Measuring Effective Policy Implementation: OMB Publication of Uniform Guidance

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Today's Discussion

Purpose

- Gain insight and advice on strategies for measuring effectiveness of policy implementation

- Share highlights from the Uniform Guidance

Agenda

- Uniform Guidance Overview

- Status on Current Metrics Development from OMB

- Discussant Comments

- Open Discussion

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Overview of Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200)

- Streamlines federal grants policy by incorporating the language from eight OMB circulars into one consolidated set of guidance in the Code of Federal Regulations

- Publication and implementation of the Guidance has been a key priority of the Council on Financial Assistance Reform (COFAR)

- NSF was selected by OMB to serve a two-year term on COFAR; NSF's CFO served as the COFAR Principal

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Benefits of Consolidation of Guidance

- Fewer administrative requirements, decreasing burden for recipients

- Reduction in the risk of waste, fraud and abuse

- Increased clarity in language

- Alignment with government-wide policies related to merit review, cost sharing, and participant support costs

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Uniform Guidance Implementation: Key Dates

- OMB published Uniform Guidance on **December 26, 2013**

- Agencies are required to submit implementation plans, policies and procedures by **June 26, 2014**

- Guidance will apply to awards and and funding increments to existing awards on or after **December 26, 2014**

- Visit cfo.gov/cofar/ for the latest information

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Status of Uniform Guidance Metrics Development

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Discussant Comments

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- When did you begin developing metrics in relation to policy development and implementation?

- What were the challenges and strategies for collecting baseline performance information?

- What strategies did you use to improve metrics refinement and data collection as the process progressed?

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Questions and Open Discussion

Next Steps

- Document information provided today
- Forward to NSF
- Provide to OMB

THANK YOU!!