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# NIFA's Challenge

- Implementation Efforts of 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Guidance) coincide with the following:
  - Agricultural Act of 2014, Farm Bill
  - NIFA Financial Assistance Policy Guide
  - Agency and Departmental Requirements



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# 2014 Farm Bill

- New program/program changes
  - Preparation and approval of RFAs
  - Regulatory process for program rules
- New matching requirement
  - Exceptions
  - Waiver/Regulatory process
- Center of Excellence
  - Webinars



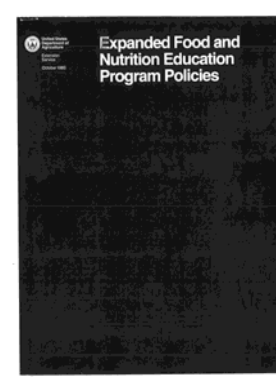
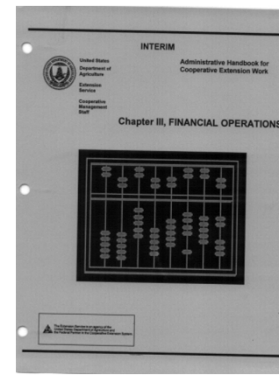
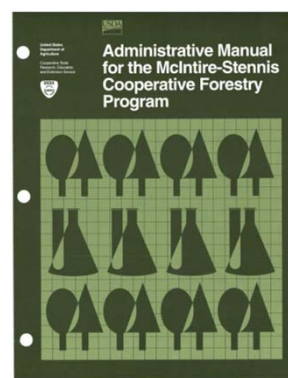
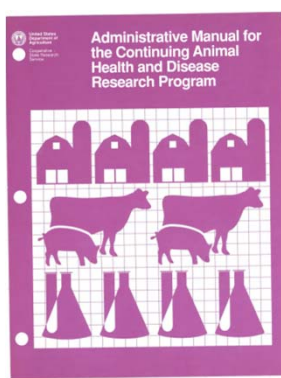
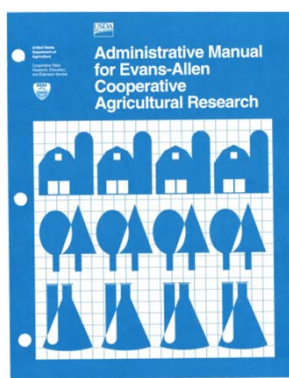
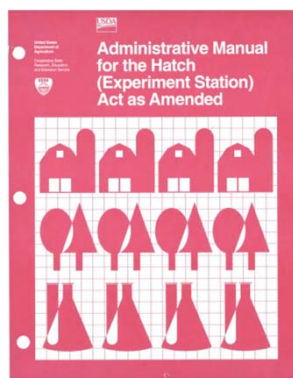
# Proposed Competitive Grant Programs Center of Excellence Opportunities in FY15

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – Challenge Areas	Farm Business Management and Benchmarking
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – Foundational Program	Farm Safety and Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification
Aquaculture Research	Methyl Bromide Transition
Biomass Research and Development Initiative	Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative
Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants Program	Organic Transition Program
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk	Rural Health and Safety Program
Crop Protection/Pest Management	Specialty Crop Research Initiative



# Financial Assistance Policy Guide

- Single, comprehensive guidance document
- Provides guidance for **competitive & capacity** grants
- Updates and replaces former Administrative Manuals





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# Agency and Departmental Requirements

- Challenges:
  - Conflict of Interest
  - Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)
  - OMB Data Act guidance
  - Indirect Costs



# Agency and Departmental Requirements

- Administrative Metrics-Each agency provided baseline data to the Dept by January 15, 2015.
  - Inventory of OMB Information Collection for Grants Cooperative Agreements
  - Number of Fixed Awards
  - Impact Agency Exceptions by the CFDA
  - Indirect Cost Extensions





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# Award Terms and Conditions

- NIFA-specific award terms
- USDA Department-wide Grant and Cooperative Agreement General Terms and Conditions



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# Summary

- Adopted 2 CFR Part 200 in its entirety
- USDA is streamlining Grant and Cooperative Agreement General Terms and Conditions
  - Agencies developing supplemental guidance
  - NIFA-specific award terms
- Communication Strategy



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