

Release Notes for Grants Online Version 4.17

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Global

1. The Federal Program Office Training Resources page was updated. Guidance for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is accessible when the user:
 - a. Clicks the link (Item #18) on the Federal Program Office Training Resources page.

16. Amending a RFA/FFO Quick Reference Guide
This link provides a guidance document for making updates to a FFO or Non-Competitive RFA that has been posted to Grants.gov.
Click here for the guidance document: [Grants Online Guidance - Amending Published RFA/FFO](#)

17. Data Sharing Policy
This link provides guidance on NOAA's Data Sharing Policy for Grants and Cooperative Agreements:
[Click here for the Data Sharing Policy document](#)

18. NEPA Information
This link provides guidance for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):
[Click here to view the NEPA Guidance for NOAA, EDA and NTIA](#)

19. ACCS Corrections
This link provides guidance on making corrections to ACCS Lines after the award has been obligated and accepted:
[Click here for the ACCS Correction Guidance Document](#)

20. Place of Performance Guidance
This link provides guidance on entering the Place of Performance code on the Application Details page:
[Click here for the Place of Performance code Guidance Document](#)

- b. Clicks the **Guidance** link when processing the NEPA Document.

NEPA Environmental Review Requirements - NA15GOT4050086

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[Guidance](#)

a.) Level of Review

Indicate below the level of environmental review that has been conducted by the Responsible Program Manager for the proposed action in accordance with the applicable provisions of the NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 entitled, "Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act"

Categorical Exclusion (CE) Memorandum completed and signed by the Responsible Program Manager along with related CE review checklist, as appropriate
[Select/View CE](#)
Nothing found to display.

Environmental Assessment (EA) with signed Finding of No Significant Impact and concurrence by NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with signed Record of Decision (ROD)

Not Required

b.) Mitigating Measures

If either an EA or EIS was completed, did the analysis of the environmental impacts require the implementation of one or more mitigation measures? NO Special Award Condition
YES

c.) Post Award NEPA Review Process

Does the proposal include funding for one or more projects that have not yet been identified and therefore NEPA review cannot be completed? NO Special Award Condition
YES

Please Select a NEPA Official for routing purposes:

The result of either action is a page from which the user can view information detailing the use of the NEPA processes relevant to his/her bureau. That page includes a section for the following bureaus: NOAA, EDA, and NTIA. Please note NEPA Guidance is not currently available for NTIA. (Ticket: GOL-267)



GRANTS ONLINE
MBDA INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

Guidance for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NEPA is a Federal responsibility. This document contains guidance and links to assist you in the NEPA process specific to your Bureau.

NOAA
NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals which are seeking NOAA federal funding opportunities. Information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following:

- [NOAA NEPA website](#)
- [NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA](#)
- [Council on Environmental Quality Implementation Regulations for NEPA](#)
- [Guidance - \(NOAA FY 2009 Workshop: Presentations - Day 1 pp. 107-121\)](#)
- [NOAA Guidance - requires NOAA email address and password](#)
- [NOAA's NEPA Policy as presented at the 2014 Brown Bag Presentation by Jay Nunenkarr](#)

EDA
Detailed information on EDA compliance with NEPA can be found in the following documents:

- [Classes of EDA Actions](#)
- [Policy to Reduce Hazardous Waste Liability](#) - The attached Directive establishes the policies and procedures for implementing the Applicant Certification Clause and the Indemnification Standard Condition.
- [Implementation of Environmental Policies](#) - The attached Directive sets forth procedures for processing EDA projects to comply with environmental requirements.
- [Floodplains Directive](#) - Directive 17.04 establishes the Agency's policy and procedures for implementing Executive Orders 11988 and 11950.

NTIA
No NEPA guidance available at this time.

Last updated: 6/24/2015

2. When a textbox specifies a maximum of 4,000 characters, carriage returns/line feeds are counted as a character. (Tickets: GOL-31, GOL-274)

Inbox Tab

1. When performing the Organization Profile Change Request (OPCR) task, the Applicant Name is included for each task listed in the User's Inbox.
(Ticket: GOL-223)

Your Tasks

Document Type: [] Status: [] [Apply Filter >>]

107 items found, displaying 1 to 100. (First/Prev) [] (Next/Last)

View	Task Received Date	Task Id	Task Status	Award Number	Document Type	Document Id	Proposal Number	Applicant Name	Approved Federal Funding	Total Federal Funding	Project Title	REA Number
View	06/22/2015	3475688	Not Started	N/A	Organization Profile Change Request	2440091	N/A	BANGOR PUBLISHING COMPANY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
View	06/22/2015	3475680	Not Started	N/A	Organization Profile Change Request	2440090	N/A	Lepage Balerics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
View	06/08/2015	3475079	Not Started	NA15N05620056	Amendment	2439037	N/A	Bangor Publishing	N/A	\$300.00	Test for Ela -- PRCF change during Renegotiate	TEST NonCompRA

displayed correct

2. The bug that allowed a Grants Specialist task to be reassigned to a user without a Grants Specialist role has been fixed.
(Tickets: ITA-487-73747, GOL-246)

Search Users

Please leave all fields empty to search for all results
Enter search terms to find a user.

