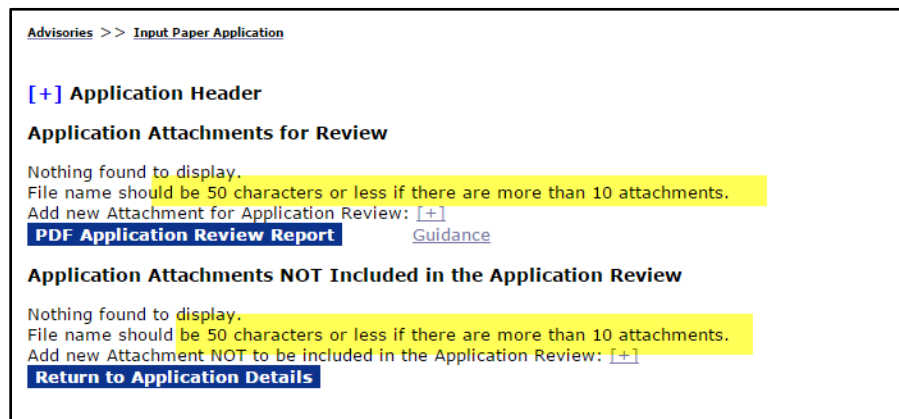*Release Notes for Grants Online Version 4.16*

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Global

1. Award files (application, award or grant), with more than ten (10) attachments, whose individual filenames exceed fifty characters result in system errors. Therefore, file names should not exceed the 50-character limit. (Kayako: IGQ-589-27183; GOL-253)

2. On the opening page of the Grants Online Program Management Office (PMO) Training website, the "***What's New***" link has been replaced with a "***Release Notes***" link. (Kayako: ABP-143-26021; GOL-264)

3. From either the ***Grant Recipients*** link or the ***Federal Program Offices*** link on the opening page of the Grants Online PMO Training website, the user can access the Grants Online Notification Chart – Progress and Financial Reports. (Kayako: ABP-143-26021; GOL-264)

When either the ***Grant Recipients*** link or the ***Federal Program Offices*** link is clicked, the screen image below displays. Click the link associated with item #11 to navigate to the Progress and Financial Reports Notification Schedule.
(http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/grantsonline/Documents/Grants_Online_Notification_Spreadsheet.pdf)
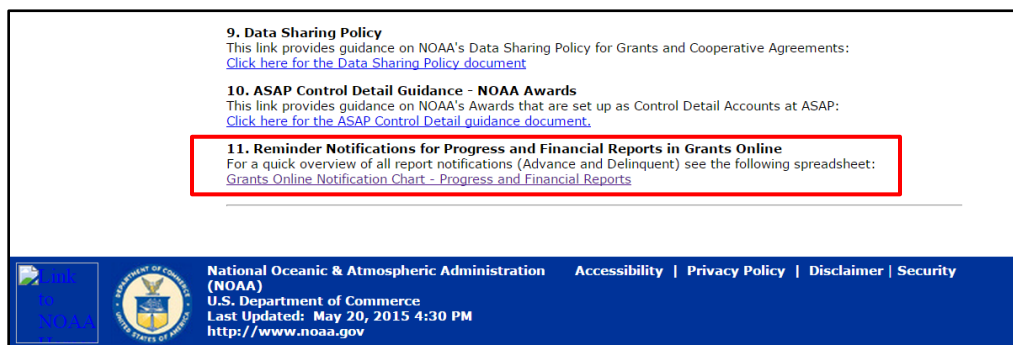
4. If appropriate, the Lead Budget Officer can create a Unique Account Descriptor without specifying a Program Office (i.e., data entry for the Program Office is optional). Account Descriptors created in this manner are available to all Program Offices within the Lead Budget Officer's Line Office. (GOL-249)

Unique Account Descriptor:

