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Job aids posted on F&A website under Grants Accounting:

<http://www.tn.gov/finance/article/fa-accfin-swa>

Grants Related Article/Links:

The Common Data Element Repository Library (C-DER) was authorized jointly by the Council on Financial Assistance Reform (COFAR) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in June 2014 to facilitate the use of common data standards/element used in grant reporting across the Federal government and implementation of the DATA Act. Click [here](#) to access to C-DER Library.

Thank you again for attending the April Workshop. We hope you found the Allowable Activities/Allowable Costs workshop informative and helpful as you perform your day to day tasks.

Quick Updates from the Grants Workgroup



- We continue to move forward outlining grant policy topics. Please let us know if you have any other topics or concerns you would like to submit for consideration.
- The Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (SSPAF) for FY 2017 was sent out to the agencies on May 23, 2017. This schedule is required to be submitted as part of the Federal reporting package. The deadline for submission to the Grants Workgroup is July 15, 2017. Please contact a member of our team if you have any questions about the SSPAF.
- Public Chapter No. 20 and Public Chapter No. 79 were passed into law in March 2017. These Laws require action by the Agency when Single Audit findings and Federal Audit issues are identified. Additional details will be provided in future newsletters.

See the below links for more details of these Laws:

Public Chapter 20

<http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0020.pdf>

Public Chapter 79

<http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/110/pub/pc0079.pdf>

DATA Act



The Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act) was signed into law by President Obama in 2014. The required implementation date of the DATA Act for Federal Agencies was May 2017.

AGA published an Executive Report (Report) sharing agency research and progress in meeting the DATA Act implementation schedule as well as identifying common solutions and challenges in meeting the requirements.

The Report highlights some improvements from the existing transparency act, Federal Funding Accountability and

The Chief Acquisition Officers Council, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the General Services Administration are conducting a national dialogue to discuss ideas on how to reduce the costs (compliance and other) associated with reporting compliance under Federal awards (contracts, subcontracts, grants, subgrants, and cooperative agreements). Anyone can view the ideas on the site and view the public discussion as it develops, but if you want to take an active part yourself to submit any idea or comments, or to rate someone else through the use of agree or disagree voting, you must create an account on the site by registering as a user. This dialogue will be open for the next 24 months with suggestions and ideas being used to iterate potential solutions. Click [here](#) to participate.

GAO is seeking public comment on the draft of the 2017 revision of the Yellow Book (Government Auditing Standards). Click [here](#) to see 2017 Exposure Draft.

Important Dates:

June 30, 2017 – Fiscal Year End.

July 15, 2017 – SSPAF due to Grants Workgroup.

Next issue:

The next issue of our Newsletter will provide an update on the Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards and the Pre-Award Risk Assessment.

Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006:

1. The DATA Act will enable open access to Federal financial, procurement and financial assistance information.
2. The Data Act will improve the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) which is solely focused on procurement and financial assistance.
3. The DATA Act integrates information across four important lines of business-budget, financial management, procurement, and financial assistance.
4. The integration provides key benefits to various sets of stakeholders.
 - For the Federal government, the consolidated view will improve oversight and management of programs across agencies with similar missions.
 - For the tax payer, information on Federal spending will be presented in a standardized format that is easily-understood and illustrates how these programs impact communities and benefit daily lives.
 - For the private sector, a more precise visibility into the scope of federal investment dollars, allocation of federal financial assistance and contract opportunities will be provided.

The Report also highlights government-wide best practices of implementing the Data Act.

Best Practices:

- Establish governance models to oversee implementation and aid in the quarterly certification process.
- Emphasize continuous data quality outside of regular submissions.
- Consolidate disparate data outside of core systems to streamline reporting.
- Phase in long-term technology solutions to simplify operations past the statutory May 2017 deadline.

When the DATA Act is fully implemented by the Federal agencies, State governments, as a user of the updated USASpending.gov, need to be aware of the following:

- In the future, the requirements for data definitions and reporting financial data may be required of States.
- Information provided through the DATA Act will facilitate an understanding of Federal programs and investments that will benefit the State when applying for Federal grants.
- Information provided through the DATA Act will improve

decision-making as the State awards Federal grants to non-government recipients or subrecipients.

Click [here](#) for the full version of the article.



With Implementation of DATA Act by Federal Agencies, there is a new/updated USASpending.gov Beta website that meets the requirements of DATA Act. This website is available to explore and search how the Federal government is spending taxpayer dollars. Also the website encourages users to ask questions, give feedback, or share ideas. Click [here](#) to provide your input. Historical spending data available on the current USASpending.gov will be transferred throughout the summer on a rolling basis to this new site.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbering Schematic



The Federal Program Information Act was signed into law in December 1977 and later amended in October 1983. This Act serves as the mandate for collection and distribution of current information on Federal assistance programs. Current OMB guidance regarding the CFDA is located at 2 CFR Part 200.

The CFDA contains the detailed program descriptions for 2,313 Federal assistance programs and provides a full listing of all Federal programs available. This information is available at CFDA.gov.

Are you aware of the potential changes to the CFDA numbering Schematic? The following changes for Federal agencies are scheduled to be effective October 1, 2018;

1. The numbering construct associated with the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) titles will be changed from ##.### to ###.####.
2. The prefix will align with the 3-digit Common Government-wide Accounting Classification (CGAC) agency code used in the Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) listed in OMB Circular A-11 Appendix C. This is consistent with the final data standards established in implementation of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act).
3. The unique suffix number will be revised from 3 to 4 digits to allow additional space for future entries.
4. During this transition, GSA will provide system users with information mapping continuing CFDA titles to their revised CFDA numbers.

See the full version of an article, click [here](#).

Training Opportunities



Year-end Grants Training is scheduled for the following times:

- **Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:00 to Noon.**
- **Wednesday, June 21, 2017 1:00 to 4:00.**

Materials will be available on the Division of Accounts Job Aids website by June 15th. The link to this site is below.

<http://www.tn.gov/finance/article/fa-accfin-swa>

Registration for the classes is available through Edison by the following: *Navigator*>>*ELM*>>*Self Service*>>*Learning*>>*Find Learning*>>type in "GROC2017".