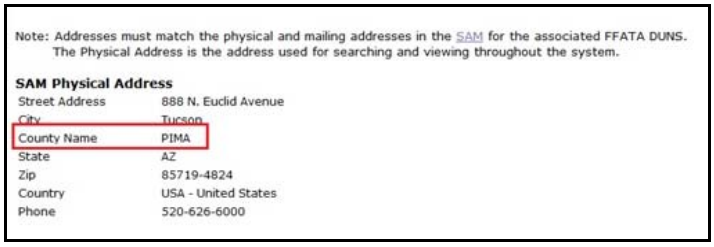
Release Notes for Grants Online Version 4.15

Date Deployed: February 17, 2015

Global

1. The links for the Grants Management Division (GMD) and the NOAA Information Technology Security Policy have been updated. (GOL-189) The links are:
   - GMD http://www.ago.noaa.gov
   - NOAA Information Technology Security Policy http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/ames/administrative_orders/chapter_212/212-13.html

2. The Organization Details screen displays both the Address and the County Name. (GOL-213)


Note: Addresses must match the physical and mailing addresses in the SAM for the associated FFATA DUNS.
The Physical Address is the address used for searching and viewing throughout the system.

SAM Physical Address

Street Address	888 N. Euclid Avenue
City	Tucson
County Name	PIMA
State	AZ
Zip	85719-4824
Country	USA - United States
Phone	520-626-6000

3. When the public search function is executed, only the new awards and amendments signed by the Authorized Representative are available for view. Any amendments that ***have not*** been accepted by the recipient are not available for view. (Kayako: LPS-455-63200; GOL-156)

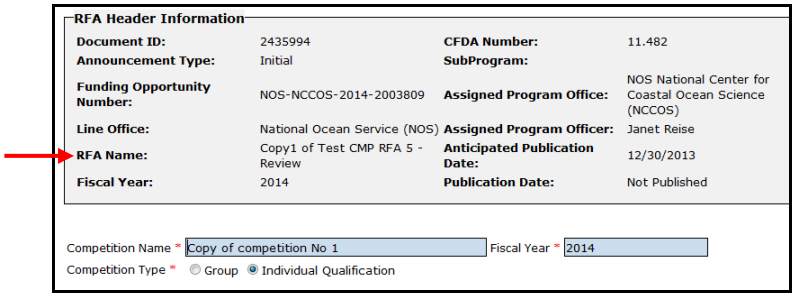
Inbox Tab

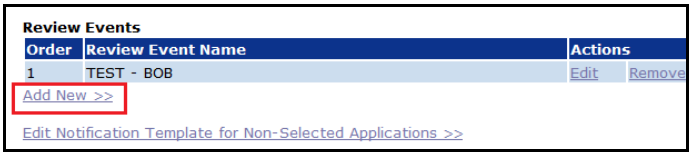
1. The Inbox Notification for ***new users*** is activated when an account is successfully created. (GOL-206)

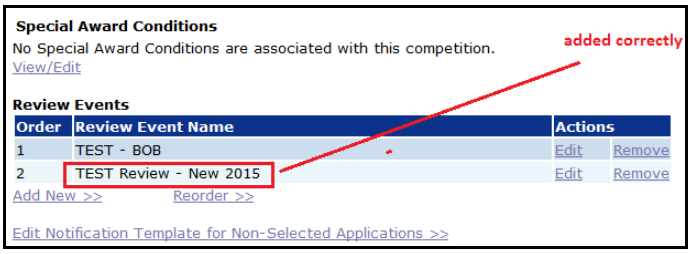
RFA Tab

1. A competitive RFA must have a minimum of one competition. Therefore, on the RFA Details screen, the label "Competitions" should be replaced with the label "Competitions*." This is accompanied by a warning message that while the data entered can be saved, the workflow will not start until at least one competition is associated with the RFA. (Kayako: VMY-387-59207; GOL-211)

2. When a RFA is copied from one year to the next year, the review event is associated with the newly created RFA, not the original RFA. (Kayako: GSA-815-59266 & SON-283-16954; GOL-207 & GOL-219)

