Grants Management Made Easier, Faster, and More Accurate

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has made the job of processing and tracking grant information faster and easier by moving grants management from a paper-based process to an electronic process. OJP created a Grants Management System (GMS) that allows OJP staff to enter and track grant information with speed and accuracy. GMS received an E-Gov 2003 Explorer Award for innovation in e-government initiatives.

With GMS, information that OJP staff used to spend hours searching for is now available at their fingertips. OJP staff's ability to sort, search, add, and modify grant information on their desktops means that the days of sorting through thousands of paper files are a thing of the past.

GMS is—

- **User-Friendly —** OJP developed GMS with an intuitive and simple interface that helps guide users through the grants management process.

- **Easy to Maintain —** OJP implemented a standard J2EE/MVC architecture within the system. OJP adopted coding standards and implemented a configuration management process to enforce and manage compliance to standards, making the maintenance of the system much more efficient.

- **Interoperable —** GMS uses other subsystems or external systems, such as Federal E-Grants.

- **Internet accessible —** GMS uses Web services.

GMS' User Benefits—

- **User-Friendly —** A simple system makes it easy for users to find exactly what they need. A streamlined, consistent interface guides users through the process of submitting and updating grant information.

- **Fast Response Time —** Fast processing time allows users to submit information into the system and review that data quickly.

- **Enhanced Searching and Sorting Capabilities —** Users can sort grant information by a variety of different fields, including application number, award number, and state within seconds.

- **Improved Efficiency —** Through consolidated grant information, users can find grant applications, awards, and progress reports all in one place instead of navigating through many different systems.

GMS will soon be enhanced by the addition of flexible reporting; profile lockdown; electronic award distribution; grant reporting; and grant adjustment notices.

For more information about GMS, contact Office of Justice Programs, Office of Communications, 202–307–0703, www.ojp.usdoj.gov