



**National Plant Board
2016 Annual Meeting
ezFedGrants Overview**

August 1, 2016



Agenda

- Introduction
- ezFedGrants Overview
- User Interaction Diagram
- User Roles
- ezFedGrants Access
- Questions
- ezFedGrants Simulation



Introduction

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- Program Manager Officer, OCFO GMLOB
- 14 years administering and working with federal grants and agreements
- Responsibilities:
 - Establish a USDA grants and agreements management system for its 17 grant making agencies, 270 programs, and \$125B annual portfolio.
 - Establish a client led governance board.
 - Outreach to interested stakeholders.



USDA ezFedGrants

A graphic advertisement for USDA ezFedGrants. At the top center is the USDA logo. Below it, the text "ezFedGrants" is written in a blue, rounded, sans-serif font. Underneath this is a word cloud of various phrases in different colors and sizes. The most prominent words are "Customer focused" in large blue letters at the bottom left, and "Service excellence" in green at the bottom right. Other visible words include "Flexible", "Efficient solutions", "The future of Financial Management", "Knowledgeable", "leader in Financial Management Services", "cost effective", "Here to serve", "efficient", and "Focused".

USDA

ezFedGrants

Customer focused

Service excellence

Flexible

Efficient solutions

Flexible service provider
The future of Financial Management

Knowledgeable
leader in Financial Management Services
cost effective

Here to serve
efficient
Focused

What is ezFedGrants?

A comprehensive grants and agreements management solution that gives the **agencies** and **recipients** the ability to manage their awards throughout the entire lifecycle of the agreement

- Pre-award: Solicitation, Application and Evaluation
- Award: Execution (with electronic signature)
- Post Award:
 - Claims
 - Progress Reports (Financial and Performance)
 - Amendments
- Closeout and Financial Audit (A-123 Requirements)
- Reporting: USASpending / Congressional inquiries





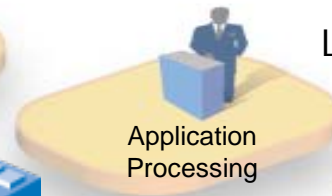
Inefficient Grants and Agreements Management Processes and Challenges

