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Welcome to GATA Buzz

Welcome to the first edition of GATA Buzz, a monthly publication designed to keep State agencies and their grantees informed about the implementation of the landmark Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

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What is GATA?

The **Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)**, 30 ILCS 708/1 *et seq.*, is landmark legislation that increases accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds and reduces the administrative burden on both State agencies and grantees through adoption of the federal grant guidance and regulations codified at 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Requirements).

Pursuant to the Act, the **Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU)** has been established in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget; GATU is charged with implementation of the Act in coordination with State grant-making agencies.

Origin of GATA and Status of Implementation

GATA is the product of legislative recommendations made by the Illinois Single Audit Commission (ILSAC); the legislation, House Bill 2747 (P.A. 98-47), and it was sponsored by Senator Pamela Althoff, Representative Patricia Bellock, Representative Fred Crespo, and Senator Dan Kotowski. GATA has received the full support of Governor Rauner.

Since the passage of GATA, GATU has been established, Chief Accountability Officers (CAOs) for each State grant-making agency have been identified, and the federal portion of the administrative rules necessary to implement GATA have been drafted and published in the Illinois Register. 39 Ill. Reg. 5278 (April 10, 2015).

To ensure input from both State agencies and grantees, ILSAC and GATU have established seven ILSAC subcommittees that will review the federal Uniform Requirements and make recommendations for the adoption of State-specific administrative rules and procedures. (Please turn to page 2.)

GATA Legislative Intent

(30 ILCS 708/5)

Sec. 5. Legislative intent.

(a) This Act, which is the product of the work of the Illinois Single Audit Commission, created by Public Act 98-47, is intended to comply with the General Assembly's directives to (1) develop a coordinated, non-redundant process for the provision of effective and efficient oversight of the selection and monitoring of grant recipients, thereby ensuring quality programs and limiting fraud, waste, and abuse, and (2) define the purpose, scope, applicability, and responsibilities in the life cycle of a grant.

(b) This Act is intended to increase the accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds from whatever source and to reduce administrative burdens on both State agencies and grantees by adopting federal guidance and regulations applicable to such grant funds; specifically, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance"), codified at 2 CFR 200.

(c) This Act is consistent with the State's focus on improving performance and outcomes while ensuring transparency and the financial integrity of taxpayer dollars through such initiatives as the Management Improvement Initiative Committee created by Section 1-37a of the Department of Human Services Act, the State prioritized goals created under Section 50-25 of the State Budget Law (also known as "Budgeting for Results"), and the Grant Information Collection Act.

Quick Links

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, 30 ILCS 708/1 *et seq.*:
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=3559&ChapterID=7>

Uniform Requirements, 2 CFR Part 200:
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-12-26/pdf/2013-30465.pdf>



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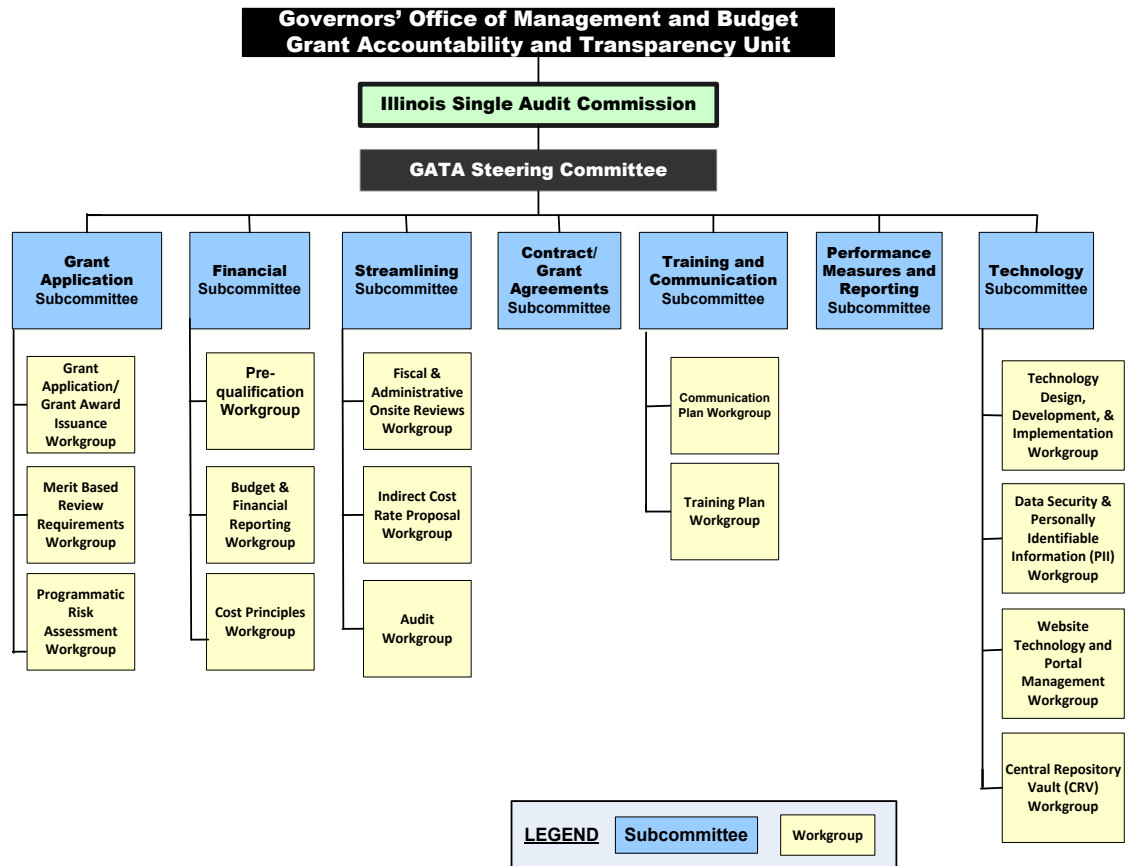
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Origin of GATA and Status of Implementation (Cont. from page 1)

Each subcommittee is co-chaired by State agency representative and a grantee representative, and within most subcommittees are two or more workgroups. Meetings will be held regularly to discuss and draft suggested administrative rules, to create grant-related templates such as a uniform grant application and a uniform grant agreement, and to develop procedures that will cover on-site reviews. The administrative rules will be reviewed by ILSAC and submitted to JCAR. GOMB's general rules will be drafted and submitted to JCAR in the fall of 2015; State agency rules will be submitted thereafter. Both will be effective by July 2016.

If you are interested in serving on a committee or would like to nominate a grantee representative, please contact Mary-Lisa Sullivan at Mary-Lisa.Sullivan@illinois.gov.



GATA Projects

There are many initiatives in development that will help State agencies and grantees with the adoption and implementation of GATA. The Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit has established a Share-Point site which serves as a resource for the members of the ILSAC subcommittees and workgroups, and is in the process of creating a GATA website. GATU is also in the process of establishing IT systems that will support the implementation of GATA, including a State Grant Portal and the Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA), which will mirror the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, for the collection and tracking of information regarding grants and future funding opportunities. The GATU Team is also planning training webinars and modules for State agency employees and grantee staff, developing a structure for coordination of on-site reviews, and drafting a request for proposal for a firm or firms that will conduct indirect cost rate negotiations on behalf of grantees and subrecipients.

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As we move forward with implementation, we welcome your input. Please send any comments, questions or suggestions to us at OMB.GATA@illinois.gov.

