Applicant Release 18.2 Notes

Version 1

Production Deployment: July 18-20, 2020
Training Deployment: July 20-22, 2020

July 7, 2020
Release Notes Overview

• Applicant Enhancements: UEI Preparations
  – Workspaces
  – Submissions

• Applicant S2S Enhancements
  – Security Enhancements

• Upcoming User Impacts
Preparing for UEI: Workspaces

- UEI forms will be deployed in Training environment starting on September 8, 2020
  - Applicants will be able to test these forms in the Training environment
  - For more details, see https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/planned-uei-updates.html

- There will be packages containing DUNS forms even though new Organizations will only have a UEI as SAM cutover date
  - Organizations with only a UEI will not be allowed to create a Workspace for these packages with DUNS forms

- Workspace processing updated for UEI forms
  - Workspaces will populate UEI based on Package
    - UEI Package: populate UEI
    - DUNS Package: continue to populate DUNS
    - New versions of the Workspace Form Coversheets will support both UEI and DUNS
    - Individual Workspaces will use “00000000INDV” as the UEI
  - Existing DUNS forms can be copied/reused into UEI forms (and vice versa)

- Enabled Applicants to search workspaces by either UEI when available or DUNS
Preparing for UEI: Submissions

- Grants.gov will process submissions using both DUNS and UEI packages until all Grantors switch to UEI forms
- Rejection messages updated to accommodate both DUNS and UEI submissions
- Enabled Applicants to search submitted applications by either UEI when available or DUNS
APPLICANT S2S ENHANCEMENTS
Security Enhancements

• Only Support TLS 1.2 with ephemeral (ECDHE and DHE) ciphers. This change will be effective:
  – In Training Environment with Release 18.2
  – In Production Environment on December 19, 2020
UPCOMING USER IMPACTS
Upcoming Changes with User Impact

For the latest information on upcoming changes with user impacts, please check out the Grants.gov Notices page:


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