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**TO:** USDA Agency Chief Financial Officers and Staff Office Directors

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**SUBJECT:** DATA Act – USDA Agency Responsibility for Reporting Financial Assistance Data Stored Outside of FMMI / ezFedGrants Systems

On May 9, 2014, the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014, (Public Law 113-101, DATA Act) was signed into law. The DATA Act amends the Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA). It requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to report all Federal funds, including obligations and expenditures, and continue reporting Federal financial assistance and contract awards as required under FFATA.

The Department of Treasury (Treasury) developed DATA Act Information Model Schema (DAIMS) which consists of seven report files: A-C, D1, D2, E-F. USDA is responsible for reporting files A-D2<sup>1</sup>.

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) is responsible for reporting data required under the DATA Act to Treasury on behalf of USDA agencies. The required data covers the financial system data (Files A-C) and current FFATA data (Files D1-D2). OCFO will collect via the “NFC File Layout”<sup>2</sup>, prepare it in the format specified in the Treasury DAIMS and submit the data to Treasury. Each agency is responsible for the completeness and quality of data being reported, including addressing any data validation errors that may occur.

Agency financial data housed in the USDA Financial Management Modernization Initiative system (FMMI) will be extracted by OCFO, validated according to DAIMS rules, and properly formatted before submission for Files A-C. Agencies which have implemented financial assistance programs in ezFedGrants will have the financial assistance data for those programs reported on their behalf in file D2. Agencies who have any financial assistance programs outside of ezFedGrants will be responsible for reporting the D2 file data to OCFO. Agencies housing financial data outside of FMMI must provide all 4000 Series General Ledger data to OCFO. This data will be used to

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<sup>1</sup> USDA will submit appropriations data in File A, Budget Object Class and Program Activity information in File B. Award financial attributes will be reported in File C. FFATA data will reported in files D1 for procurement data and File D2 for Federal financial assistance data. Files E-F will be extracted from external Federal systems.

<sup>2</sup> The “NFC file layout” is a file that contains all reportable data elements under the DATA Act. It has been shared with the DATA Act Points of Contact working group. Agencies and Staff Offices are aware of the reporting requirements and working to comply with this reporting requirement.

populate the A-C files. NFC will collect the data, prepare it in the format specified in the Treasury DAIMS and submit the data to Treasury.

This memo requests written assurance from all agencies that implementation for submission of timely and accurate data outside of FMMI is underway or completed. A statement of assurance signed by your Agency CFO or Staff Office Director will be due to Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) 20 business days from the date of this memo.

Questions concerning this memorandum should be directed to Tyson Whitney at 202-720-8978 or tyson.whitney@cfo.usda.gov

Attachments

CC: DATA Act Points of Contact  
Federal Financial Assistance Committee