



Grants.gov 2007 System Deployment with Adobe Forms

Grants.gov is pleased to be nearing deployment of the 2007 Grants.gov system and we appreciate the participation and patience of our agency and applicant users. We are planning a phased deployment beginning July 2, 2007.

Our original schedule has been extended to improve the end-user experience with the system. We are also incorporating additional feedback from our Section 508 testing and the recent agency and applicant testing to improve the usability of the system and application forms. Most importantly, we are improving integration with the existing system during the transition period. This has a number of benefits:

- Agencies that have already posted application packages in PureEdge do not need to immediately replace them with Adobe forms packages;
- Applicants use a single link to click to apply regardless of whether an application package was posted with PureEdge or Adobe forms;
- Applicants that have downloaded and completed application packages with PureEdge forms can submit them unchanged through the transition period; and
- Agencies and applicants get a consolidated view of applications that includes applications submitted to the old system as well as the new system. The core system functions, from agency posting through application submission and agency receipt, have been acceptance tested and will be deployed soon. A core set of forms has also been acceptance tested and will be redeployed with the remaining forms incorporating the feedback from the testing with additional system capabilities over a phased period. Meanwhile, the additional integration described above will allow agencies and applicants to continue using the system without disruption.

We are excited about the capabilities of the new system, including improved opportunity search and better cross-platform support using Adobe forms. Check the Grants.gov website for updates.