DATA Act Implementation

Federal Demonstration Partnership
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Objectives

1. Federal Financial Transparency: Requirements of the DATA Act and the Federal Funding Accountability & Transparency Act (FFATA)

2. Data transparency vision, goals, and approach

3. Implementation strategy and approach

4. Implementation governance

5. Implementation major design elements

6. Short-term implementation approach and roadmap

7. Discussion and Questions

Federal Financial Transparency: FFATA and the DATA Act

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA): *Award level reporting*

Data Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act): *Data standards & all agency financial reporting; pilot to streamline recipient burden*

Data Transparency Vision

Vision

Provide reliable, timely, secure, and consumable financial management data for the purpose of promoting transparency, facilitating better decision making, and improving operational efficiency.
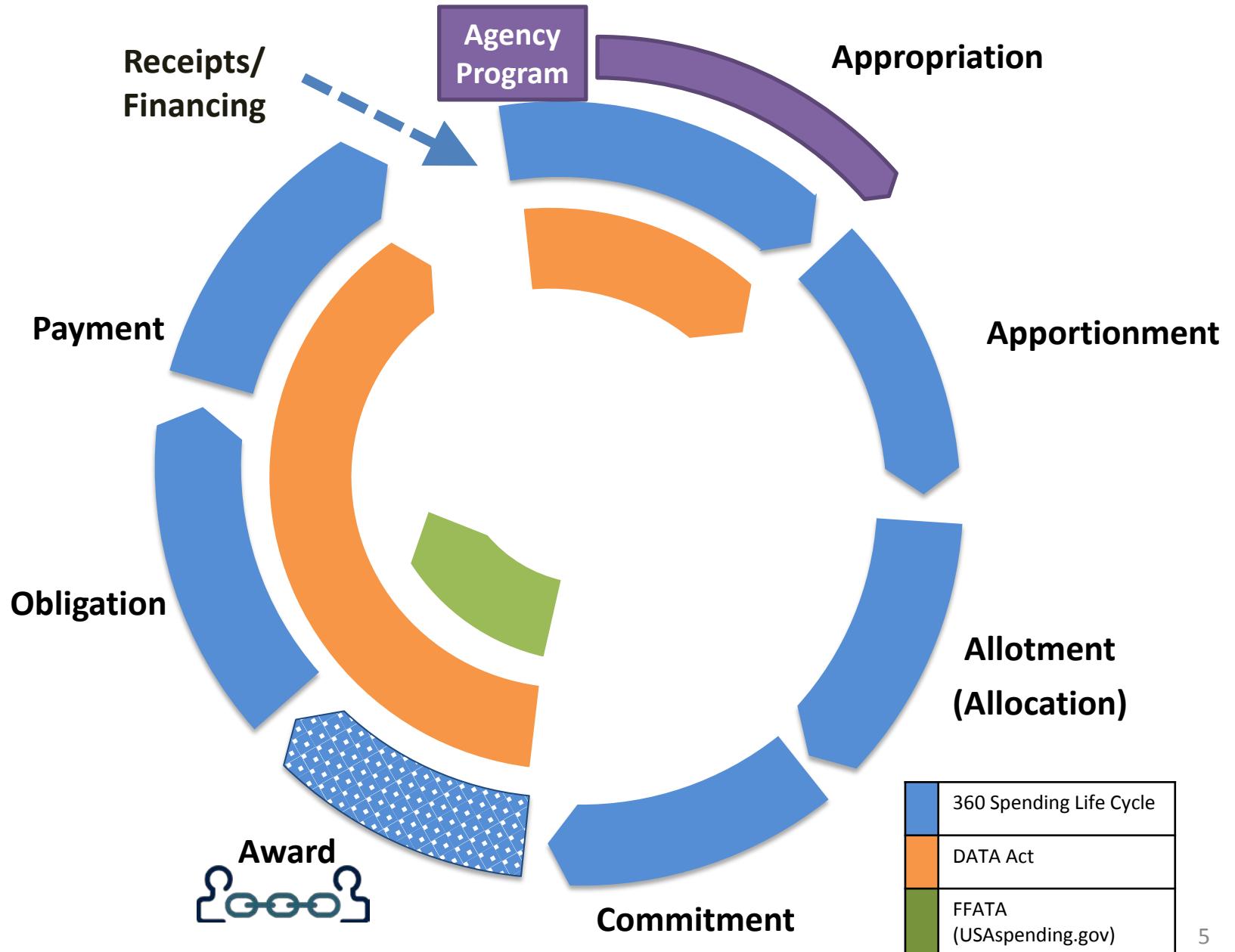
Better Data, Better Decisions, Better Government

