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Comment: Right now there are multiple ways to track your credits, USDA, MDE, INC,... Too many! Make it simple. (simple! Simple!) A way for those who do not use computers, and a simple computer program for downloading credits and certificates for those who do know how to use a computer. If Professional credits are going to be required you need to offer a simpler way for employees to obtain them.

Response: Thank you for your feedback. There are intentionally multiple options to track professional standards training hours so that districts can make the choice that works best for them. Use of the Professional Standards Trainings and Tracker Tool (PSTTT) remains voluntary. Prior to 2017, the PSTTT was a downloadable spreadsheet and there are still some districts that choose to utilize paper or spreadsheet tracking methods. The web-based PSTTT was developed in response to feedback from the downloadable spreadsheet.

If you are willing to share more about the specific challenges you've encountered with the PSTTT, that insight would be greatly appreciated and will help inform ongoing discussions. You may send any additional feedback to cnpntab@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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