



**DATE:** November 24, 2010  
**TO:** Agency Heads and CFOs  
**FROM:** Greg S. Griffin, State Accounting Officer *gsg*  
**RE:** Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

As previously communicated on September 14, 2010, the US Office of Management and Budget released a series of documents concerning the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). This is one of the Federal government's initiatives undertaken to increase transparency and accountability with respect to governmental expenditures.

**States and local entities receiving federal awards** must report sub-awardee information and data concerning employee compensation for all new grants that originate on or after **October 1, 2010**.

Consistent with The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Section 1512 reporting, the State of Georgia is utilizing a decentralized reporting model. This means that agencies acting in the role of prime recipient will be responsible for reporting grant activities under FFATA for Federal grants or contracts that originate on or after October 1, 2010. FFATA data must be reported monthly to the Federal government on a rolling basis, with the reporting date being the last day of the month following the commencement of the award.

As a reminder, the first reporting deadline for the State of Georgia will be November 30, 2010, for grants and contracts that were initiated in October 2010.

The new guidance applies only to new awards beginning October 1, 2010, so grants awarded under prior fiscal years are not subject to this reporting.

### **Reporting Requirements**

The required data is to be reported in the FFATA Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS), located at [www.fsr.gov](http://www.fsr.gov). The FSRS website contains information about the reporting process, including training materials, online demonstrations, user guides and frequently asked questions. Additional information is located at the [SAO website](#).

**IMPORTANT:**

Prime grant awardees must ensure that they have an active registration, for the DUNS number under which the grant was made, in CCR ([www.CCR.gov](http://www.CCR.gov)), and have provided all required information. Additionally, reporting agencies must register with FSRs, which requires an email address and a DUNS number.

**What types of contracts must be reported?**

The following types of contracts must be reported:

- From October 1, 2010, until February 28, 2011, any newly awarded subcontract if the prime contract award is \$550,000 or more.
- Starting March 1, 2011, any newly awarded subcontract must be reported if the prime contract amount is \$25,000 or more.

**What grants must be reported?**

Grants of \$25,000 or more awarded on or after October 1, 2010, must be reported by the prime recipient, unless the grant meets one of the following exceptions:

- Grants, whether new or existing as of October 1, 2010, that are funded with ARRA
- Awards or advances funding CRDAs
- Federal awards to individuals who apply for or receive Federal awards a natural persons rather than a as business or no-profit organization.
- Federal awards to an entity that had gross income from all sources of less than \$300,000 in the entity's previous tax year
- Federal awards when the required reporting would disclose classified information.

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