

GrantSolutions 3.1 Release Notes – Federal Staff

General Changes

1. On the Grantee's Pending Award Screen a [View Award](#) link was added adjacent to the list of pending grants.
 - Selecting this link accesses a PDF version of the NGA.
2. Enhanced the performance for the Notice of Grants Award List – In Process/Draft screen.
3. The general public page for viewing grant announcements has been enhanced. The new format has a header and footer similar to the other application pages.

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Grant Announcements

Please enter selection criteria to view the available announcements, to view all announcements, just press search:

Program:

Program Office:

CFDA:

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Figure 1 View Grant Announcements page.

4. Implemented a modification to the text message (eMail) Grantees receive for awards with a status of **“Awaiting Grantee Acceptance”** and **“Completed.”** The new text message also includes a link to the **“Grantee Account Registration Form”** for instructions on establishing a GrantSolutions account.
5. On the Federal Staff FPAR List screen, an improvement was implemented for the “Calendar Year” search parameter. The list of available years has been sorted in descending order.
6. On the NGA Processing screen, the **“Waiting for CLO”** state has been added to the NGA Status search *drop-down* list. Users may now perform a search for NGAs in this state.
7. On the Competing ORC Scoring Entries screen, the Service Office *drop-down* list of options have been sorted in ascending order.

FMO

An enhancement was implemented for the Look-up Table Maintenance Screen when the FMO adds a CAN.

- The Service Area *drop-down* is filtered to display only CANS in the Areas the user is assigned.
- The Service Area *drop-down* list of options has been sorted in ascending order.

Grants.gov

1. Implemented an upgrade to the interface that connects GrantSolutions to the Adobe system.
2. Implemented a feature to automatically post announcements from GrantSolutions to Grants.gov FIND interface using XML email transmission. From the Manage Announcements page, once an announcement is posted:
 - Users may select the [Send to Grants.gov FIND](#) link.

When modifications to a previously sent announcement are made:

- Users may select the [Resend to Grants.gov FIND](#) link.

Announcements

1. The Partner Assistance type field has been added to the Create/Edit Announcement screen. Selection of this field is based on the Business Rules and is not displayed on the public announcement.
2. When Adding/Editing an Announcement, from the Manage Announcements screen, the “Eligibility Category” is now a *required* field.
3. An enhancement was implemented for the Grant Enclosures (Add/Edit) screen that allows selection of Grant Program Types (GPT) that are assigned to user’s Service Office.

Funding Memorandum Log

1. Implemented an improvement to the Funding Memo Log screen that adds a Check box feature.

For users generating more than one draft NGA, once a search has been executed:

- Users may “select all” or “un-select all” grant records from the results list.
2. A *drop-down* list has been added to the Funding Memo Log screen for selection of the Partner Assistance Type.

Award/NGA Components/Manage NGA Components

Implemented an improvement to the NGA Components screen that adds a Check box feature.

Under Grant Program Type (GPT), all available grant programs (based on assignments) are displayed. For users selecting more than one GPT:

- Users may “**select all**” or “**un-select all**” Grant Programs from the list.

Funds Control

1. Implemented a new Funds check business rule for account balances in the award workflow. If an obligation transaction is for a negative amount (a de-obligation), the absolute amount must not be greater than what was previously awarded to the same financial account (CAN number) and grantee account (document number).

2. The Entity/Employer Identification Number (EIN) is associated with the Document number and the EIN Payee Identification Number (PIN) must match prior Document numbers; unless the balance for all previous awards to that Document number is now \$0.

Admin Module

1. Implemented a new feature for the System Admin to lock/unlock inactive user accounts with open assignments.
2. The following new Admin lookup tables were implemented for the SA and PA:
 - Manage Partner Assistance type
 - Manage Partner Agreement Categorization
3. An improvement has been implemented for the Add Area Workload Screen. The *drop-down* list for the Service Areas has been sorted in ascending order (alphabetical).
4. A correction was implemented on the Manage Organizations screen when Adding/Editing an Organization. Users must enter text for the Organization name.
5. A correction was implemented on the Look-up Table Maintenance screen when Adding/Editing an Object Class Code.
 - A *drop-down* list has been added for the Object Class Code field.
 - This list displays only Object Class Codes assigned to users GPT.

Agency/Partner Specific Changes

Department of Transportation (DOT/FRA)

1. Implemented formatting improvements that are specific to the FRA NGA form.
2. Implemented a modification that corrects the pop-up dialog box when recommending and forwarding Funding Memos. The pop-up now displays the next reviewer.

Department of State (DOS G/TIP)

Implemented a new NGA *data-entry* form specific to DOS. The NGA form utilizes the following new fields, which are unique to each Partner:

1. **Partner Assistance Type** field allows selection of an option that identifies the type of assistance.
2. **Partner Recipient Type** field allows entry of a description that categorizes the Grantee Organization.
3. **Partner Statutory Authority** Appropriation field allows entry of a description to categorize an award with the Appropriation associated with the Statutory Authority.
4. **Partner Agreement Categorization** field (an optional field) categorizes the type of agreement associated with a project.
5. **Partner Transaction Function Code** allows entry of a description to categorize an award with the Appropriation associated with the Statutory Authority.

Implemented a grant number format:

- A new property of Partner, **Partner Code**, was added to identify the Partner Agency.
- A new property of Service Office, **Office Code**, was added to identify the Grants Service Office responsible for the management of the Grant Project.

- Fiscal Year (FY) of the Project component was added to identify the last *two-digits* of the FY in which the assistance agreement is awarded.

NOTE: This property can be modified on the Funding memo Log by (GMS, GQC, GMO) before drafting the NGA.

- The **Partner Assistance Type** component has been added to identify the type of assistance, which is defined as a category that the Partner associates to describe the type of award.
- The **Partner Specific Type** of Assistance field has a mapping to the standard FFATA data reporting elements (Assistance Type Enum) to define how the Assistance type will be reported.
- Implemented NGA and financial transactions to accounting for funds control

A financial accounting transaction structure for funds control was implemented:

- The (Add/Edit) CAN screens have been enhanced for new properties of Detailed Financial Account entity, which provides additional details for a Financial Account when it is not available from an Accounting System.

Denali

Enhanced the Denali grant number format for generating Competing Continuation grants. Competing continuations now generates a new unique grant number.

Budget Worksheet

1. The Budget Worksheet (BW) is now available for edits once the application has been market “eligible” from the Application Screening Intake Review Screen. This improvement allows users to modify the BW before generating a draft NGA.
2. Implemented label changes on the Edit/Add Category screens and Edit/Add line item screens for both Pre-Award and NGA Processing Budget Worksheets. These label changes identify adjustments.

NGA

1. The NGA Award now displays the Grantee’s Address and Country (U.S. and Foreign).
2. The Authorization (Legislation/Regulations) field has been modified to accommodate up to 250 characters.
3. The following fields are unique to each Partner and have been added to the NGA form:
 - **Partner Statutory Authority** Appropriation field allows entry of a description to categorize an award with the Appropriation associated with the Statutory Authority.
 - **Partner Recipient Type** field allows entry of a description that categorizes the Grantee Organization.
 - **Partner Assistance Type** field allows selection of an option that identifies the type of assistance.
 - **Partner Agreement Categorization** field (an optional field) categorizes the type of agreement associated with a project.

NOTE: The Agreement Categorization field can be added to the draft NGA from the Admin module.

Password Policy

Implemented an improvement for GrantSolutions Change Password Policy. Upon accessing the Change Password Screen, users will see the Password Policy. When the new password and re-entered password do not match, a pop-up dialog displays.