Grants.gov and Adobe platform updates

Grants Management Users' Network
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Grants.gov updates

• There was a 109% increase in Grants.gov submissions from FY 2006 and 2007.

• As of 1/15/08 there have been 50,575 successful applications in Grants.gov for fiscal year 2008.

• Grants.gov has received 1,144 Adobe applications since it rolled out 9/07.
Grants.gov forms updates

• There has been versioning of the SF424 form sets as they transition from Pure Edge to Adobe. What is currently known in the Pure Edge world as the SF424 R&R is currently showing up in the Grants.gov sample form sets as the RR_SF424. Same forms regardless of naming convention used.

• Both SF 424 and SF 424 R & R Form sets are to be modified to guarantee compliance with FFATA (Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act). The modifications will include a few new data fields be added to a few of the forms.
Adobe functionality update

• The Adobe Reader applications are compatible with most computers including PCs, Macs, Linux and UNIX operating systems.

• Grants.gov is no longer recommending the 7.0.9 version of the Adobe reader or allowing for this to be downloaded from their website. Only version 8.1.1 is recommended and available for download at the Grants.gov website in the Resource section of the webpage.
## Computer/operating system compatibility

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Adobe transition so far for the 26 participating agencies

- 5 agencies posting 100% of their funding opportunities in Adobe. Grants.gov shared four names: NRC, NEA, NARA, SBA

- 10 agencies are posting in both Pure Edge and Adobe. This list from Grants.gov includes: DoD, DOJ, DOI, DOT, HHS, HUD, NEH, DOS, USAID, USDA

- 11 agencies not yet posting in Adobe
Projected Adobe transition schedule released 1/15/08

• The last Pure Edge opportunity postings to their website by 4/1/08.

• Pure Edge Application Submission cut off 6/30/08.

• Pure Edge System archived and retired 12/30/08
Grants.gov to address the Adobe corruption issue

To stem the tide of Adobe packages that are being corrupted due to users not having the 8.1.1 version of the Adobe reader, Grants.gov will:

• immediately start to include a message that warns users against using any Adobe Reader version other than Adobe Reader 8.1.1 (projected roll out 1/25/08).

• continue efforts to develop code to include in Adobe Reader cover pages to detect the version of the Adobe Reader software seeking to open the form and warn the user if the Reader is not compatible.
Adobe reader assistance

Software/Technical/Downloads question/answers can be found on the Grants.gov webpage at:

http://grants.gov/help/general_faq.jsp#software

To view Adobe form functionality test packages can be found on the Grants.gov webpage at:

http://grants.gov/aboutgrants/buildreleases.jsp