized pilot using standard data elements for the FFR/SF-425 to further test the objective of centralized reporting for grantees.

Legislation Alignment:

The Consolidated FFR reduces grantee burden by eliminating unnecessary duplication.

GRANTS INFORMATION GATEWAY (GIG)

GIG is a comprehensive, easy-to-navigate website that promotes standardization of grants terminology and data by providing access to grants lifecycle information, grant opportunities, and application tracking capabilities.



Fosters greater public transparency and community engagement

Reduces stakeholder burden associated with trying to learn, find, and apply for federal grants

Provides a comprehensive point of reference to access Federal grants lifecycle information

June 2015, GIG received 53,512 visits. Over 52% of responding users rated the tool an 8 out of 10 or higher in its ability to answer their questions.

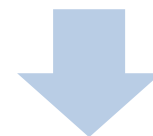
Legislation Alignment:

GIG engages a diverse set of stakeholders and provides more comprehensive training earlier in the grants lifecycle process to help enhance recipient compliance during post-award activities.

Section 5 Pilot – Next Steps

Ultimately, the Section 5 Pilot will inform the changes needed to meet the reporting requirements of the DATA Act. Doing so will help to standardize government reporting, reduce reporting burden, and improve quality of data.

The biggest driver of success for the Section 5 Pilot initiatives will be your participation and feedback.



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