Limited Operational Visibility

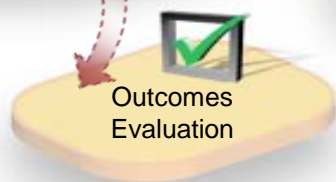
Low Service Quality



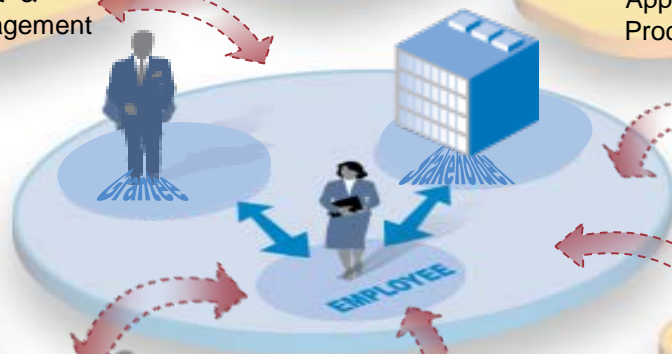
Lack of Transparency



Ineffective,
Complex
Processes



Limited Compliance



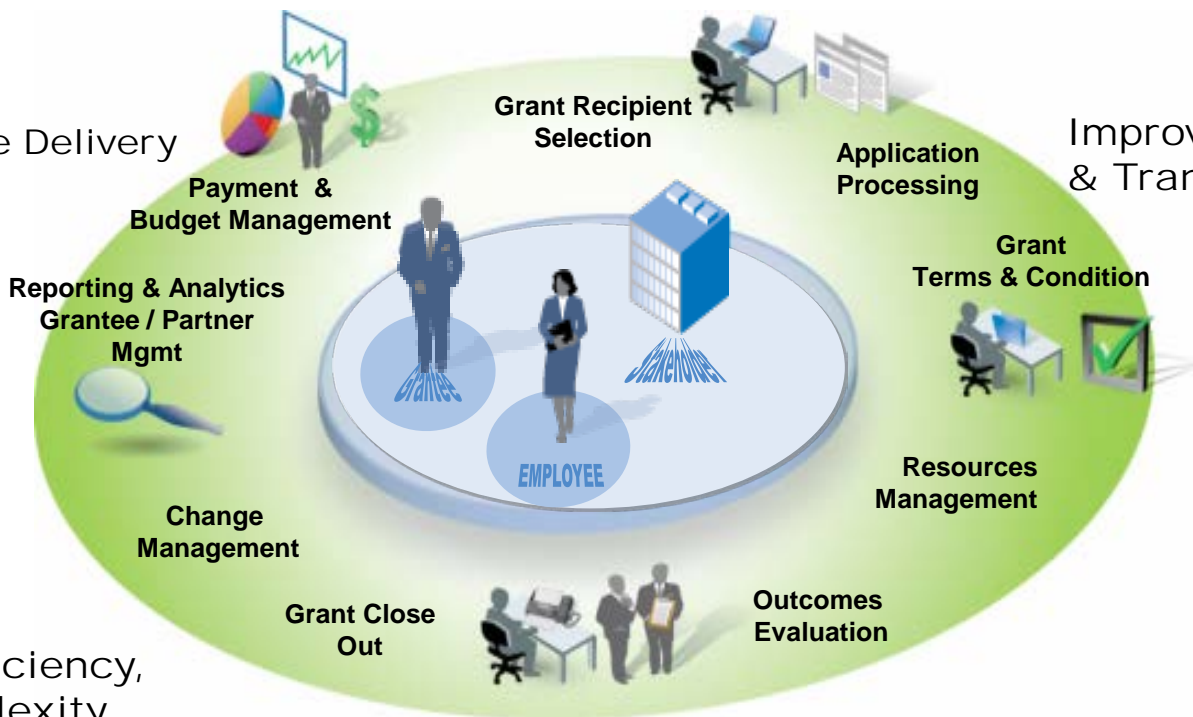


Holistic Grants and Agreements Management Process improves Efficiency, Visibility, and Compliance

Improved Operational Visibility

Improved Service Delivery

Improved Accountability & Transparency



Increase Efficiency, Lower Complexity

Program Compliance



ezFedGrants Overview

Benefits of ezFedGrants

- Decreased overall Grant Program costs
- “One source of the financial truth”
- Enforced compliance
- Traceable workflow
- Automated Claim Requests and Progress Reporting
- Electronic Signature

In Process ezFedGrants Agencies

FY	Agency
FY16	Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO) National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
FY17	Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
FY18	Forest Service (FS) Research, Education, Economics Agencies (ARS, ERS, NASS) Rural Development (RD)

Current ezFedGrants Agencies

- Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS)
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

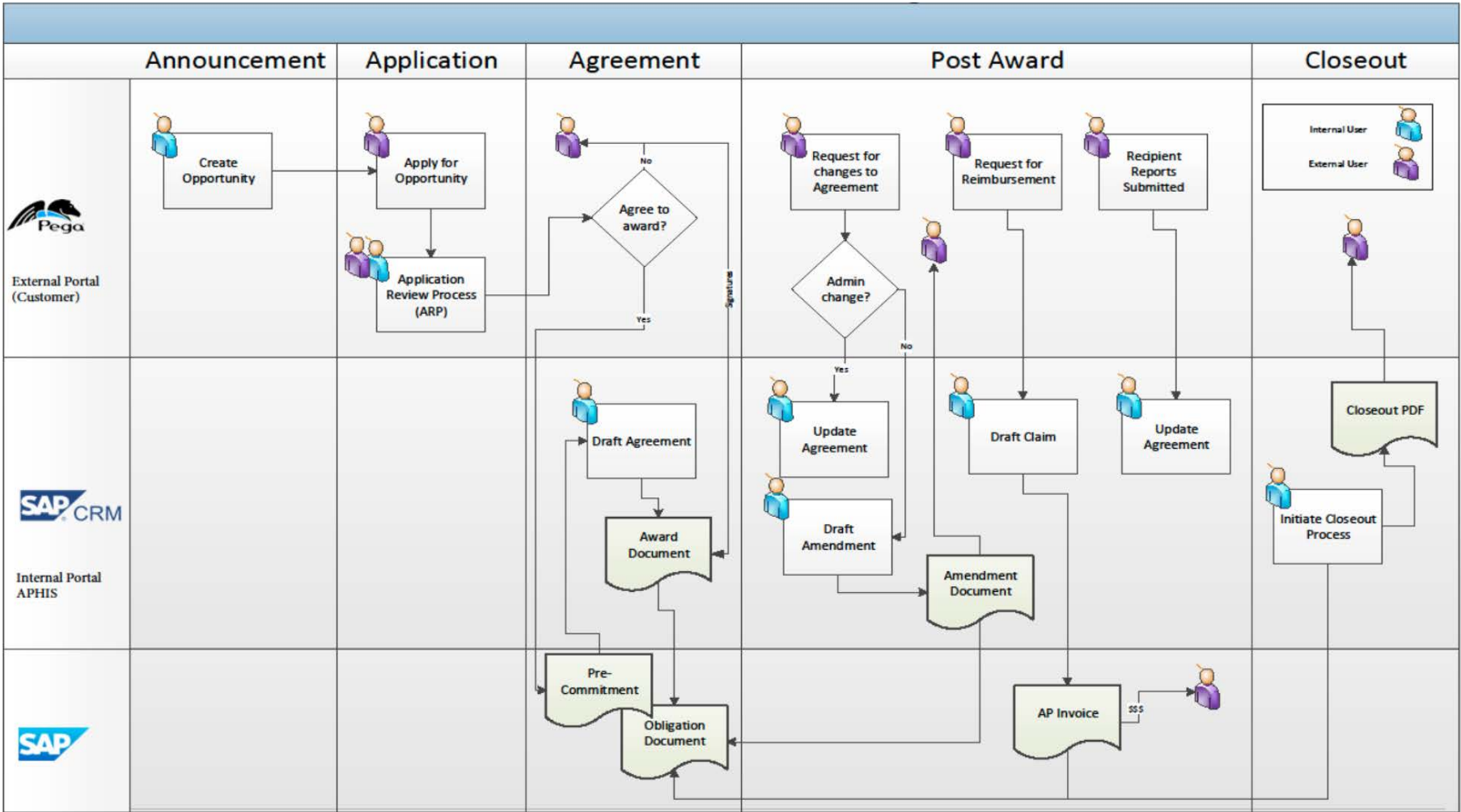
Relevant Agreement Types

- Cooperative Agreements and Grants
- Other Federal Financial Assistance Transactions such as Indemnities