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Organization:

E-Mail Address:

State:

Nothing found to display.

no result was displayed -- correct as user has only view agency role

3. When the FALD's task is reassigned, the newly-assigned FALD should receive notification when the task is complete. Concurrently, the newly-assigned FALD's information should be included in the Workflow History. (Tickets: GOL-16, GOL-273)

RFA Tab

1. When creating a Universal RFA, the options available from the Action dropdown menu were modified. The **View Details** option has been removed. Selecting that option replicated the results of selecting the **View RFA Details** option. (Ticket: GOL-226)

Advisories >> Search RFAs >> Create RFA >> RFA

RFA

Id: 2439773
Status: ApproveOrReview · In Progress

Action: Please select an action

Your Comments: Please select an action
Initiate Application Package Posting
Send for Optional Review
View Details
View RFA Details

[View the routing slip >>](#)

Both goes to the same RFA Details page, we need to remove "View Details" option from the drop down

2. When searching a Competitive RFA, there are two options available from the Action dropdown menu: View Federal Funding Opportunity and View RFA Details. (Ticket: GOL-226)

Tasks >> Application >> Search RFAs >> RFA

RFA

Id: 2271746
Status: Published

Action: Please select an action

Your Comments: Please select an action
View Federal Funding Opportunity
View RFA Details

3. A column for the data field **Applicant Type** was added to the RFA Applications Report (under the Sub-documents section of the RFA and on the Competition screen). (Tickets: VER-883-87750, GOL-283)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Proposal Number	Application Id	Applicant Name	Applicant Type	Project Title	Funding Fiscal Year	Federal Share	Matching Funds
	2271758	GOL166_	Individual	GOL166_	2015	10	0

Application Tab

1. Based on a Change Control Board (CCB) recommendation, a new weekly Production Control Report was developed. The report will assist CESU Managers in monitoring award activity. (Tickets: TAJ-482-22733, GOL-255)
2. To comply with the new guidance (2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F), the phrase “A-133 Single Audit” was replaced with the phrase “Single Audit.” The images below show the impact of the modification on two sections of the award file – the Checklist Items section under the GMD Checklist heading and the Org. Profile section. (Ticket: GOL-279)

GMD Checklist - NA15NOS0120034

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 [\(No Comments\)](#) - **Comments**

Checklist Items	
Not Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Cost Analysis Memo
As Needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental Review of Federal Program
Applicants Management and Financial Capabilities	
Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit Check
Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delinquent Federal Debt
Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Audit
Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of Parties excluded from Procurement/Non-Procurement Activities
Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Past Performance

Advisories >> Manage Organizations

George Mason University

[Edit >>](#) Org Profile

 [\(No Comments\)](#) **Internal Comments**
Note: These comments are for internal use only.

Audit Trail: 

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Is the Party excluded from Procurement/Non-Procurement Activities **false**

Date of Check for Exclusion from Procurement/Non-Procurement Activities 08/02/2011

Date Party was excluded from Procurement/Non-Procurement Activities N/A

Grants Management - Single Audit

Is the Recipient Current in its Single Audit Submission? N

Questioned Costs?	N/A	Findings?	N/A
Last Submission Date	N/A	Recipient Fiscal Year End Date	N/A
Comments	N/A		

CAGE CODE:

SAM EXPIRATION DATE:

Awards Tab

1. The Grants Specialist can reduce the recipient share dollar amount using an Administrative Amendment. The next time the Federal Program Officer performs a partial funding action, the recipient share is calculated based upon all previously approved actions. The validation of the recipient share is not available on the Partial Funding screen.
(Tickets: GYL-310-70501, GOL-192)
2. Under the Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Units (CESU) Awards **[NOAA Only]** section on the PO Checklist, if the user indicates this is a CESU Award, s/he must verify the Grant Type and provide a justification. If the award is a Cooperative Agreement, there must be at least one Cooperative Agreement Special Award Condition (SAC). The user also needs to ensure one of the CESU organizations **[NOAA Only]** is associated with the award using the Supplementary Information feature on the Application launch page. (Tickets: GOL-36, GOL-271)