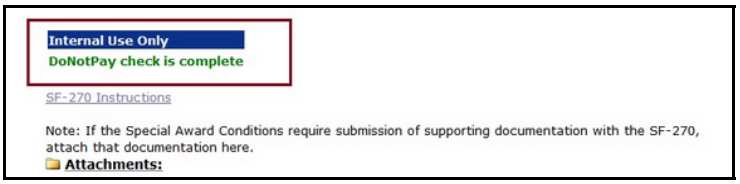






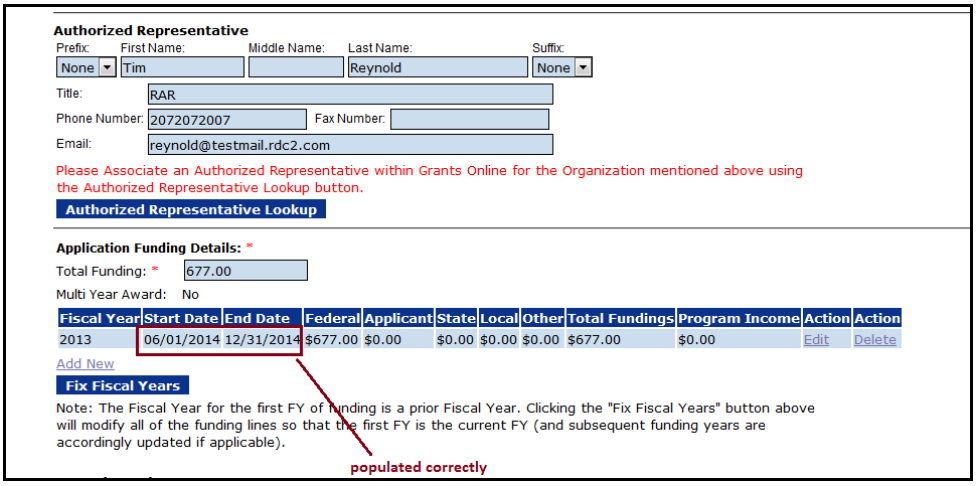
Application Tab

1. Upon Completion of the DoNotPay task, a message (in green font) is visible on the GMD Checklist. (GOL-99)



2. In response to Department of Treasury mandated changes to Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) and to satisfy new Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS) requirements, NOAA has updated the Grants Online financial/accounting processes. The updates require reporting Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) and Business Entity Reporting Code (BETC) information associated with CARS transactions. A training manual associated with implementation of the ASAP TAS/BETC requirements for Grants Online is located at: http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/grantsonline/Documents/ASAP_FPO2015Feb.pdf. (Multiple Tickets)

3. When an application is downloaded from Grants.gov, Grants Online uses the Grants.gov Project Start and End dates to auto-populate the Funding Start Date and End Date. (GOL-141)

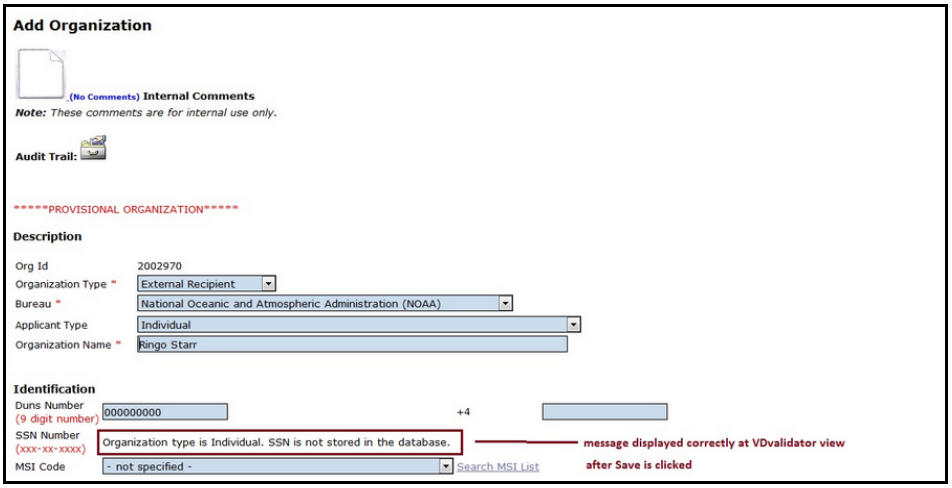


4. When updating Special Award Conditions (SAC) for a multi-year Award File (with a high volume of amendments and SACs) the user should not expect an instantaneous response when attempting to load a SAC. (GOL-142)

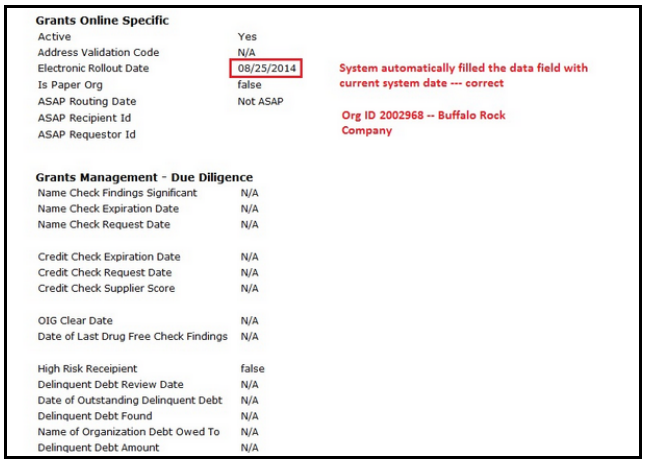
5. Before the Final Report due date, the recipient and Grants Specialist can perform the following actions:
   - Request an extension to closeout
   - Submit closeout documents
   - Conduct ASAP drawdown requests

   After the Final Report due date, those actions are only available to GMD. (Kayako: CRT-991-99861; GOL-146)

6. When the grantee is an individual, the message relative to the SSN reads "Organization type is Individual. SSN is not stored in the database." (GOL-155)



7. When an organization record is created in Grants Online, the Electronic Rollout Date field defaults to the current date. (GOL-161)



