

## Mission

The Grants Center of Excellence (COE) mission is to provide a comprehensive and cost effective grants management solution for grantors, grantees and applicants. We provide the technology that our partners use to award and manage their grants.

Our systems incorporate all 14 GMLOB grant award processes for awarding agencies and recipients as well as extensive and flexible post award reporting mechanisms.

Our architecture allows customization for agency specific business rules and links to any agency's systems including financial management systems.

We are a partnership, where each Agency determines its level of participation. A partner's cost is only based on the volume of their award actions. There is no development charge for the existing system.

The COE Team's record of service has led to an average of one additional agency voluntarily becoming a COE partner each quarter of this year.

## Recent Honors

- Selected by OMB to be a US Grants Center of Excellence authorized to offer e-business services to all Federal departments and agencies – February, 2006
- HHS Secretary's Distinguished Service Award – July, 2006
- 2006 Presidential Award for Management Excellence. The highest award given to Executive Branch agencies for management excellence. – November, 2006

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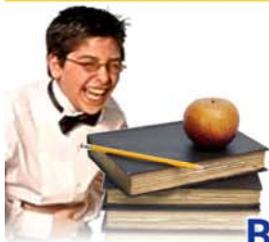
## The Grants Center of Excellence

A Partnership Available to All Federal Agencies

### 2006 Presidential Award for Management Excellence

An OMB Designated Grants Center of Excellence





## Benefits

### Grantee

Easier and more cost effective grants administration through electronic reporting and information access.

### Grantor

Improved financial and programmatic stewardship where cost savings, standards and readily adaptable business processes allow Federal Agencies to do more with the monies they have.

### Public

Increased availability of more comprehensive information on who is being served with grant dollars throughout the grants lifecycle.

## The Grants Center of Excellence

- Proven – Serving over 80 Programs, 7 agencies and \$60 billion in grants.
- Cost effective – Processing costs dropped 20% this year
- Comprehensive – Discretionary and mandatory grants, all types
- Mission Focused – Government-wide standards with business process customization.
- Integrated – Electronic links to your agency's systems.
- Service Based – Outstanding references from partners being served.
- Collegial – Innovative ideas, contributions, and pilots encouraged.

## Highlights

- GrantSolutions.gov extranet for post award reporting saves Federal Agencies and their partners thousands of hours annually.
- Funds Control integrated with Federal financial systems increases accuracy, reduces data-entry time and ensures funds availability.
- Comprehensive features provide most partners with all necessary services at no additional cost. New development costs are reduced through sharing. Partner capabilities are leveraged.
- Secondary sites for Disaster Recovery and Continuity of Operations are in place preventing service interruptions.

### **Another Customer Service Success Story:**

**"On behalf of Indian Health Services, Division of Grants Operations, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for all the assistance IHS has received from the Center of Excellence team."**

