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Introduction

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- Program Manager Officer, OCFO GMLOB
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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.
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
- Payment & Budget Management
- Reporting & Analytics
- Grant Recipient Selection
- Change Management

Lack of Transparency
- Application Processing
- Grant Terms & Condition
- Resources Management

Ineffective, Complex Processes
- Grant Close Out
- Outcomes Evaluation

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

**Improved Service Delivery**
- Payment & Budget Management
- Reporting & Analytics
- Grantee / Partner Mgmt
- Change Management

**Increased Efficiency, Lower Complexity**

**Improved Operational Visibility**
- Grant Recipient Selection
- Application Processing
- Grant Close Out
- Outcomes Evaluation

**Improved Accountability & Transparency**
- Grant Terms & Condition
- Resources Management

**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

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

In Process ezFedGrants Agencies

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Relevant Agreement Types
- Cooperative Agreements and Grants
- Other Federal Financial Assistance Transactions such as Indemnities
ezFedGrants User Interaction Diagram
## ezFedGrants Applicant/Recipient Roles

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| Grants Administrative Official (GAO)          | ▪ Search and View Opportunities, Applications, Claims, Progress Reports, and Amendments  
                                              ▪ Create and Edit Applications, Claims, and Progress Reports  
                                              ▪ Manage Permissions                                                  |
| -Recommend Two-                               |                                                                      |
| Grants Processor                              | ▪ Search and View Opportunities, Applications, Claims, Progress Reports, and Amendments  
                                              ▪ Create and Edit Applications, Claims, and Progress Reports  |
| Signatory Official                            | ▪ Search and View Opportunities  
                                              ▪ Edit, Search and View Applications  
                                              ▪ Provide Application Signature                                              |
| Reviewer                                      | ▪ View Applications during the Application Review Process (ARP)      |
## ezFedGrants USDA Agency Roles

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Request and Obtain Level 2 eAuthentication

- Local Registration Authorities (LRA)
  - Register for a Level 2 at [www.eauth.usda.gov](http://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.
How to Obtain a User Role

Request and Obtain Level 2 eAuthentication

- Application Access Assistance (AAA)
  *Available in August of 2016*
  - Register for a Level 1 at [www.eauth.usda.gov](http://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)