8. When the Vendor Data Validator does not approve (rejects) a vendor validation, the Program Office should be notified and the Workflow history displays the words “Reject as Action.” In, addition, the Organization Profile status is now “Rejected.” (GOL-164)
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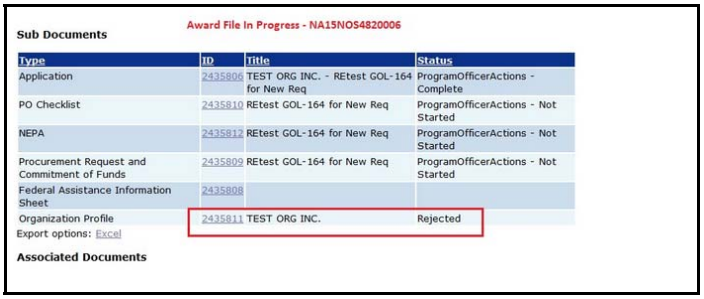
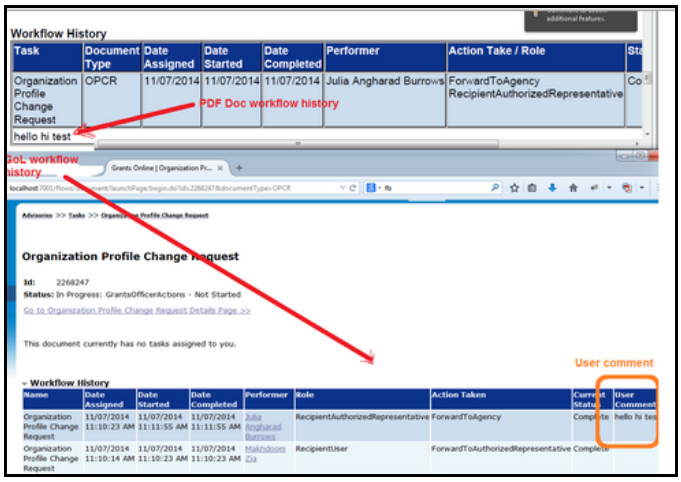
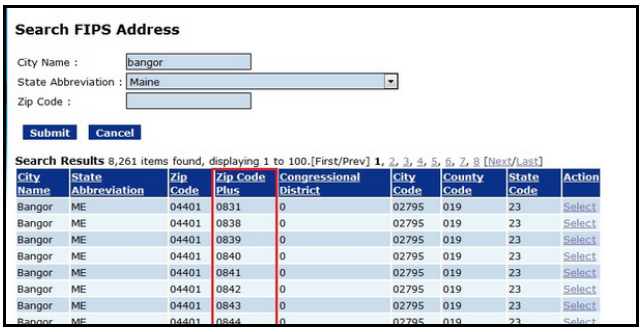


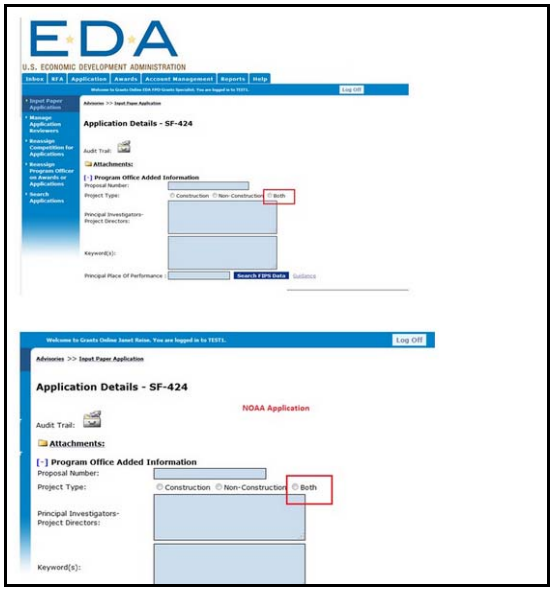
4. The pdf file created when the user clicks the Print Workflow History button now includes user comments. (GOL-168)



5. Updates to the FIPS codes are pulled from a more current source. The Grants Online system will be updated monthly. (Kayako: DXW-680-99088; GOL-180). The frequent updates ensure an accurate display of the zip + zip4 data format. (GOL-227)

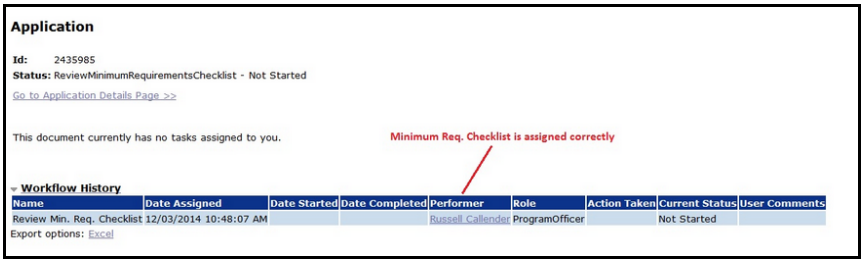


6. The choices for Project Type on the Application Details screen have been expanded to include "Both." Prior to the modification, there were two choices " Construction" and "Non-Construction." (GOL-224)



7. When the user creates a new organization (on the Organization Profile Details Page) the System Award Management (SAM) mailing address is populated when the user clicks the **Save** button. (GOL-217)

