2005 Current Fiscal Year Report: USDA Technology and eGovernment Customer Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Agriculture	2005

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
USDA Technology and eGovernment Customer Advisory Council	20220

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	10/21/2003		10/21/2005

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	The term of the Council is stated in the charter	09/30/2005

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Departmental Regulation DR 1043-048	10/21/2003	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report Date	Report Title
05/31/2005	A Report of the Findings and Recommendations Presented to the Sec of Agriculture

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	1	1	0	2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Second meeting of the Council. Discussions on administrative issues surrounding preparation of the report to the Secretary due May, 2005	11/09/2004	11/10/2004
The Council members met in closed session to finalize their report that would be delivered to the Secretary by the end of May 2005.	03/29/2005	03/30/2005

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$38,000.00	$38,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Total	$38,000.00	$38,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.33	0.33

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The USDA Technology and eGovernment Advisory Council shall seek input from a broad base of USDA customers, partners, and employees into the Department's planning and implementation of technology solutions to produce maximum benefits. This council shall provide advice and recommendations on the strategy, planned development, deployment and implementation of technology solutions across USDA, including eGovernment initiatives and other IT investments that impact USDA customers, employees, agricultural markets, and mission areas.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Secretary shall appoint 9 members that have an extensive background in the mission areas of USDA and the management and use of information and information technology required to deliver USDA programs. USDA employees may be appointed to the council. The Secretary will designate a chairperson based on the above criteria and additional leadership experience. Membership shall include those with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 2
Estimated Total Meetings - 4

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The USDA Technology and eGovernment Adivsory Council is essential because USDA invests over $2 billion annually on information technology solutions that support program

delivery. The Department is responsible for ensuring these funds are invested wisely and providing the customers with the maximum possible benefit. This council will fill this need by consulting with and incorporating into our plans expert advice from the cutomers, partners, and employees. This will result in improved technology management. Within the USDA, there is a lack of coordination and information sharing on how the Department can best leverage IT resources. This council will fill this need by combining information and technology from the different agencies, letting them work as one unit.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Council discussed their working documents in preparation for their final report to the Secretary.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Sandra Lee Facinoli Designated Federal Official

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Coren, Carol	05/01/2004	10/30/2005	Community Program Specialist, Oregon State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gamble, Kevin	05/01/2004	10/30/2005	Chief Technology Officer, American Distance Education Consortium	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hammerbeck, Warren	05/01/2004	10/30/2005	President, Reliance Enterprises, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, Mark	05/01/2004	04/29/2005	Executive Director, North Dakota Association of Counties	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Mancini, Sally	05/01/2004	10/30/2005	Program Director, End Hunger Connecticut!	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Meeker, Jennie	05/01/2004	10/30/2005	Consultant, C&M Capitolink, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sanjawala, Umesh	05/01/2004	10/30/2005	Director, Information Managment, MS Dept of Agriculture/Commerce	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Trevino, Erasmo	05/01/2004	10/30/2005	District Director, USDA Farm Service Agency, Texas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Werner, Christopher	05/01/2004	10/30/2005	Owner/CEO, eSummits, Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	☐
Major policy changes	☐

Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	☐
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☐
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☑
Unable to Determine	☐
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☑

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	☐
Online Agency Web Site	☐

- [ ] Online Committee Web Site
- [ ] Online GSA FACA Web Site
- [ ] Publications
- [ ] Other

Access Comments

NA