



# GATA Buzz Bites

Weekly Updates for ILSAC-GATA Subcommittees and Workgroups



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## Communication Highlights

### Technology Subcommittee

A demo of the Central Repository Vault (CRV) is scheduled for 6/23/2015 for other subcommittees and workgroups.

### Training and Communication Subcommittee

Need to communicate to State Agencies to get contact list and information for all grantees by agency.

### Performance Measures and Reporting Subcommittee

Grantee database

## Subcommittees Buzz Bites

### Financial — Workgroups: Pre-Qualification, Budget & Financial Reporting and Cost Principles Met 6/16/15

**Topics:** reviewed Training, IT Requirements, and Performance Measures.

**Training Decision:** Mandatory training needed on basic considerations and specific items of costs for all grant personnel at state agencies and grantees.

**Rationale:** One of the highest non-compliance areas identified by federal government audits.

**IT Requirements Decision:** Training software to allow webinars and on-demand training.

**Rationale:** Anyone responsible for grants should have basic understanding of cost principles.

**Performance Measures Decision:** 2 Performance Measures: 1)# of people trained at both state agency and grantee; (2) # of audit findings related to cost principles using FY16 as benchmark.

**Rationale:** Anyone responsible for grants should have basic understanding of cost principles and this is one of the highest non-compliance areas identified by federal government audits

### Grant Application — Workgroups: Grant Application/Grant Award Issuance, Merit Based Review Requirements and Programmatic Risk Assessment

**Recent Accomplishments:** Reviewed Section 200.202 Still needing further discussion. Section 200.204 Merit Based revisions drafted on protest and award notice

**Current Status:** Continuation of review, and setting up meetings between workgroups

### Training and Communication—Workgroups: Training, Communication

**Recent Accomplishments:** Drafted a Grantee Training survey; Developed and distributed GATA Buzz Bites

**Current Status:** Collecting and distributing communication needs information through liaison activity, newsletter and GATA Buzz Bites. We are reviewing the grantee training survey and the communication plan draft for revision and submission to GATU.

**Communication Needs:** Need to communicate to State Agencies to get contact list and information for all grantees by agency.

### Performance Measures and Reporting Subcommittee

**Recent Accomplishments:** Recommend that rules relating to performance measures for federal and federal pass-through awards be adopted without any additional requirements

**Current Status:** Items pending:

- What, if any, changes or additions should be recommended to the rules governing State funded awards;
- Propose metrics for assessing GATA's effectiveness
- Identify conflicts or concerns regarding applicability and exceptions to applicability

**Communication Needs:** Grantee database