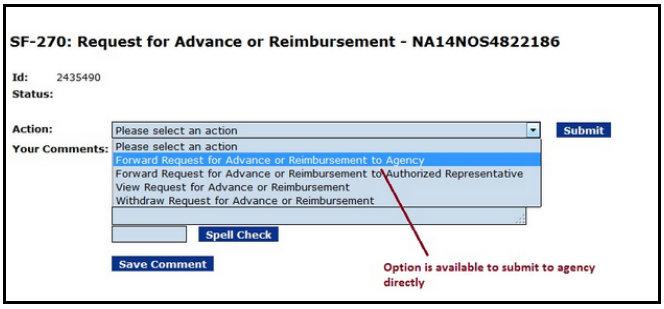
8. When the State Routing method is selected, and the user did not identify a group to which applications from that state should be routed, the Minimum Requirements Checklist task is routed to the Competition Manger. (GOL-218)



9. A user with both Grants Officer and RFA Publisher rights can reassign GMD tasks according to their Grants Officer threshold (in lieu of their RFA Publisher rights). (GOL-162)

Awards Tab

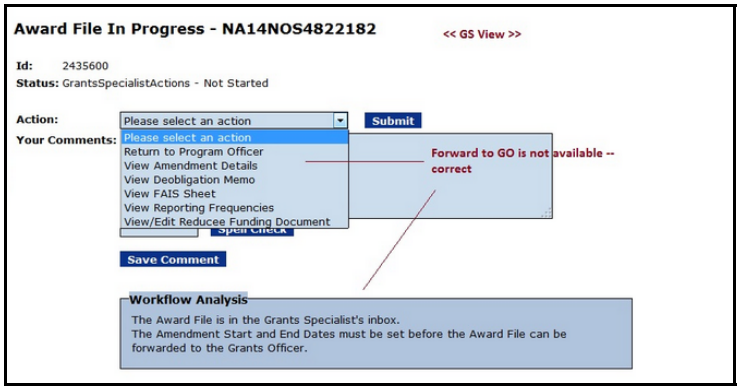
1. The Business Finance Representative (role) can submit the SF-270 directly to the Agency without first having to send the form to the Recipient Authorized Representative. (Kayako: LLE-969-76791; GOL-152)



2. The problem with the edit and reset functionality of the Supplementary Information Category has been remedied (Kayako: UOS-450-70398; GOL-173)

3. In the Associated Documents section of the Grants file, the user can be sorted by the "Title" column. (Kayako: UOS-450-70398; GOL-174)

4. The start and end dates are mandatory for each amendment. The Grants Officer will not be able to approve an amendment until that information is provided. (Kayako: WZD-501-57560; GOL-176)

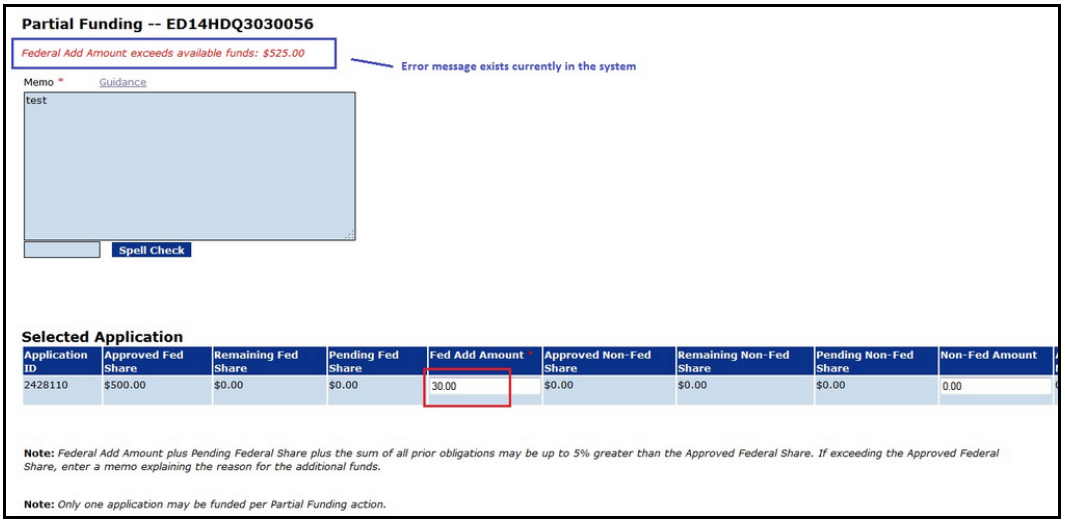


5. When conducting a Financial Closeout, the system accurately assigns one of two categories to the Final Status: "Declined – Closed" or "Declined – De-obligated." The Final Status is clearly displayed in the closeout workflow. (Kayako: UEY-790-20146; GOL-177)