GOALS

❑ Capture and make available financial management data to enable the data consumers to **follow the complete life cycle of Federal spending** -- from appropriations to the disbursements of grants, contracts, and administrative spending

❑ **Standardized information exchanges** – definitions and format – to enable timely access to discoverable and reusable detail transaction level data

Approach
✓ Data-centric – Focus on managing data and systems as opposed to massive new system changes
✓ Incremental – Release data as it becomes available
✓ Reuse– Maximize and leverage use of existing processes/investments
✓ Collaborative – Feedback from multiple stakeholders drives incremental design improvements
✓ Iterative/Agile – Conduct small scale pilots

DATA Act in Context of Spending Life Cycle

Note: This visual is illustrative and is not intended to be a precise depiction of the Federal spending life cycle.

Governance and Implementation Structure

Executive Steering Committee – OMB and Treasury

Inter-Agency Advisory Committee – OMB, Treasury, OSTP, GSA and Representatives from: CFOC, BOAC, ACE, COFAR, CAOC, CIOC, PIC

Lead

Treasury

(Data Transparency PMO)

OMB

Design and Implement

OMB
Data Definition Standards

Treasury
Blueprint/roadmap between data elements

Treasury
Data Exchange Standards

OMB
Pilot to Reduce Admin Burden

Treasury
Data Analytics

Support

Senior Accountable Officials from Federal Agencies

Consult
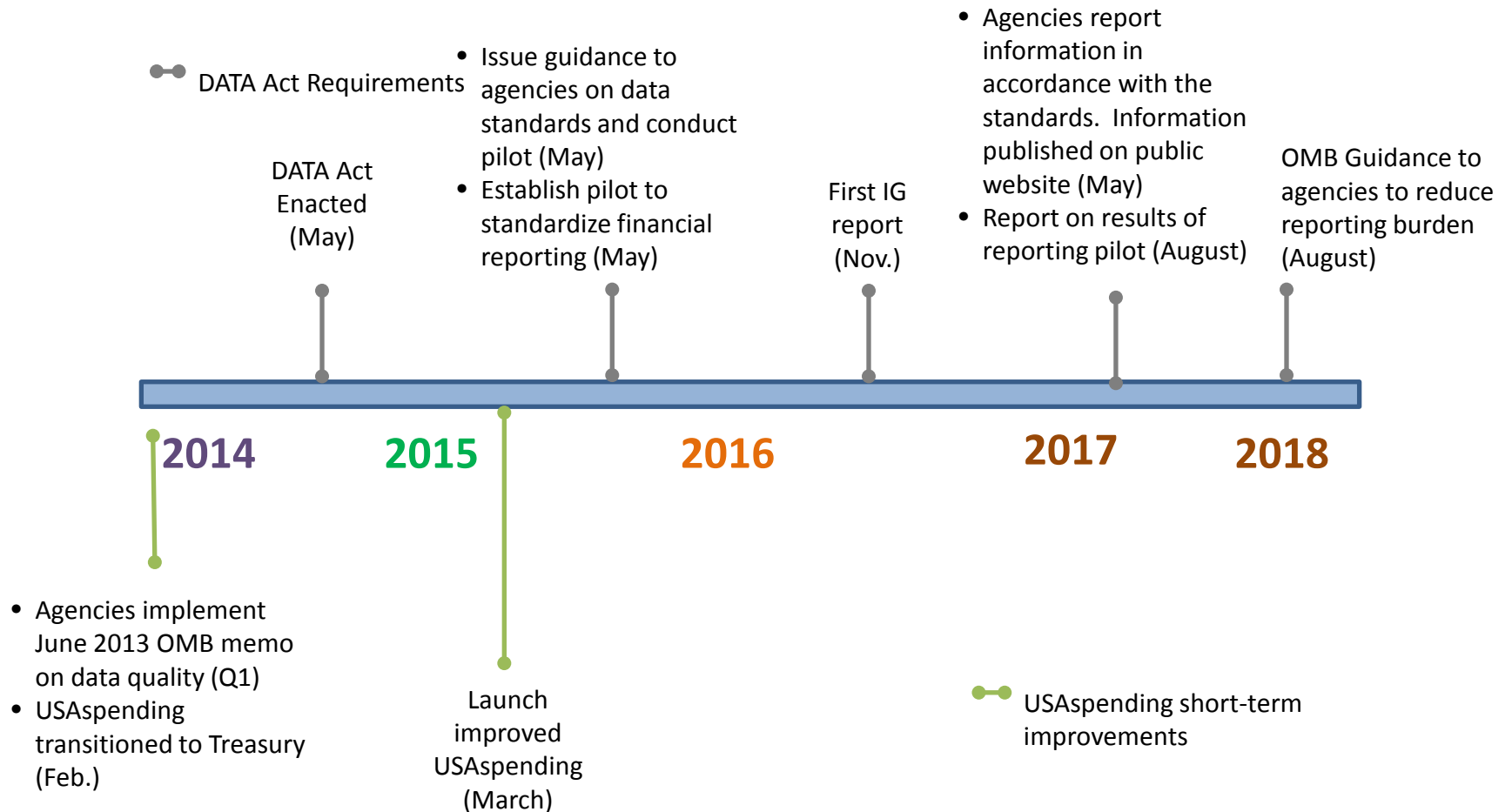
Industry

Non-Federal stakeholders

Federal Lines of Business

Implementation Workstreams*

DATA Act Requirements	**Sec. 3: Full disclosure of Federal Funds** • Ensure info posted on website includes obligation & expenditure by program activity, object class, & award/sub-award	**Sec. 4: Data Standards** • Within one year, publish guidance – searchable, platform independent, cross comparisons	**Sec. 5: Federal Award Reporting** • Reduce administrative burden on recipients	**Sec. 6: Accountability for Federal Funds** • Establish/expand Data Analytics center • Conduct audit (not part of implementation workstreams)

Governance	**Executive Steering Committee – OMB and Treasury** Inter-Agency Advisory Committee

