

QUICK SHEET: NOTICE OF AWARD (NOA) APPROVAL

AUDIENCE: PROGRAM BUDGET OFFICER (PBO), PROGRAM OFFICER (PO), PROGRAM COORDINATOR (PC), PROGRAM OFFICE DIRECTOR (OD), ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR (AD), PROGRAM AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL (DAO), AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL (AO)

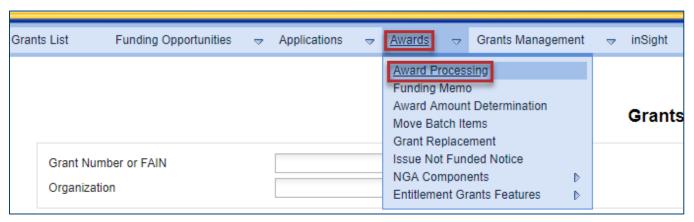
PURPOSE

This Quick Sheet provides instructions for approving a draft Notice of Award (NOA). The approval workflow may vary depending on action, Partner, Program, or Grant Program, but the steps remain the same.

ACCESS THE AWARD PROCESSING SCREEN

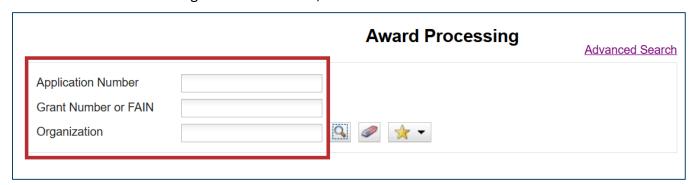
To access the draft NOA, follow the steps below:

1. From the GMM menu bar, click the **Awards** menu drop-down and select the **Award Processing** option.



2. The "Award Processing" screen Simple Search appears. Enter at least four characters in the preferred search field to search by Grant Number, FAIN, or Organization name.

Note: To filter a search using additional criteria, use the *Advanced Search*.



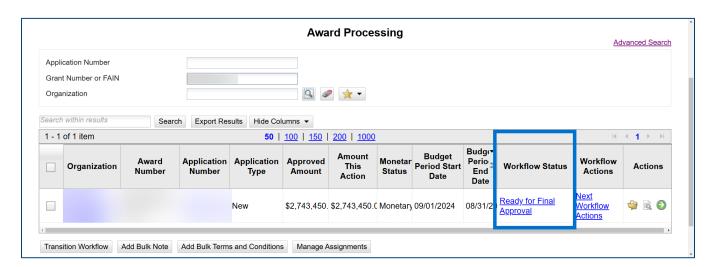


3. Click the Search icon.



The "Award Processing" screen refreshes and all awards matching the search criteria are displayed in a table. **Note**: Depending on an approver's role, the workflow status will differ. Below is the workflow status for each role that approves the draft NOA:

Workflow Status	GrantSolutions Role
Ready for Budget Officer Review	PBO
Ready for Program Officer Approval	PO
Ready for Program Manager Approval	PC
Ready for Program Director Approval	OD
Ready for Administrative Review	AD
Ready for Authorization Review	DAO
Ready for Final Approval	AO

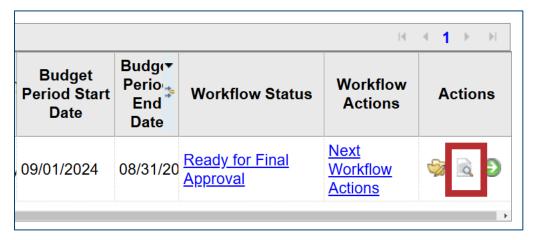




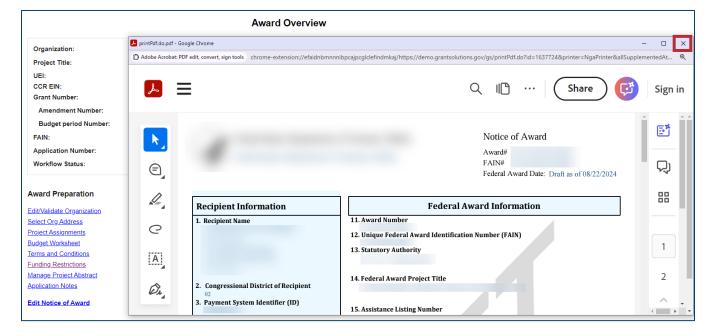
REVIEW THE DRAFT NOA

The first action is to review the pdf of the draft NOA. Follow the steps below:

- 1. Locate the desired award from the results table.
- 2. From the Actions column, click the View/Print Notice of Award icon.



- 3. A pop-up window displays the draft NOA as a pdf. Confirm that the information in the draft NOA is correct.
- 4. To return to the "Award Overview" screen, click the close icon.

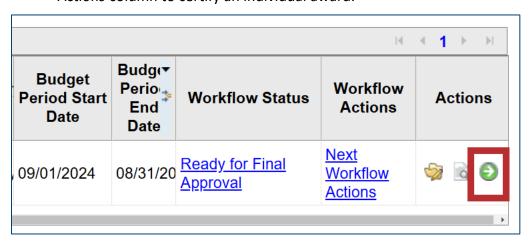




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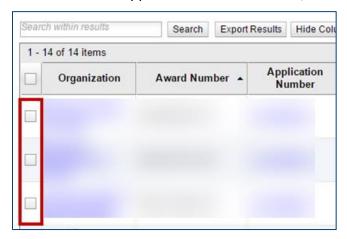
When the grantor is ready to approve, they will perform the following steps:

- 1. Search and locate an award from the "Award Processing" screen. **Note**: The draft NOA for the application is in the *Workflow Status Ready to Certify*.
- 2. On the "Award Processing" screen results table, click the **Transition Workflow** icon in the *Actions* column to certify an individual award.