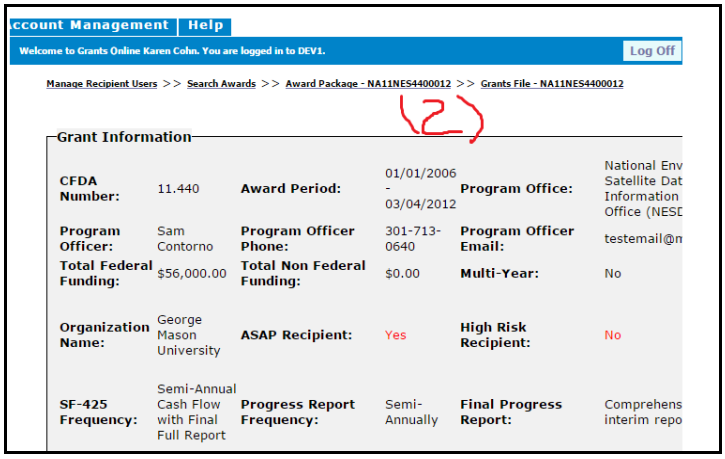
6. For ***new*** awards, clicking on the Grants File Id (on the Associated Documents section) displays a message indicating the file is not available for viewing until the Award package has been approved. (Kayako: GBN-815-91801; GOL-182)

7. If the Grants Officer rejects an award file, the amendment number is available for re-assignment. (Kayako: KNN-830-61506; GOL-186)

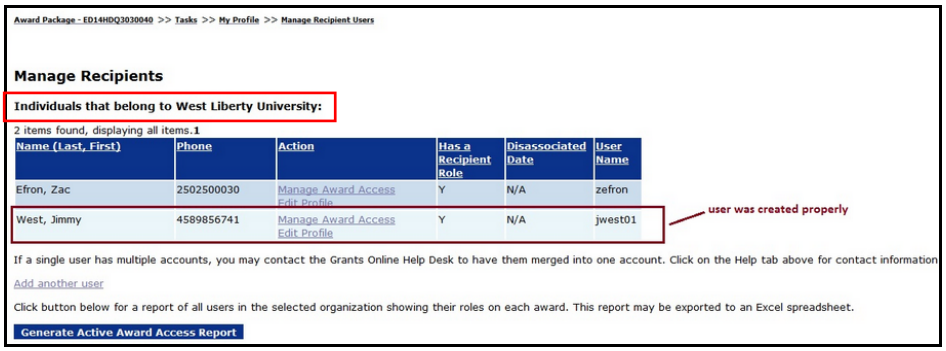
8. If the FPO requests an increase in funding that exceeds 5% of the Approved Federal Share, an error message displays. (Kayako: SIK-166-75756; GOL-190)



9. When a user, logged on as the Authorized Representative, is on the Recipient Search Screen and cancels the process s/he is returned to the previous page. (GOL-203)



10. When the Recipient Administrator creates an account for a new user, the organization component for the new user is available for data entry and displays on the resulting screen. (Kayako: BDH-449-86792; GOL-205)

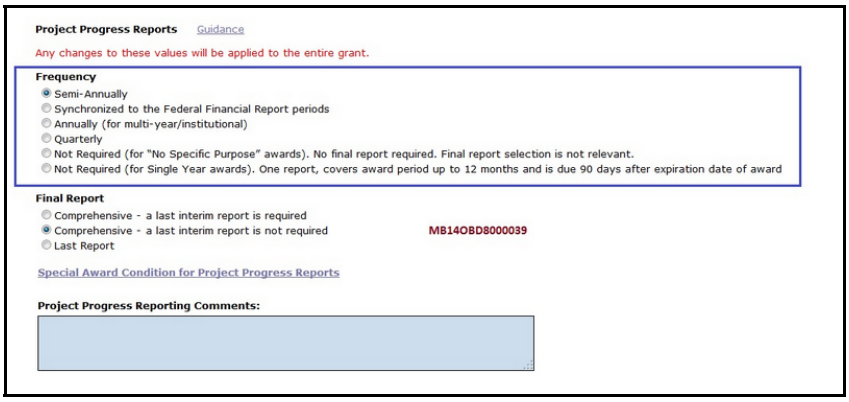


Account Management Tab

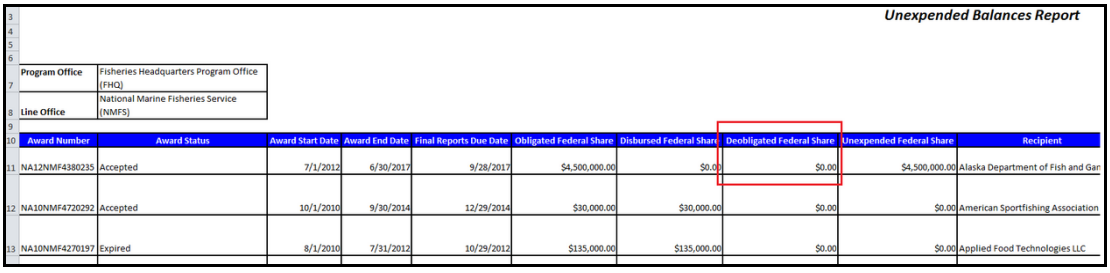
1. On the User Profile page (edit mode), the Person Id is displayed. In addition, the user can select his/her security question from a list and specify the appropriate responses. (Kayko #: VQM-969-30788; GOL-135)

Reports Tab

1. For MBDA Awards, the Performance Progress Report (PPR) default is semi-annually; the same as for NOAA Awards. (Kayako: LFD-742-35308; GOL-147)



2. The Unexpended Balances Report now includes a column for the De-obligated Federal Share. (Kayko: NZW-949-33583; GOL-148)



Unexpended Balances Report

Program Office	Fisheries Headquarters Program Office (FHQ)
Line Office	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

