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SUBJECT: Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act: Federal Register Notice and Town Hall Meeting for Federal Grant Recipients on New Transparency Act Reporting Requirements

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is notifying you of a 1) Federal Register (FR) notice with an opportunity to comment and 2) a town hall meeting for federal grant recipients regarding the implementation of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA).

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, published in the FR interim final guidance to agencies on the requirements for FFATA implementation (75 FR 55663) (attached). This FR notice also is seeking comments on the interim final guidance. Any comments are to be submitted in accordance with instructions noted in the FR not later than October 14, 2010.

To assist in the implementation of FFATA, a town hall meeting has been established for Thursday, September 23, 2010 from 10:00 am to noon Eastern Time. The meeting can be attended in person at the GSA Auditorium in Washington, DC or via webinar (see attached flyer for more detailed information). If you are unable to register or attend this meeting, a taped version will also be available on [www.USASpending.gov](http://www.USASpending.gov). This meeting is geared to direct (prime) awardees and will cover the legislative mandates behind the reporting requirements, current reporting requirements and those that are upcoming, how information is reported via the FFATA Subaward Reporting System, and the role of the prime grant awardee in this process.

Also attached are some materials (i.e., PowerPoint presentation, general question and answer, and data element spreadsheet) that may be useful in understanding FFATA and the reporting requirements.

Attachments