



GATA Buzz Bites

Weekly Updates for ILSAC-GATA Subcommittee and Workgroups



Welcome to the GATA Buzz Bites—a weekly update to assist with internal communication and out reach between subcommittees and workgroups. Communication liaisons will be contacting Subcommittee Co-Chairs for Buzz Bite Update information. Buzz Bite information will be due at noon on Fridays to assure Friday afternoon distribution.

Communication Highlights

Contracts/Grant Agreement Subcommittee

- Need to exchange information with Grant Application subcommittee
- Requested a CRV presentation from the Technology Subcommittee

Financial Subcommittee

- Concern on low participation from non-profit groups on subcommittee -need outreach
- Need Communication subcommittee outreach to address the importance of their participation
- Requested a CRV presentation from the Technology Subcommittee

Grant Application Subcommittee

- The Merit Based Review workgroup needs to meet with the Grant Award workgroup

Streamlining Subcommittee

- Streamlining needs meeting with Technology re: system requirements

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Contracts/Grant Agreement

Recent Accomplishments: We have reviewed five sections and completed recommendations on three.

Current Status: We are currently focused on the rules and making recommendations for aligning federal with state language.

Communication Needs: We have identified a need to exchange information with the Grant Application/Grant Award committee. We have also requested a presentation from the Technology Subcommittee about the CRV.

Financial — Workgroups: Pre-Qualification, Budget & Financial Reporting and Cost Principles

Recent Accomplishments: Reviewed state & federal rules, began establishing criteria necessary to meet requirements, discussed the need for internal control questionnaires, budget and financial reporting forms and monitoring tools, and discussed the use of a risk based approach and use of the Green Book.

Current Status: Currently members are working on reviewing various internal control questionnaires, reporting forms and monitoring tools. Will be making final decisions on need for additional rules at each of the next work group meetings.

with GATA Buzz Bites and develop liaison communications to ensure internal communications are relevant and ongoing.

Communication Needs: Only 4 of the 9 of the non-profit groups on this subcommittee have participated – need to get the message out of the importance of their participation.

Please let the Training and Communication Subcommittee know if you find this helpful or share any suggestions! Email us at:

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Grant Application — Workgroups: Grant Application/Grant Award Issuance, Merit Based Review Requirements and Programmatic Risk Assessment

Recent Accomplishments: Reviewed state and federal rules, reviewed Sections 200.202, 200.203 and 200.208 and agreed upon recommendations for rules. Reviewed Section 200.204 and have drafted rule recommendations.

Current Status: Currently reviewing sections 200.210, 200.211, 460 and Appendix 1, Merit Based Review draft is in process of review for other subcommittee input.

Communication Needs: The Merit Based Review draft rules need to be coordinated with the Grant Award subcommittee and a meeting scheduled.

Performance Measures and Reporting

Recent Accomplishments: This Subcommittee has reviewed the performance measure requirements for performance measures and reporting requirements of the Uniform requirements of 2 CFR Part 200. We are leaning towards recommending rules that are in line with these federal requirements, but we are awaiting additional comments.

Current Status: We will soon begin work of drafting our sections of the proposed rules.

Communication Needs: The committee articulated the need for a comprehensive database of grantees to ensure that communication on the GATA and its implementation is reaching every segment of the grantee community. In the meanwhile, we are recommending asking both state agencies and grantees that are already represented on the various subcommittees, to help share information using the tools that are currently at their disposal.

Streamlining — Workgroups: Audit , Fiscal & Administrative Onsite Reviews and Indirect Cost Rate Proposal

Recent Accomplishments: All three of the workgroups have reviewed their objectives and applicable Federal requirements under the Uniform Guidance and State requirement if available. The Audit Workgroup has determined “for profit” audit requirements, and the threshold for state grantee audits. The Indirect Cost Rate Proposal Workgroup has reviewed what needs to be included in the RFP when contracting out the indirect cost rate proposal negotiation process.

Current Status: The Onsite Monitoring Workgroup is determining the factors that will lead to various levels of monitoring such as requesting information from the grantee and doing a desk check versus going on site. A subgroup of this workgroup is meeting this week to review monitoring tools already in use in order to develop a standard monitoring tool that will be used by all agencies with agencies having the capability to make additions to the tool to cover agency specific needs. The Audit Workgroup is reviewing the use of Agreed Upon Procedures versus audits for less risky grantees. The Indirect Cost Rate Proposal Workgroup will have a State procurement expert meeting with this Workgroup next week to ensure a proper understanding of the RFP process.

Communication Needs: There will be a strong need to discuss system requirements with the Technology subcommittee as these workgroups will require the ability to share information across State agencies; track the criteria for monitoring and audits; and the status of monitoring visits, audits, and indirect cost rate proposals.

Technology—Workgroups: Technology Design, Development and Implementation, Data Security and Personally Identifiable Information, Website Technology and Portal Management and Central Repository Vault

Recent accomplishments: General orientation for all participants. Addition of new members. Level set of deliverables. Exploration of work group needs. Working with GATU staff to meet with McKinsey Group regarding ERP opportunities.

Current status: subcommittee planning to meet week of July 26.

Communication needs: none at this time.

Training and Communication—Workgroups: Communication Plan Workgroup and Training Plan Workgroup

Recent Accomplishments: We have distributed State Agency Training Program and Resources Survey which is due June 12, 2015; determined minimum training areas; drafted rules for minimum requirements; distributed initial GATA BUZZ newsletters: set up liaisons for subcommittees, and have started communication liaison contact process. We also have completed a first draft of a GATA Communication Plan.

Current Status: We are reviewing draft language for training minimum requirement rule recommendations and collecting and distributing communication needs information through liaison activity, newsletter and GATA Buzz Bites. We are also reviewing the communication plan draft for revision and submission to GATU.

Communication Needs: The current communication need is to establish a weekly internal communication information exchange with GATA Buzz Bites and develop liaison communications to ensure internal communications are relevant and ongoing.