Award Number	Award Status	Award Start Date	Award End Date	Final Reports Due Date	Obligated Federal Share	Disbursed Federal Share	Deobligated Federal Share	Unexpended Federal Share	Recipient
NA12NMF4380235	Accepted	7/1/2012	6/30/2017	9/28/2017	$4,500,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,500,000.00	Alaska Department of Fish and Gar
NA10NMF4720292	Accepted	10/1/2010	9/30/2014	12/29/2014	$30,000.00	$30,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	American Sportfishing Association
NA10NMF4270197	Expired	8/1/2010	7/31/2012	10/29/2012	$135,000.00	$135,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	Applied Food Technologies LLC

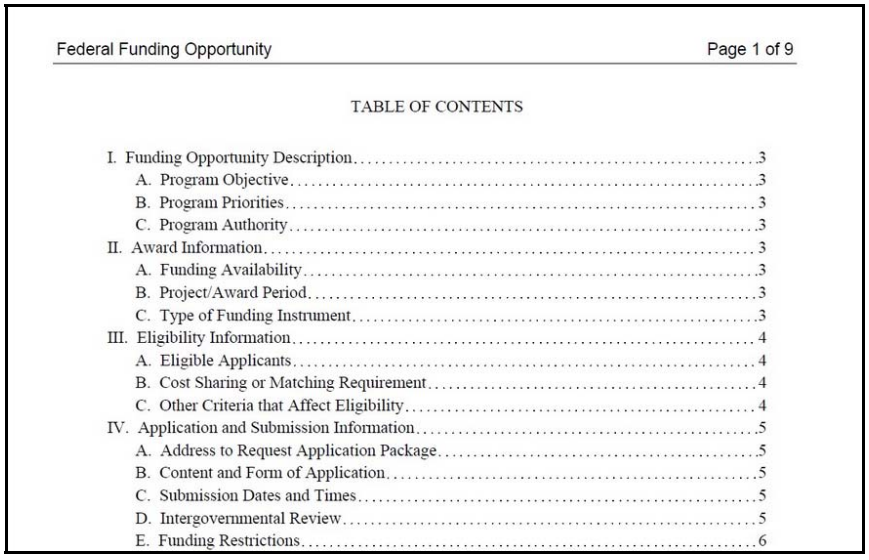
3. All entries on the Award Tracking table now display the correct Award Action Status. In earlier versions of the system, the value was “unknown status.” (GOL-169)

Start FY	2008	
End FY	2011	
Recipient Type	Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)	
Selection Method	All	

Award Number	Amendment Number	Award File ID	Fiscal Year	CFDA	Award Action Status	Type of Action	Bureau
02-10-07001-01	4	1010365	2009	11.8	Signed and Complete	AAR - Amendment: Other	MBDA
02-10-07001-01	2	1010357	2008	11.8	Signed and Complete	Partial Funding	MBDA
02-10-07001-01	3	1010361	2009	11.8	Signed and Complete	Partial Funding	MBDA
02-10-07001-01	5	2165777	2009	11.8	Signed and Complete	Partial Funding	MBDA
02-10-07002-01	2	1010368	2008	11.8	Signed and Complete	Partial Funding	MBDA
02-10-07002-01	3	1010372	2009	11.8	Signed and Complete	Partial Funding	MBDA

4. The Federal Assistance Award Data System (FAADS) report is no longer available from the Reports Tab. (GOL-175)

3. The Federal Funding Opportunity pdf report includes a Table of Contents and page numbers. (GOL-184)



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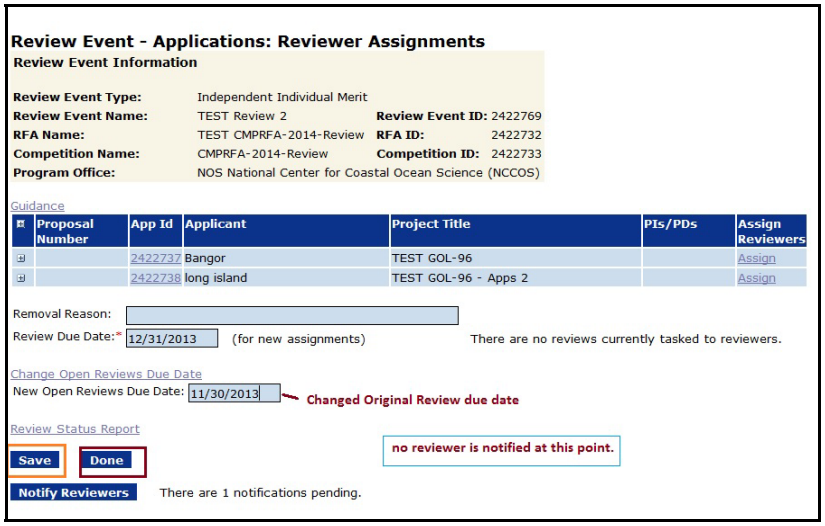
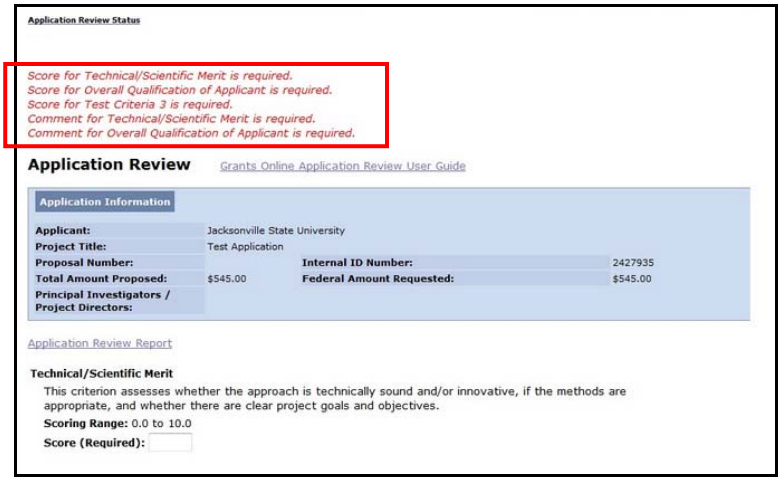
Review Module