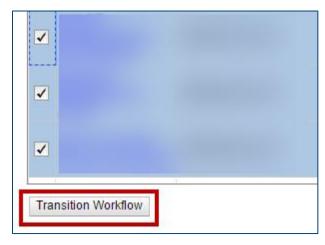
Note: To certify awards in bulk, navigate to the "Award Processing" screen's Advanced Search. Select the search criteria to search for applications that are in the *Ready to Certify* workflow status, are the same *application type*, and are for the same *grant program*.

The results table appears. In the first column, click the **checkbox** to the left of each award.



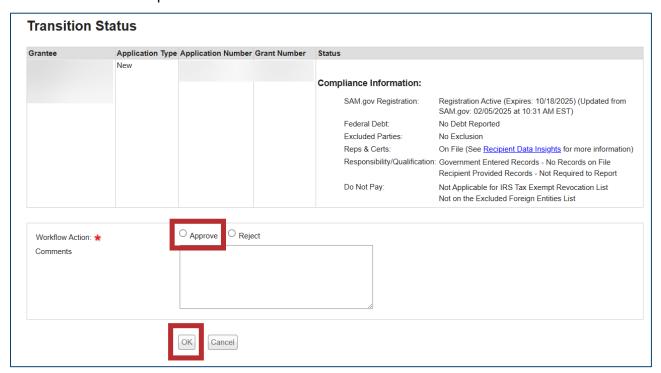


At the bottom of the table, click the **Transition Workflow** button.



- 3. The "Transition Status" screen appears in a new window. Award(s) selected from the previous screen appear at the top of this page. From the *Workflow Action* line, select the **Approve** radio button.
- 4. Click the **OK** button.

Note: Comments are optional.





5. The "Changed Notices of Grant Awards" screen appears. The status is *Queued* and eventually updates to the next workflow status. Click the **Continue** button.

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	GrantSolutions has sent the following NGAs to be processed:		
	Transition Status Screen refreshes every 5 seconds. To see status updates of a particular award, please refresh the Awards List page. In addition status updates of a particular award will be available in Award Workflow history page.		
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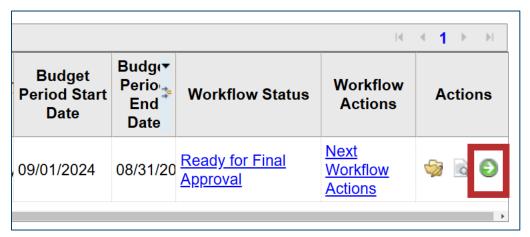
Note: The "Award Processing" screen appears. The next person in the approval process receives an email notification that they have an action to perform in the GrantSolutions GMM.



REJECT THE NOA

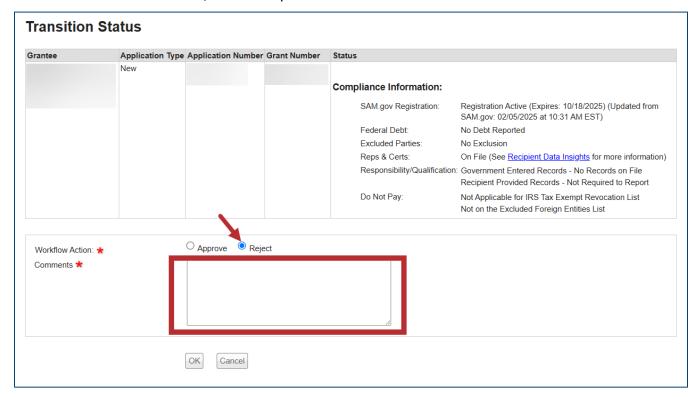
When a draft NOA needs to be returned to make changes, follow the steps below:

- 1. Once in Grantsolutions GMM, from the menu bar, click the **Awards** menu drop-down and select the **Award Processing** option.
- 2. The "Award Processing" screen appears. Use the *Simple* or *Advanced* search fields to locate the desired grant.
- 3. Matching results appear in a table below the search fields. From the *Actions* column, click the **Transition Workflow** icon.

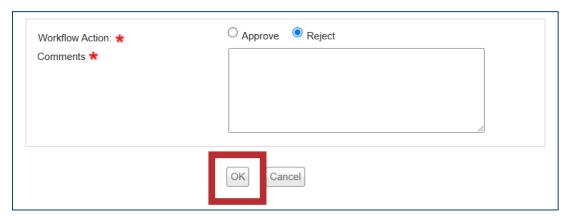




- 4. The "Transition Status" screen appears in a new window. From the *Workflow Action* line, select the **Reject** radio button.
- 5. In the *Comments* field, enter a required **comment**.

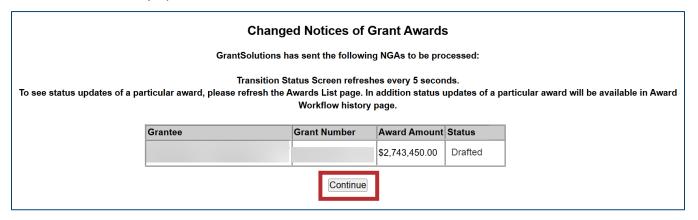


6. Click the **OK** button.





7. The "Changed Notices of Grant Awards" screen opens in a new window. The status is *Queued* and eventually updates to the next workflow status. Below the table, click the **Continue** button.



The "Award Processing" screen appears, and the award is now in *Draft* workflow status. The Grants Management Specialist (GMS) and Grants Management Officer (GMO) receive email notification that the draft NOA has been returned. Once any corrections are made, they must move forward through the workflow again.

