

MEMORANDUM

To: Subscribers to *Grants Management for Government*

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Subject: Highlights

Grants.gov was established as a governmental resource named the E-Grants Initiative, part of the President's 2002 Fiscal Year Management Agenda to improve government services to the public. Today, Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$400 billion in annual awards. To make your grant application and amendment processes more effective, efficient, and helpful we offer the following new information in the 2008 update of your subscription to *Grants Management for Government*.

- *Clarification on Use of EPA's Common Rule.* The author clarifies the use of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Common Rule, 40 CFR Part 31. There are separate common rules that apply to federal grant funding agencies. (See Chapter 8.)
- *Grants.gov E-Government Initiative.* Twenty-six federal grant-funding agencies are under an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) initiative to offer new applicants and current grantees a single Web site to apply for grants and to make amendments to an existing grant award. The Grants.gov amendment process is explained in this update. (See Chapter 9.)

Grants Management for Government provides practical advice for processing and managing federal grants. It covers professional development, program management, reporting and evaluation, and accounting and auditing. Incorporating these materials into your manual will ensure that it is the definitive source of information you need to stay current in this critical area.