"Application Preparation and Submission" Service on Research.gov

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Research.gov Session

- **Purpose:**

  - Provide background on the proposed plan to initiate a new Research.gov "Application Preparation and Submission" Service

  - Obtain the Committee's advice for moving forward

What is Research.gov?

Research.gov…

- Enables institutions and grantees to:
  - access a menu of grants management and information services
  - for multiple federal agencies
  - in one place

- Modernizes FastLane by providing services:
  - tailored to meeting the unique needs of the research community
  - aimed at easing the grants administrative burden

- Increases transparency and public access to information about federal research spending and outcomes
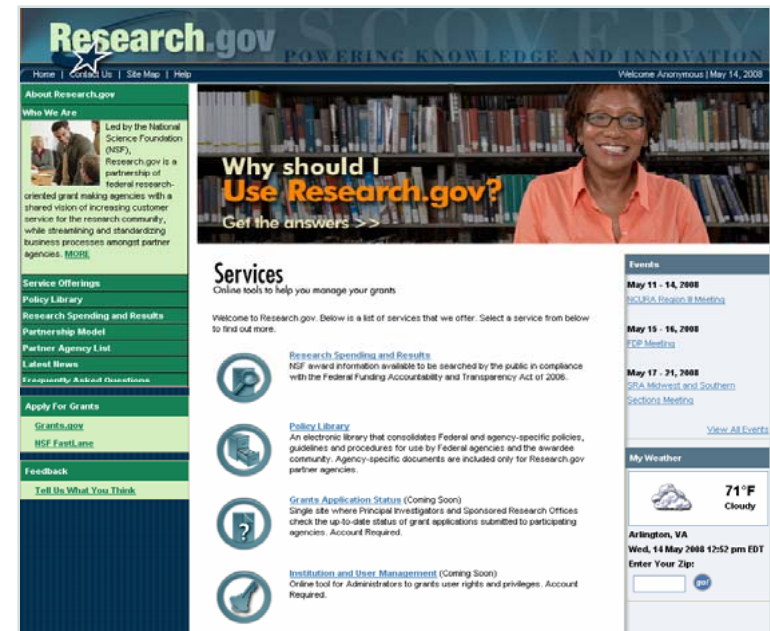
Research.gov Partnerships

- **Research.gov** simplifies the research community's access to information and grant services for **multiple federal agencies**
  - National Science Foundation (Lead)
  - National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Partner)
  - Department of Defense Research (Partner)
  - USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (Partner)

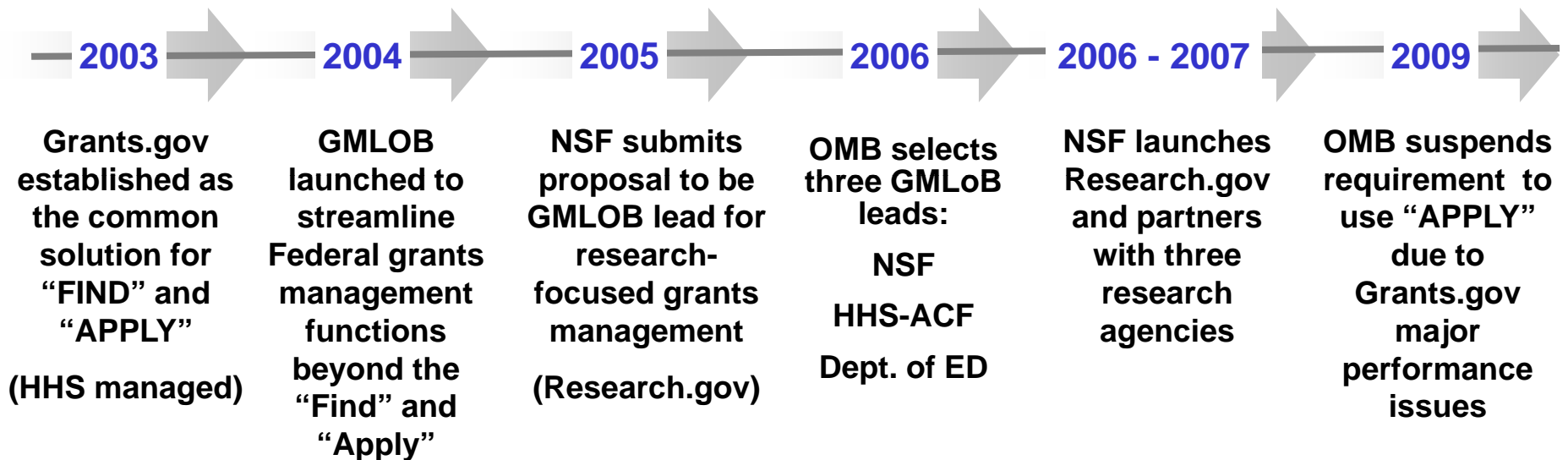# Current Research.gov Services

Launched in December 2007, current offerings include:

- Public-facing Services
  - Research Spending & Results
  - Policy Library (Government-wide)
  - Research Headlines

- Grantee Services to:
  - View the status of grant applications
    - Principal Investigators
    - Sponsored Projects Offices
  - Submit Federal Financial Reports
  - Manage institution and user accounts

Why NSF moved forward with Research.gov

- NSF needed to modernize FastLane and could only do so if selected by OMB to lead a grants management consortium
- Allowed for continued use of FastLane while Research.gov is being built out
- Responded to the research community's demand for FastLane-type services for multiple research agencies

2003	2004	2005	2006	2006 - 2007	2009
Grants.gov established as the common solution for "FIND" and "APPLY" (HHS managed)	**GMLOB launched to streamline Federal grants management functions beyond the "Find" and "Apply"**	**NSF submits proposal to be GMLOB lead for research-focused grants management** (Research.gov)	**OMB selects three GMLoB leads:** **NSF** **HHS-ACF** **Dept. of ED**	**NSF launches Research.gov and partners with three research agencies**	**OMB suspends requirement to use "APPLY" due to Grants.gov major performance issues**

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Update on Grants.gov

- On March 9, 2009, OMB issued a Memo to agencies requesting they use alternative solutions for "APPLY" to alleviate the serious capacity issues Grants.gov is experiencing. NSF has reported to OMB:

    - We will use our long-established FastLane capabilities for proposal submission

    - In our role as a GMLOB consortium lead, we are exploring the feasibility of Research.gov offering some limited "APPLY" functionality to research agencies.

- OMB likely path forward:

    - Fix Grants.gov capacity issues (possibly by the end of the year)

    - Pilot using GSA FedBizOpps solution for "FIND" and "APPLY"

Opportunity for NSF

- Agencies were asked by OMB to consider alternatives to Grants.gov's "APPLY."

- NSF completed a high-level assessment and white paper for modernizing FastLane's "Application Preparation and Submission" through Research.gov.

- The assessment was reviewed and endorsed by the NSF Executive IT Resources Board (ITRB) and the supporting Capital Planning and Investment Control Process (CPIC) Working Group.

- We are seeking the Committee's advice and feedback on the plan for move forward.

Committee Feedback and Questions