Release Notes for Grants Online Version 4.25
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The Release Notes convey recent system upgrades and modifications. Click here to view the Help Desk contact information and reference other Grants Online training resources.

Global

1. There is a “Need Help?” button on the Grants Online login screen. Click the button to view Grants Online Help Desk contact information. Also on the page, there is contact information for Grants.gov and links to Grants Online training resources [JIRA: GOL-729]

2. The system time-out alert interval occurs every 20 minutes; the previous time interval was every 10 minutes. To prevent the loss of work, it is strongly recommended that the user regularly save his/her work on a regular basis. [JIRA: GOL-768]
The action associated with the assignment of roles/affiliations has been enhanced. Under this enhancement the following rules are in effect. [JIRA: GOL-656]

- Prevent a new role from being added to a delegator's account that is not also already on the delegate's account. An attempt to circumvent the new rule results in an error message that specifies why the sys admin cannot add the new role.

- Prevent a role from being removed from the delegate's account that is still on the delegator's account. An attempt to circumvent the new rule results in an error message that specifies why the sys admin cannot remove the role(s).
RFA Tab

1. A link to the guidance document associated with the Application Due Date has been established.  
   http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/grantsonline/Documents/ApplicationDueDateGuidance.pdf  
   [JIRA: GOL-780]

![RFA Tab Image]

Application Tab

1. For non-interfaced awards, when adding a new organization, the Provisional Organization processing commences after the Conduct Negotiations step. If the user attempts to obtain information from CBS prior to completion of Provisional Organization processing an error message is displayed. On the other hand, for interfaced awards there is a call to CBS. If there is a match for that organization in SAM.gov, processing continues as usual.

   The vendor control steps (reference the UNI-3 process diagram – steps 23 - 30) are similar to those used when processing an Individual (Application Type). During processing the person with the Vendor Data Control role can manually insert vendor information into Grants Online.  
   [JIRA: GOL-486]
2. Under the Available Special Award Conditions heading, the items included in the display are limited to the user’s Bureau. The items displayed are aggregated by subgroup.
Under the **Pending Special Award Conditions** heading, each item has a Code associated with it. The Code ensures the Special Award Condition was correctly selected and associated with the Award. [JIRA: GOL-563]

3. The problem associated with applications that are submitted to Grants.gov and subsequently downloaded to Grants Online has been resolved. To allow adequate time for an application to be transferred to Grants Online, please allow 48 hours after the application due date before contacting the Grants Online Help Desk. [JIRA: GOL-626]

4. On the PO Checklist, the text under the **Research Terms & Conditions Prior Approval and Other Requirements** has been simplified to provide clarification. [JIRA: GOL-628]

5. During the **Conduct Negotiations** process when the FPO is attempting to add an Organization:

   a. The organization is in SAM.gov (active registration) ➔ the system allows that organization to be selected (i.e., there is a “Select” hyperlink in the first column).

   b. The organization is in SAM.gov (expired registration) ➔ the system prevents that organization from being selected (i.e., there not a “Select” hyperlink in the first column and there is a red box highlighting the organization’s SAM.gov expiration date).

   c. The organization is NOT in SAM.gov. The only application type that can be added (using the **Add a New Organization** hyperlink) is **Individual**.
NOTE: In most cases, within 1-2 days of when an organization is registered with SAM.gov, the organization can successfully be updated (available for selection) in Grants Online. [JIRA: GOL-635]

Screen Image for 5b:

Awards Tab

1. The rules associated with revising an approved PRCF have been modified. [JIRA: GOL-385]:

   The limitation that only a certified FPO can revise an approved PRCF has been removed. Now any FPO, within the Program Office with which the assigned FPO is affiliated, can revise an approved PRCF.

2. Recipients can submit Performance Progress Reports (PPRs) and Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) beyond the closeout period (defined as the ninety (90) days after the Award End Date) without requesting an extension to the award performance period. However, if the Financial Closeout is in progress, no FFRs can be submitted. However, PPRs can still be submitted – whether within the 90 days or outside of the 90 days. [JIRA: GOL-405] Also Reference: [JIRA: GOL-63] and [JIRA: GOL-524].
3. When the *Change in PD/PI* or the *Change in Key Personnel* Award Action Request is approved, the Recipient Administrator has a task to Manage Users. The Manage Users task is available from the Action dropdown menu (second screen image). When task is completed (i.e., it is removed from the Recipient Administrator’s Inbox), the Federal Program Officer and the Grants Specialist receive an email notification.  [JIRA: GOL-596]

![Task to update Key Personnel](image1)

![Award Action Request - NA18NOS4820039](image2)

4. For the Satisfy Specific Conditions Award Action Request, rather than displaying a number for the SAC (Special Award Condition) Name, the Federal Program Officer screen correctly displays the name of the SAC.  [JIRA: GOL-675]

![SAC Name displayed](image3)
5. On the SF-425 (item 11); there were two data elements identified as 11e. That has been corrected; the first item is 11e; the second item is 11f. [JIRA: GOL-751]

![Table Image]

6. For both the interim and final Performance Progress Reports (PPRs), the Notification Schedule for delinquent PPR acceptance has been increased from thirty (30) days to ninety (90) days. [JIRA: GOL-752]

![Image of Delinquent Project Progress Report Acceptance for NOAA Award NA18NOS4820010]
7. The issue with an inaccurate Checklist Completion Date being displayed when a new ASAP vendor was added to Grants Online has been corrected. [JIRA: GOL-761]

8. The hyperlink for the **What is Fly America Act** guidance (on the Foreign Air Carrier for Travel page) has been fixed. [JIRA: GOL-793]
9. The Grants Specialist or the Director role on an award can be reassigned. [JIRA: GOL-795; Kayako: YZM-245-40778]

EDA

1. The information associated with Special Initiatives Codes on the EDA-Specific PO Checklist Elements screen has been modified. Under the Additional Project Information header, the Update Date is visible.

The Grants Online Help Desk can, at the request of the EDA Project Office, include additional Special Initiatives Codes. [JIRA: GOL-742; Kayako: PAK-688-81451]