PO Checklist - NA15NOS4320062

CESU Supplementary Category is required. ← correct as no supplementary category exist

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General Award Information
Application Organization: [Bangor Publishing](#) State: ME
Applicant's EIN and DUNS numbers have been verified:*

Grant Type * [Guidance](#)
 Grant
 Cooperative Agreement
If Cooperative Agreement, enter [Cooperative Agreement Special Award Condition](#)

CESU Awards
Is CESU Award? NO YES If YES, enter justification and verify Grant Type [Guidance](#)

Justification

[Cooperative Agreement: Special Award Condition](#)

Reports Tab

- The data displayed on the Unexpended Balances Report (from the Org. Profile page) now has all data columns aligned under the appropriate headers. (Tickets: GOL-38, GOL-280)

Unexpended Balances Report								
Unexpended Federal Share	Recipient	Project Title	Line Office	Program Office	FPO	FDA	Recipient Type	Recipient City
\$186.72	George Mason University	TEST RECORD - Examining Oceanic Tropical Biases in Climate Models	OAR	CPO	Contorno, Sam	11.431	Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education	Fairfax
\$212,167.00	George Mason University	TEST RECORD - GMU-NOAA Cooperative Center for Earth Science Informatic Research (CESIR)	NESDIS	NESDISPO	Contorno, Sam	11.44	Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education	Fairfax
\$132,458.16	George Mason University	TEST RECORD - From the Mountains to the Estuary: From the Schoolyards to the Bay	NMFS	NCBO	Contorno, Sam	11.457	Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education	Fairfax
\$321,352.83	George Mason University	TEST RECORD - Research and Development to Support NOAA Integrated Data System and CEOS Activities	NESDIS	NESDISPO	Contorno, Sam	11.44	Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education	Fairfax
\$56,000.00	George Mason University	TEST RECORD - Land Surface Temperature Evaluations	NESDIS	NESDISPO	Contorno, Sam	11.44	Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education	Fairfax
\$940.00	George Mason University	GOL152 App	NOS	MB	Cartwright, Christopher	11.012	Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education	Fairfax

Review Module

- On the Independent Individual Merit Review details page:
 - When the response to the **Scored Criteria** question is “Application Will Not Be Scored,” the Points Scoring Criteria sub-header will not display.
 - The Not Scored Criteria sub-header is hidden when the user responds “No” to the **Not Scored Criteria** question. (Ticket: GOL-171)

Independent Individual Merit Review
[Guidance](#)

Review Event Name:

Review Event Manager:

Review Done By: Reviews assigned and completed using Grants Online.
 Reviews assigned and completed outside of Grants Online.

Scored Criteria: Applications will not be scored
 Quantitative - Percent
 Quantitative - Points
 Qualitative

Summary Score Determination: N/A Mean Median

Not Scored Criteria: Yes No

Bonus Points: Yes No

Anticipated Review Start Date: Anticipated Review End Date:

[Add Agency Standard Criteria](#)

[FFC Evaluation Criteria Report](#) [Application Review Scoring Sheet](#)

No Error was displayed and also no scoring criteria was unavailable ---- correct

2. Reviewers were unable to save comments for the *Not Scored Criteria* section when a comment is required. This issue has been remedied.
(Tickets: QIW-716-32109, GOL-270)

EDA-Specific Tickets

1. Several automated Production Control jobs were updated. The system now generates EDA-specific reports that provide information similar to that provided for NOAA.

Sub Documents			
Type	ID	Title	Status
Award Package	2440152	GCL-278 -- ASAP award	Accepted
Special Award Conditon Report	2440152	Special Award Condition Report	
Award File In Progress	2440211	GCL-278 -- ASAP award	ProgramOfficerActions - Not Started
Award File 0	2440154	GCL-278 -- ASAP award	Accepted

Export options: [Excel](#)

Associated Documents

Nothing found to display.

[Correspondence and Federal Reports](#) (This section not viewable by recipient users.)

Nothing found to display.

[Supplementary Information](#)

Nothing found to display.

Financial Reports

Type	ID	Period Start	Period End	Due Date	Status	Amount Requested
SF-425: Federal Financial Report - Cash Flow	2440183	03/31/2015	04/30/2015	Delinquent	N/A	

Export options: [Excel](#)

2. As requested by EDA, recipients can generate an interim SF-425 report for both non-ASAP and ASAP Awards. (Ticket: GOL-278)