

MOU and Pre-application Templates

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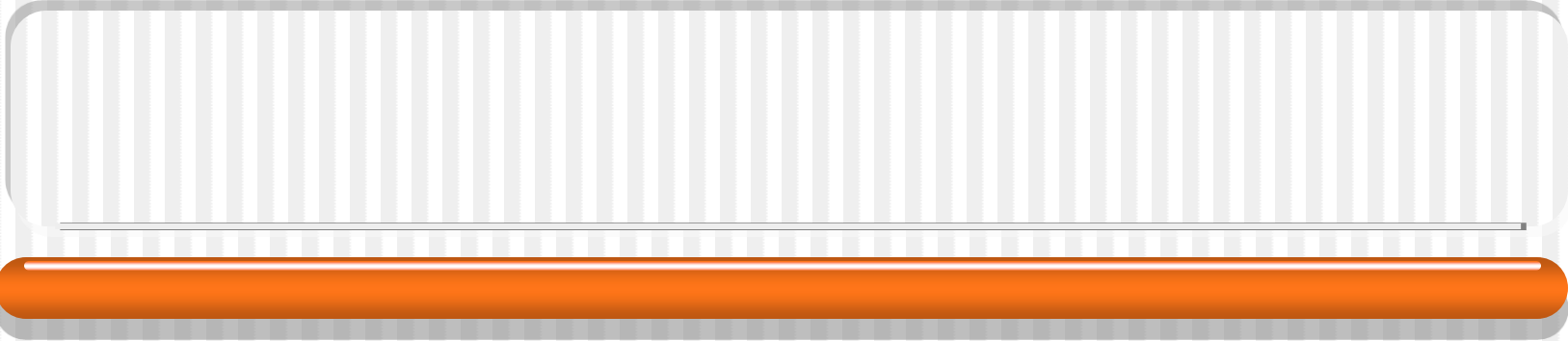
Why WGA Templates?

- Expedite process--save \$ and time
- Encourage best practices
- Encourage consistency
- Allow for flexibility
- Do not need to wordsmith to consensus--can provide options.

MOU: Local, State, Tribal, and Federal Entities

Concept:

1. Recommended steps in process
 - Who, how, when, etc.
2. Template
 - List of essential components (See handout)or
 - Actual examples of paragraphs

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- Value of such an MOU?
 - Audience?

Process for Development?

- Set high-level criteria
- Identify small review team
- WGA hire consulting firm to draft
- Review team...review
- Draft brought back to larger group
- Edit, review team, larger group
- Post on Sharepoint page?

High Level Advice

- Process
- Template

Pre-application Templates

Huge interest at Spring Meeting

Clear need and audience!

Realistic: To develop? To adopt?

Concept:

- Single template, but then additional questions for certain agencies/states
- Over time:
 - Proposed federal rule?
 - Adopted by states in West?

Chicken or Egg

- Develop and they (feds and states) will use...
- Ask feds/states if they would use...and then develop?
 - Who makes this decision for the feds?

Possible Next Steps

- Develop high-level criteria for a template.
- Set up review team.
- Ask Laura to assess federal interest
 - Not a federal FACA process, but a WGA process with federal input.
- If some favorable indication from feds:
Consultant begin to pull together options based on current applications.
- Review team provides input
- Bring back to larger group.
- Repeat.

High Level Advice?
