Release Notes for Grants Online Version 4.11
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Global

   a. The "Search User" screen results will show each user name only once instead of multiple times like it used to in some cases. (Ticket HT-56)
   b. The Workflow Analysis boxes for Applications, Award Files, PO Checklists, Procurement Requests, CD-450s and Amendments now include information regarding the CBS Interface. (Ticket OM-2)
   c. The reference to the "CCR" (Central Contractor Registry) on the Organization Profile page has been changed to "SAM" (System for Award Management) and the underlying hyperlink directs users to the SAM website.
   d. A pop-up reminder has been implemented to warn users to save their data or press a button to avoid timing out in the next 5 minutes.

Inbox Tab

   a. Tasks reassignments made using the "Task Management" feature will be included in the Workflow History list.

RFA Tab

   a. The FFO Guidance document available from the FFO page in Grants Online, and from the Training website, has been updated with Additional Guidance to include the following mandatory language to be added at the end of the "Review and Selection Process" section of the FFO (Section V. B.)

   In accordance with current Federal appropriations law, NOAA will provide a successful corporate applicant a form to be completed by its authorized representatives certifying that the corporation has no Federally-assessed unpaid or delinquent tax liability or recent felony criminal convictions under any Federal law.

   Users should copy and paste this language from the guidance document directly into the "Review and Selection Process" section of their FFO. (Ticket OM-144 / WOK-326-95051)

Application Tab

   a. A note has been added to the Progress Report Frequency section of the PO Checklist to remind users that any changes to the Progress Report Frequency will be applied to the entire grant. (Ticket HT-89/514109)
   b. The Applications Report on the RFA and Competition launch pages will include the names of the Principle Investigators/Project Directors if they were manually entered by the Program Office at the top of the Application details page (Ticket HT-94/513874).
   c. The ASAP fields on the Organization Profile page have been unlocked for Non-NOAA organizations to allow the ASAP Authorizer to manually update the information since there is no interface feature in place at this time to perform the updates to those records. (Ticket OM-103)
   d. The feature to reassign applications from the Awards File has been fixed for those cases that were previously producing an error screen. (Ticket HT-65/515648)
   e. If an item has been marked "No" for meeting the requirement on the Minimum Requirements Checklist without a comment being entered, the system will not allow the user to leave the Minimum Requirements Checklist page. (Ticket OM-100).
   f. After an application has been associated with an organization profile, the Application details page will display the information from the Organization Profile page rather than the information from the original application. The original application information will still be retained in the attached original documents. (OM-113)

g. The data already entered on the Application details page will be automatically saved when the "Add New" link is clicked to enter the Funding Details. This will cause the Project Start and End dates to be populated into the Budget Start and End dates on the Funding Details screen without having to first press the "Save as Draft" button. (Ticket HT-93/513875)

h. The EIN Number on the Procurement Request screen is now populated from the Organization Profile screen, not from the data on the original application. (Ticket HT-85/514552).

i. The Proposal Number is being saved correctly on the Application Details screen with a limit of 20 characters. (Ticket OM-120)

j. The guidance link on the NEPA details screen for the 2009 Workshop presentation is working correctly as a PDF document instead of accessing a no longer functioning URL. (Ticket OM-128)

k. The "Provisional Organization" document and workflow are now accessible only to Federal users. (Ticket OM-132)

l. The guidance link at the top of the Selection Package is working properly. (Ticket OM-127)

m. Zero dollar awards (including those with a recipient share) will be treated in Grants Online as a "Non-Interfaced" award since they do not have to go through the CBS interface. (Tickets OM-142/UIS-379-39940)

Awards Tab

a. The post-GMD approval workflow for funded awards has been modified to send the action to the ASAP Authorizer *before* moving into WebDocFlow for OLA review. The ASAP Certification task will generate *after* OLA/OLIA clearance. (OM-139). Additionally, the CBS Interface has been modified by the Finance Systems Division to allow funded amendments to produce only a Warning message, instead of an Error, when there is a pending ASAP action on a previous amendment. This will allow Program Offices to submit funded actions to GMD even if there is a previous action in progress for that award that is awaiting ASAP authorization. However, the Grants Officer will still not be able to approve funded amendments with pending ASAP Authorizations on the award.