Line/Program Office	Descriptor	Identifying Information	Status	Actions
IOOS	IOOS1	Test record	A	Edit Delete
IOOS	IOOS2	Test Record	A	Edit Delete
NCCOS	123456789999999999	NOS-NCCOS 2	A	Edit Delete
NCCOS	ASDFUND 1	NOS-NCCOS 1	A	Edit Delete
NCCOS	ASDTESTWITHOUTSPACE1	NOS-NCCOS 3	A	Edit Delete
NOS	ASD TEST DESCRIPTOR	ASD - GOL 249	A	Edit Delete
NOS	ASD TESTFUND 032515	TEST GOL 249 Descriptor Creation for Line Office	A	Edit Delete

Add New

Descriptor was added correctly

Inbox Tab

1. For all roles (except System Administrators, Grants Specialists, and Grants Officers), the Task Management Search restricts the choices on the Organization dropdown menu to those that are associated with the user's role affiliations. (GOL-261)

Task Management

Task Search

Search Criteria:	Recipient Authorized Representative ▾
Award Number	
Last Name of User:	
Task ID	
Organization:	George Mason University ▾

Search

RFA Tab

1. An "Add New Contact" link allows the RFA Creator to add new Recipient Contacts during the Universal RFA Creation process. (GOL-130)

2. The pdf version of the FFO Report includes a Table of Contents (with the associated page numbers). (GOL-184)

3. When processing a Competitive RFA, the Federal Program Officer now has the option to "View RFA Details**"** or "View Federal Funding Opportunity." (GOL-226)

NOTE: There is one remaining issue associated with this ticket. Two options are available on the dropdown menu for a **Universal RFA**: "View RFA Details" and "View Details." Both options take the user to the same page.

Application Tab

1. The PCRF screens were modified. (GOL-69)
   - The DUNS Number (or when appropriate, the EIN) was added.
   - The following fields were removed (Invoice Address, Ship To, and Requisition Contact Person and Phone Number).

2. The FPO can revise the NEPA document after approval by the NEPA Official (provided the award file is not with the Grants Management Division or has not been signed by the Grants Officer). When an award is revised, it must again be reviewed and approved by the NEPA Official. (GOL-112)

3. When performing an organization lookup with a DUNS Number of '000000000' (the nine-digit number used to designate an individual), the remaining data entry fields are enabled. Entering the DUNS Number for an individual results in a display of the DUNS+4 Number of 000000000-0000. (GOL-166)

Select Organization

Enter your search criteria to find the organization.

Organization Name [　　　　　　]
Address-City [　　　　　　]
DUNS Number [000000000] [　　　]
Address-State [Please select a state ▾]
[Search] [Cancel]

all individual vendor displayed correctly

Add a new organization >>
Returns only Organization(s) with Applicant Type 'Individual'.
25 items found, displaying all items.1

Select	Org ID	Name	Bureau	Address	DUNS	DUNS+	EIN	Cage Code	ASAP Id	Active
Select	2002282	21Julia Burrows	NOAA	212 Pollock Street, Beaufort, NC 28516-2245 USA	000000000	0000			3714339	true
Select	2002040	Andrea Quattrini	NOAA	1900 N. 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 USA	000000000				4249589	true
Select	2002600	Caitlin Jensen	NOAA	1377 Grove St, San Francisco, CA 94117-1419 USA	000000000					true
Select	2002778	Caitlin Jensen	NOAA	1377 Grove St., San Francisco, CA 94117-1419 USA	000000000				610114	true
Select	2002983	Captain Planet	NOAA	320 E Street,, Moscow, ID 83843 USA	000000000					true

4. The Public Affairs Threshold is determined by each bureau (i.e., there is a bureau-specific ceiling). (GOL-191)

5. Updates were made to the Grants Online system based upon amended requirements as defined in the Uniformed Guidance (the Omni Circular). (Kayako: STN-961-20523, GCC-865-33; GOL-209)
    *   The on-screen and printed version of the form were redesigned. Modifications were made to the following data items and/or sections:
        o   The data item "Government Wide Research Terms and Conditions" was renamed. It is now "Federal-Wide Research Terms and Conditions, as Adopted by the Department of Commerce."
        o   When that data item is applicable, information must be provided for R&D.
        o   The 2 CFR, Part 200 is required for all application types.
        o   The 48 CFR, Part 31 is optional for "For-Profit" organizations.
        o   The information associated with the Pre-Award Notification is now 79 FR 78390, dated December 30, 2014.
    *   The Department issued an updated Grants Manual in 2013. The link to that document is: http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/grants_management/policy/documents/FINAL%20Master%20DOC%20Grants%20Manual%202013%20(03.01.13)_b.pdf