Implementation Workstreams	**Data Exchange Standards** • Treasury responsible for developing data "exchange" standards & new USAspending.gov site to post searchable, platform independent financial data **Blueprint/Roadmap Between Data Elements** • Treasury responsible, in collaboration w/ OMB & agencies, for developing blueprints that link relevant data in grants, procurement, & financial systems to better align gov't-wide reporting consistent with the program activity/object class reporting roadmap/solution • OMB responsible, in close collaboration w/ Treasury & agencies, for developing roadmaps/solution required to allow for program activity & object class reporting **Data Definition Standards** • OMB responsible, with leadership support from HHS & DOD to develop data "definition" standards for FFATA data elements, allowing for "cross-comparisons"	**Pilot to Reduce Admin Burden** • OMB responsible, with tactical support from HHS & Procurement to lead pilot to standardize required recipient financial reporting and eliminate duplication	**Data Analytics** • Treasury establish/expand analytics capabilities to prevent fraud & abuse **Audit** *not part of implementation workstreams* • IG reports due 18 months after guidance from Sec. 4, GAO reports to follow 30 months after guidance

*Amended FFATA sections only

DATA Act Milestones

DATA Act Requirements

DATA Act Enacted (May)

- Issue guidance to agencies on data standards and conduct pilot (May)
- Establish pilot to standardize financial reporting (May)

First IG report (Nov.)

- Agencies report information in accordance with the standards. Information published on public website (May)
- Report on results of reporting pilot (August)

OMB Guidance to agencies to reduce reporting burden (August)

2014   **2015**   **2016**   **2017**   **2018**

- Agencies implement June 2013 OMB memo on data quality (Q1)
- USAspending transitioned to Treasury (Feb.)

Launch improved USAspending (March)

USAspending short-term improvements

Resources

USASPENDING.GOV

GITHUB SITE: [HTTP://FEDSPENDINGTRANSPARENCY.GITHUB.IO/](http://fedspendingtransparency.github.io/)

Questions?

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