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
APPLICANT ENHANCEMENTS
Preparation 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

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