WORKFORCE INFORMATION GRANTS TO STATES ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORTING SYSTEM

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INTRODUCTION

This document is the User Guide for the Workforce Information Grants to States Annual Narrative Reporting System (WIGS ANRS) grantee reporting system.

The WIGS ANRS electronic system consists of all necessary forms and fields for completing, certifying, and submitting a Quarterly Performance Report (QPR).

This User Guide provides detailed, step-by-step instructions for utilizing the WIGS ANRS, addresses common questions, and offers assistance to users as they complete tasks within the WIGS ANRS.

Report Submission Requirements

WIGS grantees are required to submit an annual grant performance report to the United States Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA) in order to comply with the reporting and record keeping requirements of the grant. Each grantee must submit an annual narrative report that provides information on the state's accomplishment of specific WIGS deliverables, the findings and results customer consultations, and state recommendations to improve the required grant deliverables. This system allows grantees to transmit their annual narrative submissions to USDOL/ETA electronically.

For more information about these requirements, please refer to the Training and Employment Guidance Letter # 29-12 the Program Year (PY) 2013 Workforce Information Grants to States (WIGS): Policy and Program Guidance, Application Instructions, and Formula Allocations at http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=6908.

Certification

The official signatory of the grant will receive a **password** via email, along with the **Personal Identification Number (PIN)** necessary for certification. The password allows access into the reporting system and the PIN number is required for certification. **Grantees are strongly encouraged to secure this information so it does not become lost or stolen.** Individuals responsible for preparing quarterly performance reports should coordinate with their respective grant signatory to obtain the password to log into the reporting system. The Grant Signatory retains the PIN number to certify the report,

Reports must be certified and submitted no later than 45 days after the end of the report quarter. Until the report is certified, a user may go back and edit information at any time.

Grantees with questions about accessing their performance reporting password and pin should

contact their Federal Project Officer for further assistance. Additional information about the report certification can be found on page 26.

System Requirements

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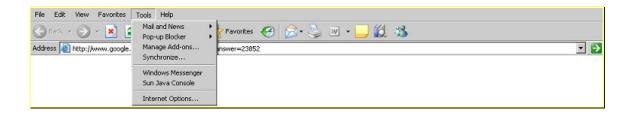
ETA currently supports Internet Explorer 6 (IE6) and 7 (IE7) web browsers only.

Enabling JavaScript

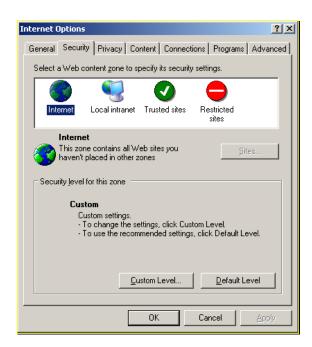
In order to access the WIGS ANRS system, you will need to have JavaScript enabled. This section shows you how to enable JavaScript using Internet Explorer versions 6 (IE6) and 7 (IE7).

JavaScript for IE6

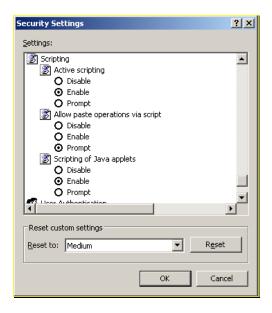
1. Click on the **Tools** menu item and select **Internet Options**.



2. The **Internet Options** window will display.



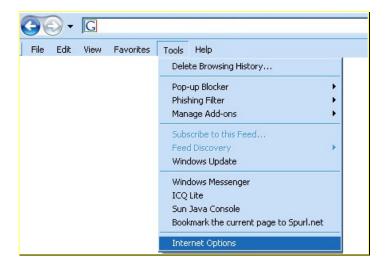
3. Click the **Security** tab, then click the **Custom Level...** button. The **Security Settings** window will display.



- 4. Scroll down until you see the section labeled **Scripting**.
- 5. Under **Active Scripting**, select **Enable** and click the **OK** button.

Enabling JavaScript for IE7

1. Click on the **Tools** menu item and select **Internet Options**.





2. Click the **Security** tab, then click the **Custom Level...** button. The **Security Settings** window will display.



- 3. Scroll down to the **Scripting** section.
- 4. Select **Enable** for **Active Scripting** and **Scripting of Java Applets**.
- 5. Click the **OK** button.
- 6. If a dialogue box appears asking you to confirm, click the **Yes** button.
- 7. Click the **OK button**; close the window.
- 8. Reload the page.