b. Special Award Conditions requiring a "Satisfy SAC" Award Action Request (AAR) to be submitted will be treated like Progress Reports and Financial Reports during closeout processing. If the "Satisfy SAC" AAR has not been submitted the Grants Specialist will not have an option to initiate the Financial or Manual closeout processes. They will still be able to initiate the process if they select the option to "Override GMD Policy". (Ticket OM-77) *Note: The notification to Grants Specialists to begin the closeout process currently does not check for outstanding SACs. That check will be included in Release 4.12.*

c. The CBS "hardstop" on funded amendments has been fixed to prevent Award Files from being sent to the Grants Management Division if the Procurement Request has not been signed by the Budget Officer. (Ticket OM-24)

d. The re-assignment of SF-270 actions now works for the Grants Specialist. (Ticket OM-8)

e. The GMD Checklist has been updated to include a link for checking the A-133 Single Audit status for the recipient organization. The Organization Profile page has also been updated to include the Recipient Fiscal Year End date and Report Extension date. These data fields will be updated by Grants Specialists and will be used for reporting and delinquent notifications. (Ticket OM-59)

f. Fixes to Financial Closeout Process:
   i. Zero dollar awards do not go through the CBS Interface and do not have an option for routing to the Finance Office.
   ii. Awards with no funds to de-obligate will not have an option for routing to the Finance Office.
   iii. The Grants Specialist will see error messages that result from the initiation of a Financial Closeout so that appropriate action can be taken to resolve the issue before the de-obligation memo is sent to the Grants Officer for approval.

g. The problems with the Title field on the "Change in Key Person" Award Action Request have been resolved. (Ticket HT-57/515853)

h. The problem with completing an ACCS Correction on a Prior Year funding line has been resolved. (Ticket OM-27)

i. When the Federal Program Officer selects the option to "Partially Fund This Award" from a Grants File launch page, they will now be taken back to their Inbox Tasks to avoid the mistake of creating a duplicate Procurement Request. (Ticket HT-44/517490)

j. The issue preventing the display of the "Reason for Suspension" data field on Reactivation of an enforcement action has been resolved. (Ticket HT-16/520918)

k. The system will now prevent removal of a sole Authorized Representative from an award. If the only Authorized Representative on an award is changing or leaving, the new Authorized Representative must be added before the old one is removed. This will prevent the workflow from dying on recipient actions (Ticket HT-43/517838)

l. Federal Program Officers are again being copied on the notification received by a recipient to accept an amendment stemming from an Award Action Request. This cc: was inadvertently removed in a prior release. (Ticket OM-56/YCJ-485-50008)

m. The CFDA Number associated with the Application will now be displayed on the Grants File instead of the CFDA Number on the RFA. (Ticket OM-63)

n. The Organization selection on the Manage Recipient Users screen has been enhanced to include the associated Bureau. (Ticket OM-115)

o. Recipient Administrator tasks are now being sent to all Recipient Administrators for an organization. (Ticket OM-116)

p. Workflow is fixed on SF-270 actions for non-interfaced awards. (Ticket OM-123 / YHD-395-13591)

q. The workflow has been fixed on ASAP tasks on Extensions to Closeout that were previously getting completed automatically but should not have been. (Ticket OM-121)

r. Problem with system calculation of subsequent Extensions to Closeout have been resolved. (Ticket OM-131)

s. ASAP indicator has been added to Award File header in addition to the Grants File header. (Ticket OM-134)

t. The Supplementary Information section of the Grants File has made visible to Grants Management Division users. (Ticket OM-138)

u. The ASAP task has been removed from the "Termination for Convenience" workflow on non-ASAP awards. (Ticket OM-119/QYA-911-24595)

v. Workflow on Award Action Requests without amendments or calls to CBS has been fixed to end at Grants Officer approval with a notification to Authorized Representatives (Ticket OM-122)

w. "Save and Start Workflow" button and workflow history have been fixed on Organization Profile Change Request page. (Tickets OM-135, OM-108)

x. On "Reduce Funding" memo page, the label "Non-Fed Amount' has been changed to "Non-Fed Deduct Amount". (Ticket OM-143)

Account Management Tab

a. The instructions for password resets have been updated to include case sensitivity. (Ticket OM-141)

Reports Tab

a. The "Bureau" parameter has been fixed for the Unexpended Balances Report. (Ticket OM-124/HXF-984-98337)

Review Module

a. FED - A feature has been added to allow the Review Event Manager to change the due date for all open reviews and send out a notification to all reviewers advising them of the modified date. (Ticket HT-29/519455)

b. FED - The ability to assign reviewers to applications will be locked if the Review Event has not been started. (Ticket OM-111)

c. FED - The dropdown options for viewing and redacting the application reviews have been modified to provide additional clarity. (Ticket OM-62)

d. REVIEWER – If Reviewer declines a review based on conflict of interest, the system will go back to the "Application Review Status" page so that user can see the status and log out or navigate to other proposals. (Ticket HT-27/519457)

e. REVIEWER – The broken link to the User's Guide has been fixed. (Ticket OM-52)