6. Several modifications were made to the GMD Checklist/Org Profile; specifically the section associated with the A-133 Audit section. (Kayako: STN-961-20523; GOL-231)
   - The responses to the question "Is the Recipient Current in A-133 Submission?" have been modified. There are now three options: "Yes", "No" or "Not Required."
   - The item "Questioned Costs?" with the possible responses "Yes" or "No" was added.
   - The item "Findings?" with the possible responses "Yes" or "No" was added.
   - A 250-character Comments box has been added.

   - Removed the Clearinghouse address from Notifications email; grantees must submit their audit packages via the Integrated Data Environment System (IDES) Federal Audit Clearinghouse Database.

7. The Award is not available for Grants Officer approval until the "Provisional" status is resolved. A new organization is "Provisional" until the information is validated against SAM.gov. This prevents awards from being signed before new organization records are validated. (Kayako: CYO-818-83536; GOL-239)

8. During the NEPA review and approval process, an optional NEPA Reviewer can be added (at the Program Office level). If multiple users have the NEPA Reviewer role for a Program Office, when the first user takes ownership of the task, the task is removed from the Inbox of the other NEPA Reviewer(s).

   When the NEPA Reviewer has an open task, the NEPA document is locked. This prevents the Federal Program Officer (FPO) from taking concurrent action on the NEPA document. When the NEPA Reviewer completes his/her review, a notification email is sent to the FPO.

   The FPO still has the option to forward the NEPA document to the NEPA Official without waiting for the NEPA Reviewer to complete his/her task. In that case, the NEPA task will be removed from the NEPA Reviewer's inbox. (Kayako: JDM-306-67010; GOL-245)

9. Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU)-related fields have been added to the PO Checklist for the NOAA-specific section. For all CESU Awards, a justification and a Cooperative Agreement Special Award Condition must accompany the award. In addition, users also should ensure the award is marked as a "Cooperative Agreement" versus a "Grant." This edit check is currently not enforced by the system. (Kayako: ICJ-523-42635; GOL-256)

10. Several options associated with Pending Special Award Conditions (SACs) are now in place. The "remove" option was restored to the Pending SAC section. The terms "current" and "other" are used to indicate whether a SAC is a component of the amendment on which the user is working or a component of another award file that is in progress. (GOL-258)

11. In response to the NOAA Finance request, the Award Finance Report now includes the Final Report Due Date, Vendor Number and Vendor ID information. (GOL-266)

Awards Tab

1. The Financial Closeout workflow has been amended to send all actions through the Finance Reviewer for non-interfaced awards. This eliminates the need for the Grants Specialist to check the "Reconciliation" checkbox for non-interfaced awards that carry a zero balance on the final SF-425. The process for interfaced awards does not change. (GOL-240)

2. The Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD) will receive an Award Action Request (AAR) pending notification via email. The email details the specifics of any amendment's pending task. (Kayako: JFP-886-32266; GOL-250)

3. If the final Performance Progress Report (PPR) or Financial Report (SF-425) is submitted prior to the deadline (and returned after the deadline), but not accepted, the PPR and the SF-425 should not be locked to recipients. The recipient can now modify and resubmit the PPR and SF-425. (GOL-263)

Account Management Module

1. When an organization's provisional status has been reviewed and validated, the status of the organization is updated. In earlier releases, this issue only affected organizations marked as "Individual". (GOL-254)

Review Module

1. The user can now review and redact Reviewer comments prior to acceptance. The feature's functionality has been restored to operate as in earlier versions. (Kayako: WAO-244-91820; GOL-262)

EDA-Specific Tickets

1. The Workflow was modified to accommodate EDA's commitment processing. Following Budget Officer approval, tasks for Commit 1 and Commit 2 have been added. (GOL-70)

2. The assignment of new EDA Award numbers follows the algorithm used to assign NOAA Award numbers. (GOL-170)