




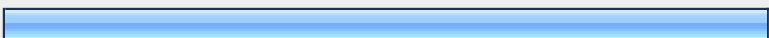




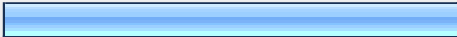
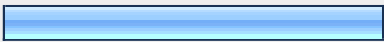


How will Adobe forms affect you?

1. What is your role at your institution?			Response Percent	Response Count
Research Admin			90.4%	66
Faculty / Research			2.7%	2
Management			1.4%	1
Finance			0.0%	0
IT			4.1%	3
Other			1.4%	1
			Other (please specify)	1
			answered question	73
			skipped question	0

2. How do you prepare and submit federal grant and research proposals at your institution?			Response Percent	Response Count
We rely primarily on the downloadable forms			84.5%	60
We use mainly an in-house-developed S2S product			5.6%	4
We use mainly a commercial S2S product			9.9%	7
			Other (please specify)	3
			answered question	71
			skipped question	2

3. What level of impact are you anticipating on each of the following as a result of the migration to Adobe forms?							
	Big decrease	Decrease	No change	Increase	Big Increase	Rating Average	Response Count
Initial user training	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.5% (15)	54.8% (40)	24.7% (18)	4.04	73
Ongoing user training	0.0% (0)	2.7% (2)	41.1% (30)	49.3% (36)	6.8% (5)	3.60	73
Initial technical support	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	15.3% (11)	54.2% (39)	30.6% (22)	4.15	72
Ongoing technical support	0.0% (0)	1.4% (1)	46.6% (34)	45.2% (33)	6.8% (5)	3.58	73
	<i>answered question</i>						73
	<i>skipped question</i>						0

4. How do you expect the transition to affect each of the following?					
	Worsen	No change	Improve	Rating Average	Response Count
Ability to submit proposals to Grants.gov	53.5% (38)	39.4% (28)	7.0% (5)	1.54	71
Ability to manage proposal data	16.2% (11)	67.6% (46)	16.2% (11)	2.00	68
	<i>answered question</i>				71
	<i>skipped question</i>				2

5. How do you handle proposal data that is stored in stand-alone forms (PureEdge / Adobe)?			Response Percent	Response Count
It stays with the forms			50.0%	36
It is manually reentered into other systems			41.7%	30
It is extracted and exported to other systems			5.6%	4
Don't know			2.8%	2
		answered question		72
		skipped question		1

6. Do you have any additional thoughts about the transition to Adobe forms?			Response Count
			29
		answered question	29
		skipped question	44

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Revised forms, we have found, can be a problem.

I think once they work out the technical problems, Adobe forms will work better than PureEdge. There are some glitches with PureEdge, that I hope the Adobe forms will fix. For instance, in the PureEdge form budget start dates in the detailed budget can't be changed, and it doesn't save personnel information from year to year.

Simply that I think the biggest confusion is the difference between Adobe Reader and Adobe Acrobat and the fact that many people have both on their machines and managing that can be a little confusing. If you save the REader to the hard drive before installing, you will be prompted to make it your default, which you should. Then, for files you want to edit, right click and open with the full Acrobat. And apparently, DO NOT edit in this way, files you want to submit to Grants.gov.

Its not the downloadable forms so much as the issue of which version of Adobe to use and why/how to insure you've recieved the documents to be uploaded from our PIs in the right version

The main improvement that I saw from the move to Adobe was with the printing of the proposal. Pure Edge printing was awful - lots of extra blank pages. But, this issue with different versions of adobe and the conflict between reader & professional (for those of us that have the full adode software) could far outweigh any benefits!!

Our end users may be impacted by it but IT has not needed to get involved because most of our grants.gov submissions are through an S2S.

I am looking forward to it. We can upgrade to Vista and Leopard. Using the forms is much easier. This is not asked in your survey. Ease of Use. People might think question 2 is attempt to locate a potential customer pool :)

I think the transition should not have been attempted until interface problems were resolved and there were so many unresolved questions concerning versions of software.

I think it is a good ole' boy network that changed from one provider to the other without considering the impact on the users

The issue of being able to use only Adobe Reader is going to be a MAJOR problem in that most end users are already on Professional. I am very concerned about this. Without this issue, it would be the ideal solution - with this problem, it makes it a horrible solution.

Some well funded PIs have adopted a wait and see for some one else to kick the wheels and test drive. Like any change, there will be a adopting curve.

Initial confusion resulting in temporary problems. Then we will all adjust.

<p>Question 3 makes no sense from our perspective -- we (in the sponsored programs office) are the ones who do all the work with the forms, whether PureEdge or Adobe - a larger concern for us will be the compatibility of Adobe reader 8.1.1 with our own workstations, each of which is loaded now with different versions of Adobe, most of them incompatible with our networked printer settings.</p>
<p>Having versions of acrobat that can corrupt the files is going to be quite a problem. We will need a big IT push when we weren't expecting to need one and even then there will be some PIs who will take the file home and corrupt it there. Just when the stress levels are going down due to familiarity with PureEdge, they will go up with distrust of a hastily-rolled-out new solution.</p>
<p>It has to be better than PureEdge!</p>
<p>The conflict between Adobe Reader and Acrobat Professional is a HUGE problem. It necessitates a dedicated computer w/o Adobe Acrobat to avoid all conflicts.</p>
<p>I am new to Research Administration. Am not certain how this will affect us at this point. Trying to stay open-minded.</p>
<p>It is making more difficult for small universities to submit grants. It is more complicated and faculty need to rely more on sponsored research that may only have 1 or 2 people.</p>
<p>NIH reduced their window to fix applications from 5 to 2 days. Nice timing..</p>
<p>One of our faculty is preparing an R01 proposal and nothing highlights more the mess that grants.gov has made of the process than the fact that the old PHS398 budget pages totaled 2 for all years, whereas we must complete three pages per year with grants.gov -- which is 15 pages compared to 2.</p>
<p>Not sure if it will interfere with ability to use adobe applications for other purposes. We do not have a computer reserved just fo submissions...</p>
<p>No judgments from here; waiting for the transition in my institution and then the first use before I pass any judgments at all.</p>
<p>Though we use a commercial S2S system, we also use the SF424 for those programs that are not yet supported by the commercial system. We are a small institution and most of our training is one-on-one. We've been using Adobe forms for other processes in our institution so hope that additional training needs will be minimal. It is hard to tell due to the confusing information that is disseminated from grants.gov.</p>
<p>I just wish they would adopt one system and stick with it. All of this change is just ridiculous.</p>

It seems that the end-users were not a big part of the discussion of how to improve upon PureEdge, if that was even a goal. The technical aspects of the research administration role are getting very complex. Not sure why the whole Grants.gov "solution" wasn't entirely web-based like FastLane.

Hard to answer some of the questions as we have yet to get clear answers (or we have gotten conflicting answers) from General Dynamics to some of our questions. I am hoping that some of the major flaws in the process will be corrected before it is necessary to submit NIH proposals in June/July.

The process requires coordination from many entities. Assurance that Adobe Reader V8.1.1 is utilized by all who access application will be difficult to achieve.

Am already having trouble. Took Adobe Professional off of my computer so that only the Reader would be there, now can't open any pdf forms - have to figure out to get rid of the default to Professional.

We are a small research admin office at an institution with ~25 grants.gov submissions this year. That often leaves us with a re-learning process for each submission since we are not daily users. We will need clear, concise directions on moving through the transition.