



DATA Act Program Management Office

Section 5 Grants Pilot Notice of Award – Proof of Concept Test Model

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Purpose

To provide an overview of the DATA Act and the Section 5 Grants Pilot, specifically the Notice of Award – Proof of Concept Test Model.

Discussion Topics

2:00 PM – 2:10 PM EDT
DATA Act Overview

2:10 PM – 2:15 PM EDT
Notice of Award Overview

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM EDT
Test Model Participation and Next Steps

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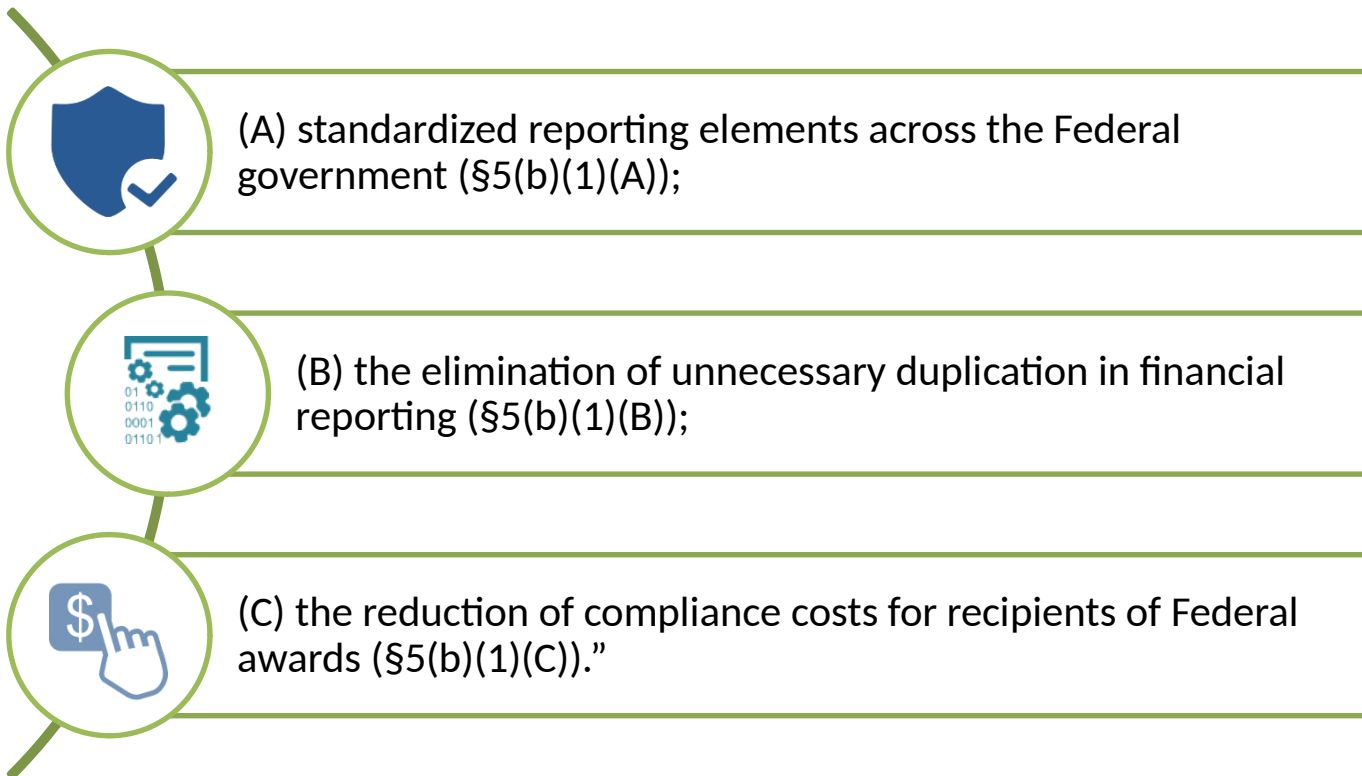
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In May 2014, Public Law 113-101 Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act) was signed into law with the purpose to establish government-wide financial data standards and increase the availability, accuracy, and usefulness of Federal spending information.




The goal of the Pilot is to implement Section 5 of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act) of 2014, Pub. L. No. 113-101, which requires the Federal Government to, “establish a pilot program with the participation of appropriate Federal agencies to facilitate the development of recommendations for –



The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has engaged HHS to serve as the executing agent for the Section 5 Grants Pilot.

The Notice of Award (NOA) is a document that contains information that grant recipients need to perform routine accounting and finance operations. NOAs often differ in format and content across Federal entities and within entities.

