Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

Background:
- Bipartisan Support
- Sponsored by Senators Coburn, Obama, McCain and signed by President Bush in 2006
- Amended in 2008

Purpose:
- To bring transparency to government spending and provide a portal for the public to see how their tax dollars are working with the end goal of reducing wasteful spending
- FFATA requires recipients of federal grant and contracts to disclose information about their subrecipients.

Applicability for GRANTS
- Applies to NEW federal assistance and cooperative agreements over $25K with an award date after 10/1/2010. We must report on all 1st Tier subawards over $25K.
- Recipients of Grant Awards with an earlier start date WILL NOT be required to comply with FFATA reporting requirements even if future amendments or incremental funding actions occur after October 1, 2010.
- No report until threshold is reached via amendments but once a report is required, subsequent reductions in funding do not remove the reporting requirement.
- Recipients are NOT allowed to delegate reporting to their sub-recipients

Applicability for CONTRACTS
- Applies to EXISTING Federal CONTRACT recipients with a phased in approach:
  - July 2010 through September 30 2010 – 1st Tier Subcontracts and Vendors must be reported if Prime Contract was $20 Million or more
  - October 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011 – Any new First Tier Subcontracts or Vendors (over $25K) obligated after Oct. 1, 2010 must be reported if the Prime Contract was $550,000 or more
  - March 1, 2011 – Any new First Tier Subcontracts or Vendors (over $25K) must be reported if Prime Contract was $25,000 or more

University of Oregon:
- ORSA staff will gather the necessary data elements from our subawardees and report centrally through the Subaward Reporting System.
- Beginning December 1, the public will be able to view federal awards and subawards (as of 10/1/2010) through USASpending.gov.