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NIFA/USDA Update

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Goals of Grants Modernization

**Strengthen
financial oversight**

**Provide
transparency and
simplification of
processes for
grantees**

**Allow for self-
service capabilities**

**Promote a
paperless
environment**

**Modernize our
systems**

**Improve
management and
reporting of data
and results**

Alignment with NIFA's Strategic Plan (2014-2018)

STRATEGIC GOAL 3: PROCESS

Institutionalize streamlined, effective technologies, policies, and processes.

KEY DELIVERABLES

- Modernized grants management system
- Streamlined & standardized processes for administering competitive & non-competitive programs
- Reduced number of days for the grant award process



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ezFedGrants is a grants
management software
system being developed for
use throughout all of USDA.

ezFedGrants...

- Manages financial assistance activities, including grants
- Is fully integrated with USDA's general ledger (FMFI)
- Eliminates the need for double entry of financial data, reducing potential errors
- Will replace NIFA systems such as CREEMS, CDS, GAC, PRS, etc.



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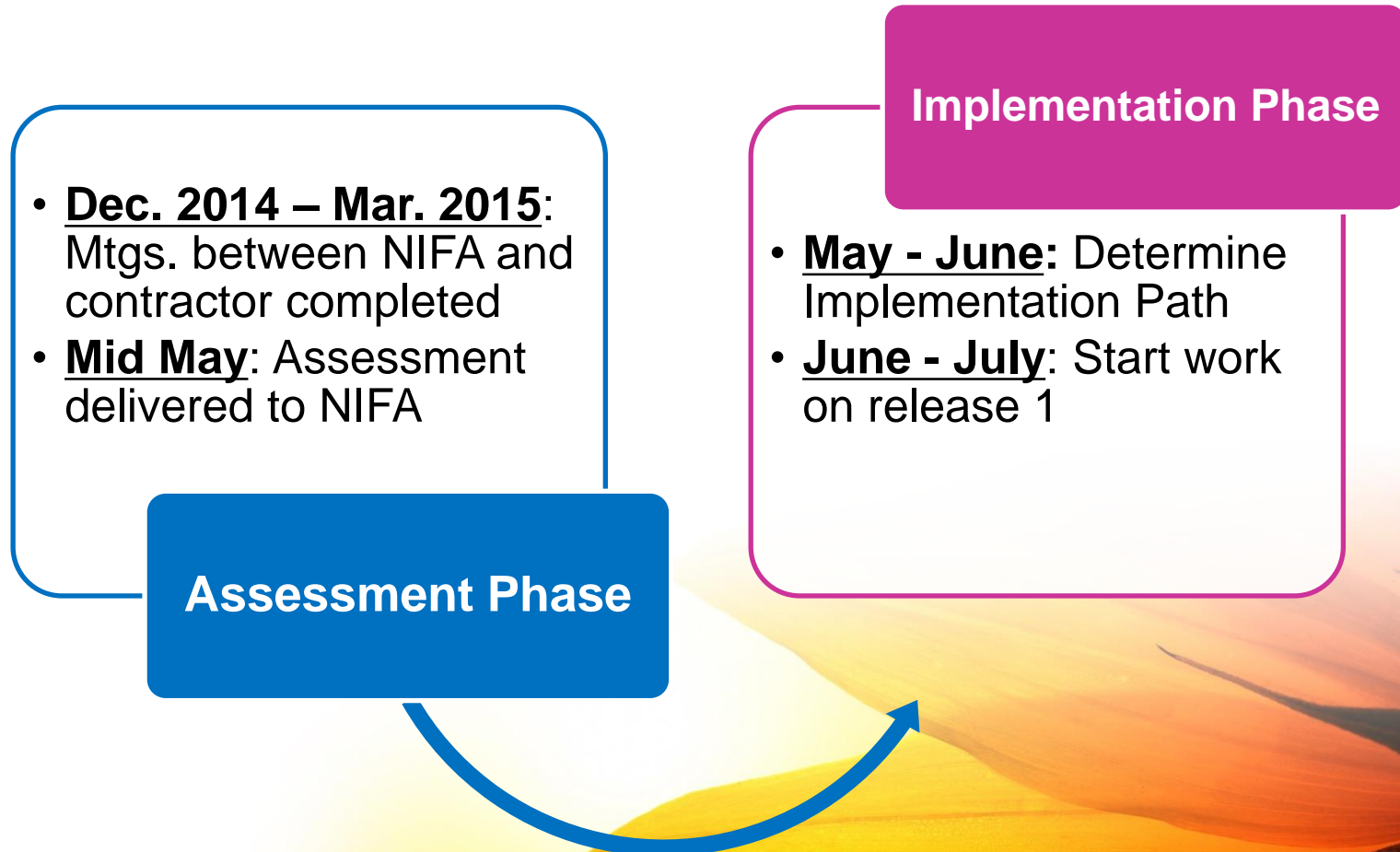
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ezFedGrants is an Opportunity to:

- Standardize programmatic & financial processes
- Be more efficient/improve workflow
- Improve staff, grantee, & applicant experience
- Align with other USDA agencies
- Change & enhance the way we do business

Projected Timeline





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Questions?

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