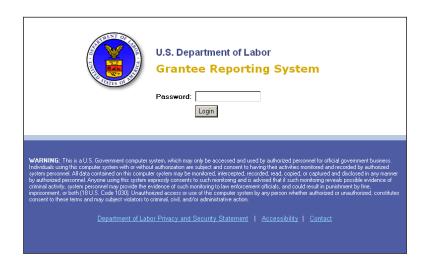
ACCESSING the WIGS ANRS SYSTEM

In this section you will learn how to gain access to the WIGS ANRS website.

Log In and Home Page

To access the WIGS ANRS system:

- 1. In your browser address bar, enter the following URL: http://www.etareports.doleta.gov
- 2. Click Go, or press Enter.



3. Enter your Password.

Note: The official signatory of the grant will receive the Password via email, along with the PIN necessary for certification. See pages 4-5 for more information.

4. Click the **Login** button. The Home page will display.

On this page, in addition to selecting your grant, there are several links at the bottom related to the DOL Security Certificate you will need to install and error messages you may encounter. Please make a note of these links, as reporting may include the transmission of Social Security Numbers, which requires a secure connection to the system.



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- 5. If your organization has more than one grant, select your desired grant number from the drop down menu.
- 6. Click the **Choose Grant** button. The Home page now displays the Reporting Date selection option.
- 7. Select your Reporting Date, or Initial Report, from the drop down menu.
- 8. Click the **Choose Reporting Date** button; the Security Alert will display to which you should **click "Yes".**

USING the SYSTEM

Once you have logged into the system, in addition to grantee information, you will see of tabs across the top of the screen:

- Narratives
- Certify



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We will discuss each of these in turn. Please note that you may work with each of these tabs in any order that suits you with the exception of the Certify tab which will be the **last** tab you will need to go to in order to submit your report.

We recommend that you review the Navigation Elements which follows this section on page 28. as well so that you are familiar and comfortable with the system before getting started.

Finally, save your work often! Please do not wait until you are ready to certify to save your work. This could result in a significant amount of retyping in the event there is a technical problem with the reporting system.

Narrative

Click the **Narrative** tab located near the top of the screen. The two primary sections of this tab are the Narrative File upload field and the individual fields for each part of the narrative document. Each is required.

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WIGS Grantee:

Home | Log out

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Narrative Certify

Narrative Definitions

The form has been successfully saved

Narrative Data

Grantees must complete two steps to file their Narrative report: first, upload the entire report in MS Word (.doc) or an accessible Acrobat (.pdf) using the "Narrative File:" field below. To upload the file, click the "Browse" button, navigate your system for the file, and click the "Save" button. Second using MS Word or other text editor, copy and paste each section of the narrative report into the corresponding field on this page and then click the "Save" button at the bottom of this page. Do not format the text in the fields; simply copying and pasting from the narrative report is sufficient.

Top of Form Document or File: * Browse **Additional Information** If you have other files to upload in addition to the narrative file, use the Upload Additional File and Hyperlink fields. Up to ten additional files or hyperlinks to additional documents or tools may be entered Do not use this field to upload the any Personally Identifiable Information or any information containing SSNs as this area does not store them securely. Upload Additional File: **Browse** Provide Hyperlinks: Enter Save Copy and paste the information from each section of the annual narrative report into the text fields below. Annual Performance Reports are required to address the end of program year status for the Workforce Information Grants to States (WIGS) deliverables following the format below: If you do not have information for a required section, please enter N/A in that field. Population of the Workforce Information Database; * Development and dissemination of state and sub-state, long- and short-term industry and occupational projections; * Description of the annual economic analysis or special reports produced and disseminated;* Summarization of customer consultations regarding state workforce information products

and services;*			
Summarization of activities undertaken to add value to data and information services to meet customer needs;*			<u> </u>
Description of new tools and resources created in this program year;*			▼
Description of efforts to create and support partnerships, collaborations, and linkages including new and established partnerships and partnering opportunities; *			<u> </u>
Describe new tools or resources developed in the Program Year:			<u> </u>
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Items marked with * are required to ce	ertify report		
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Important Notes Regarding the Narrative Report

Summary of Grant Activities:

This section serves as an executive summary for the quarterly grant activities and should include all capacity building and training activities supported by the grant for the current quarter, highlighting key activities. According to the OMB Reporting Instructions, this section should be one page or less in length.