1. The user now has the ability to specify different review due dates for the Review Due Date (for new assignments) and the New Open Reviews Due Date. To update the latter data field, click the ***Change Open Reviews Due Date*** link. (GOL-107 & GOL-121)

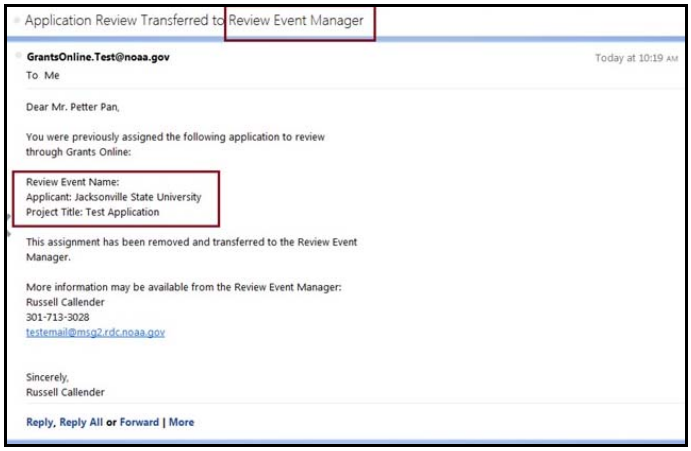


2. When the Review Event Manger conducts his/her review on behalf of the Reviewer, and does not enter content for all required fields, an error message is displayed. (GOL-165)

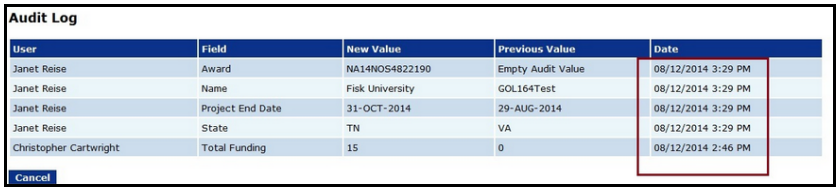


3. A more up-to-date reference is available for the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch. (Kayako: MDV-773-4191; GOL-178)
The link is: http://www.oge.gov/Laws-and-Regulations/Employee-Standards-of-Conduct/Employee-Standards-of-Conduct/

4. The system sends notification to the assigned reviewer when the Review Event Manager conducts a review on behalf of the reviewer. The notification now correctly displays the Applicant Name and the Project Title. In addition, the subject of the notification is “Review Event Manager” rather than “Competition Manager.” (Kayako: ARV-133-12091; GOL-181)



5. The Audit Trail (located in various locations throughout the system) now displays the current time rather than displaying midnight as the default value. (Kayko #: DAL-966-90451; GOL-163)



Audit Log

User	Field	New Value	Previous Value	Date
Janet Reise	Award	NA14NOS4822190	Empty Audit Value	08/12/2014 3:29 PM
Janet Reise	Name	Fisk University	GOL164Test	08/12/2014 3:29 PM
Janet Reise	Project End Date	31-OCT-2014	29-AUG-2014	08/12/2014 3:29 PM
Janet Reise	State	TN	VA	08/12/2014 3:29 PM
Christopher Cartwright	Total Funding	15	0	08/12/2014 2:46 PM

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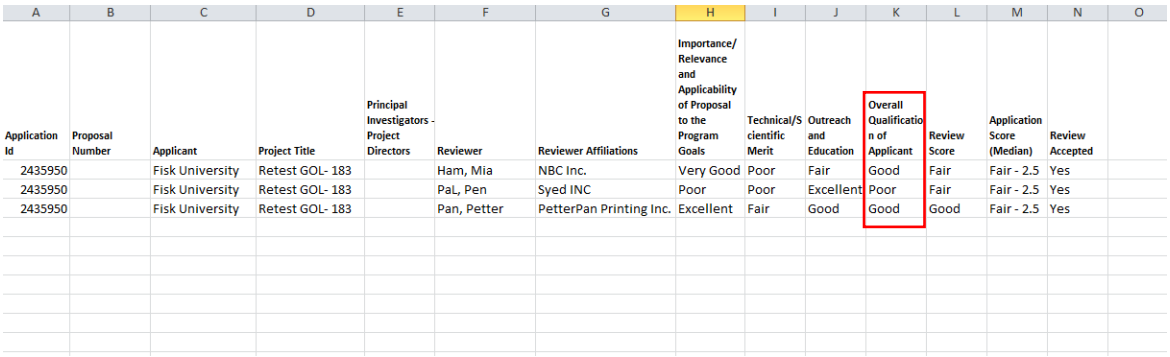
6. The Reviewer’s Scoring and Evaluation Report now correctly calculates the Application Score (determined using the Median) when the user selects the Qualitative review method. (GOL-183)