ezFedGrants User Interaction Diagram





ezFedGrants Applicant/Recipient Roles

ezFedGrants Role	Role Functions
Grants Administrative Official (GAO) -Recommend Two-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Search and View Opportunities, Applications, Claims, Progress Reports, and Amendments■ Create and Edit Applications, Claims, and Progress Reports■ Manage Permissions
Grants Processor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Search and View Opportunities, Applications, Claims, Progress Reports, and Amendments■ Create and Edit Applications, Claims, and Progress Reports
Signatory Official	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Search and View Opportunities■ Edit, Search and View Applications■ Provide Application Signature
Reviewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ View Applications during the Application Review Process (ARP)



ezFedGrants USDA Agency Roles

ezFedGrants Role	Role Functions
Program Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Create and Edit Opportunities■ Search and View Opportunities, Applications, Claims, Progress Reports, Work List
Agency Grants Management Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Create, Edit and Publish Opportunities■ Search and View Opportunities, Applications, Claims, Progress Reports, Work List
Grantor Evaluator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Search and View Opportunities, Applications, Claims, Progress Reports



How to Obtain a User Role

Request and Obtain Level 2 eAuthentication

- Local Registration Authorities (LRA)
 - Register for a Level 2 at www.eauth.usda.gov
 - Schedule an appointment with the closest LRA*
 - Bring a valid government ID

***Receive Level 2 eAuthentication today! An LRA is stationed at the ezFedGrants booth.**



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- Application Access Assistance (AAA)

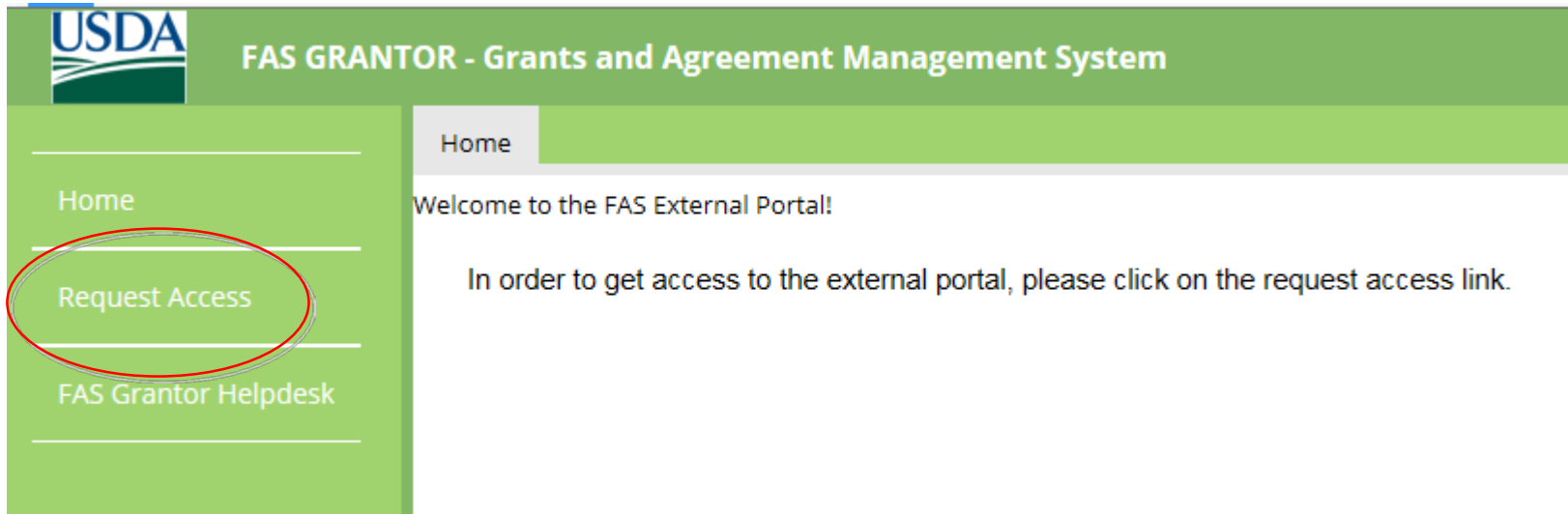
**Available in August of 2016*

- Register for a Level 1 at www.eauth.usda.gov
- Register for a Level 2 at the USDA Client Gateway



How to Obtain a User Role

Request a User role at <https://nfc.usda.gov/ezfedgrants>



Please request an APHIS-based external user role after October 28th



Questions?

**(Please Visit our Booth
Ballroom Annex)**