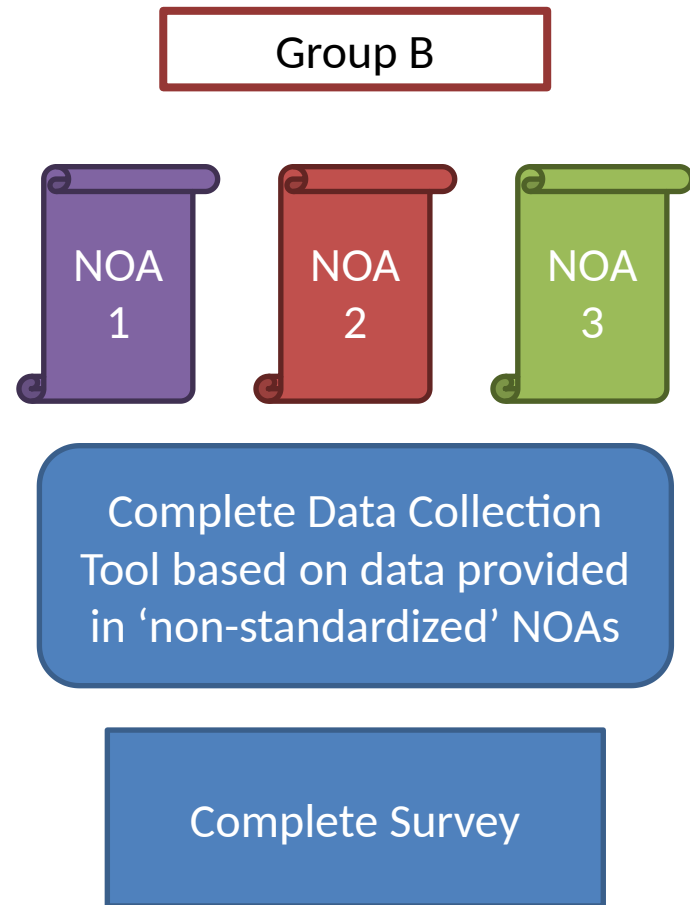
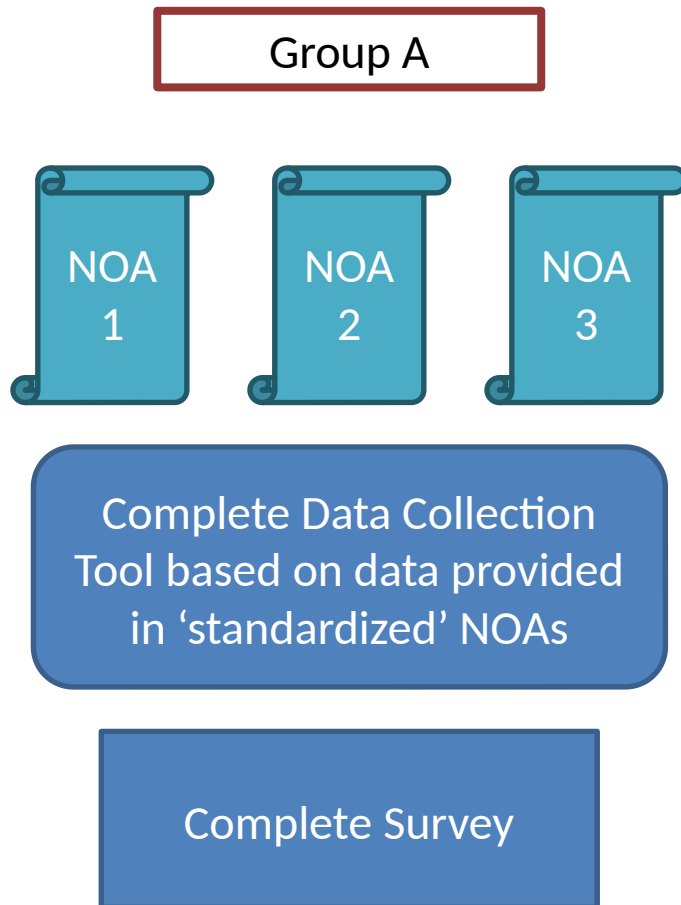


For grant recipients with many funding avenues, this may become a burden when searching for information across awards.



The purpose of the NOA – Proof of Concept (POC) Test Model is to test if grant reporting burden may change if grant recipients have a standardized NOA cover sheet for Federal awards.

You have been assigned to one of two groups. Group A will receive a set of NOAs in a 'standardized' format and Group B will receive a set of 'non-standardized' NOAs. You will be asked to review your set of NOAs, complete a Data Collection Tool based on these NOAs, and then complete a survey.



Your feedback is an essential component of the Section 5 Grants Pilot!

Your feedback may be used to inform recommendations to Congress regarding:

- The standardization of NOAs;
- The simplification of information associated with the grant awarding process; and
- Key terms for use in a standardized NOA.

In order to complete the NOA – POC Test Model please follow the steps below:

1. Locate the 'NOA – POC Test Model Participant Welcome Email' from HHS DAP. Inside you will find the following:
 - a. NOA Participant Instructions and Data Collection Tool (link to SurveyMonkey tool)
 - b. NOA Packet (Group A or B) for use in Test Model
 - c. NOA Follow Up Survey (link to SurveyMonkey tool)
 - d. A Copy of this Webinar Slide Deck
2. Review the NOA Participant Instructions attachment and follow the link to the SurveyMonkey based Data Collection Tool. <<**DCT LINK**>>
3. Open the NOA Packet attachment and review the provided NOAs
4. Complete the Data Collection Tool via SurveyMonkey based on the NOA Packet and note how long it takes you to complete the exercise.
5. Complete the NOA – POC Test Model Follow Up Survey. <<**SURVEY LINK**>>
6. Email DATAActPMO@hhs.gov regarding any questions or technical difficulties.

There are several ways to participate in DATA Act activities.



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