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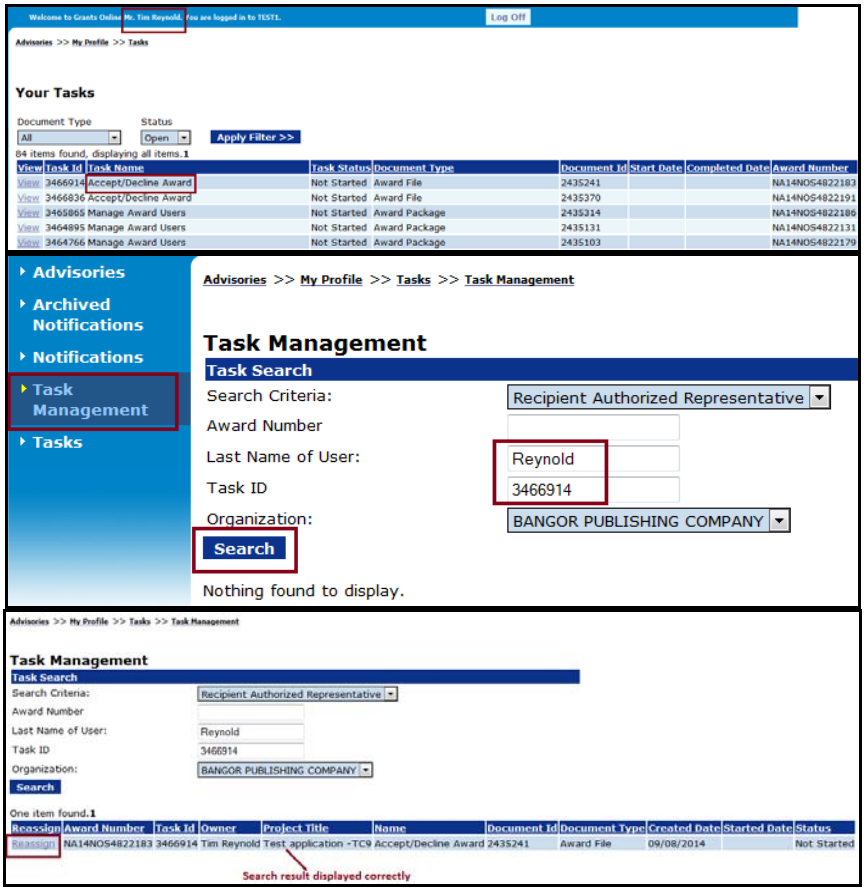
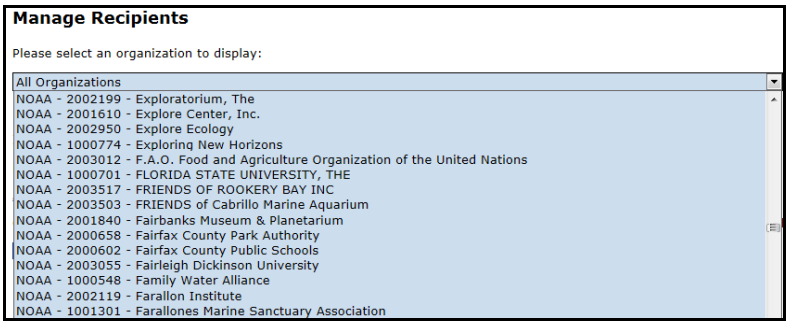
Application Id	Proposal Number	Applicant	Project Title	Principal Investigators - Project Directors	Reviewer	Reviewer Affiliations	Importance/ Relevance and Applicability of Proposal to the Program Goals	Technical/Scientific Merit	Outreach and Education	Overall Qualification of Applicant	Review Score	Application Score (Median)	Review Accepted	
2435950		Fisk University	Retest GOL- 183		Ham, Mia	NBC Inc.	Very Good	Poor	Fair	Good	Fair	Fair - 2.5	Yes	
2435950		Fisk University	Retest GOL- 183		PaL, Pen	Syed INC	Poor	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Fair	Fair - 2.5	Yes	
2435950		Fisk University	Retest GOL- 183		Pan, Petter	PetterPan Printing Inc.	Excellent	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Fair - 2.5	Yes	

7. The Recipient Authorized Representative and the Recipient Administrator can reassign a task in his/her Inbox to another person with the same or a subordinate role. (GOL-210)



8. Currently, in the production environment, NOAA applicants receive their Grants Online notification prior to being offered an award. The notification will now be sent after recipient acceptance and not solely based on Grants Officer approval. (Kayko: KYT-821-73121; GOL-159)

9. In the System Admin view – the organization values on the Manage Recipients screen is case sensitive (as shown in the alphabetized list below). (Kayko: FOC-326-26421; GOL-212)