Certify

Click the **Certify** tab located near the top of the screen. This section allows you to certify and submit a QPR.

To certify and submit the report, follow the steps below:

1. Verify that each section of the report has been completed. If the requirements for a section are complete, the "Complete?" column will display the word "Yes". If a requirement is unfulfilled, the word "No" will be displayed as a link to a help document explaining the requirement.

Note: The ability to certify and submit a report will not be available until the information entered meets the above requirements.

- 2. Once all information has been verified, enter your PIN in the field provided.
- 3. Click the **Certify and Submit** button to certify and submit your report. A confirmation email will be generated and sent to the contact email address that was entered on the Training Outcomes page. If you do not want to certify and submit at this time, click the **Cancel** button to return to the Home page.



Additional Notes Regarding Certification

Report Locking

When reports for two <u>consecutive</u> quarters are <u>both</u> certified, the report for the quarter <u>prior</u> <u>to those two quarters</u> becomes <u>locked</u> from any modifications.

For example, for the program year ending June 30, 2013, you have until September 30, 2013 to enter and certify the annual narrative report. The certified reports will be locker on December 31, 2013 to make any modifications.

Recertification

Every time you access a report and make a modification to data on <u>any</u> tab in the system (including uploading a new narrative file, or adding or deleting supporting files) **you** <u>must</u> recertify that report.

For example, if you submit and certify a report for PY ending on June 30, 2013 on August 28, 2013, and then returns to the report and make changes on September 30, 2013, and again on October 20, 2013, the grantee would need to re-certify the report <u>each</u> time.

NAVIGATION ELEMENTS

The navigation of the EBSS system is very straight forward but we highlight some common elements so that you can get around the system right way.

Top of the Page

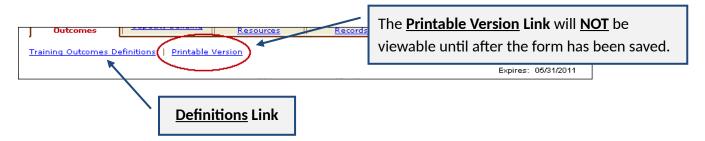
First note that a Home link and a Log out link are in the upper right hand of the screen. The **Home** link will take you back to very first page you see after logging in where you may select grant reporting periods.

Clicking the **Log out** link will close your session. Please note that nothing you have done during your session will be saved unless you specifically clicked the **Save** button.



Tab Forms

At the top of each form, you will see the following links:



You will be able to view the definitions for each field on a particular page by clicking the **Definitions** link, located below the tab. The system will open a new pop up window that displays the list of definitions.

To view a printable PDF file containing data you entered, click the **Printable Version** link, located below the Training Outcomes tab. The system will open a printable PDF document on a new page.

At the b	ottom of almost every fo	orm on each tab, y	you will see the sam	ne three buttons

Clicking the Save button will save all the data you have entered up to that point. It is important to realize that if you do NOT click the save button (such as before logging out or if you accidentally close your browser window), the system does not automatically record your entries.

If you make a mistake while filling out the form, but haven't yet saved, the Reset button can be used to return the form to its original state.

If you make a mistake and have saved, simply edit the form to make the correction and save again, or return to the form at a later time to update it and make the necessary correction.

Note that required fields will all be flagged with a red asterisk.

Bottom of the Page

The footer navigation elements can be accessed via links at the bottom of all screens within the system.



Accessibility: Click this link to access information regarding DOL guidelines on accessibility.

Privacy & Security: Click this link to view information regarding your privacy rights, under Federal Law, while using this system.

Contact: Click this link for contact information regarding technical assistance and programrelated assistance.

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON PROBLEMS

Entering Data

Formatting the Excel Template File

Formatting Graphic Files

Important Note: Grantees should never e-mail Individual Record files to the Applications Support Help Desk when they are experiencing a problem. The Individual Records file contains Social Security Numbers. The Help Desk does not have a secure way of storing the file and therefore puts personal data at risk of being compromised.

Generating National, Regional, and Selected State Reports

The system's relational database will be able to accommodate database inquiries with a limited number of standard output report formats for each of the nine data elements including;

- o National,
- o ETA Regional,
- o Selection of states grouped as small, medium, and large based on population, and
- O Selection by state name to allow multi-state regional reports.