



National Finance Center
CAPPS Notification

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Secure File Transfer Protocol Requirements Mandated by USDA

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Dear Customer:

In accordance with the Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) Requirements Mandated by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Project Number 34040, all file transmissions currently conducted via File Transfer Protocol (FTP), and any new file transmissions, must utilize the SFTP method.

Agencies must submit their SFTP requirements to the National Finance Center (NFC) via the attached Form AD-3003, Software Change Request (SCR). In addition, the attached Form AD-3113, Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) File Transmission Request, must be completed as well to provide all file-related information. Please use the NFC-assigned project number in all correspondence related to the project. Once NFC receives files from the Agency, NFC will schedule a meeting to review forms with the Agency technical team. If an outside contractor or servicing Agency manages the actual FTP process, they must attend as well.

The following process must be followed:

1. Agency submits completed SCR and SFTP File Transmission Request Form to NFC.GESDREQUEST@usda.gov.
2. NFC requests Interim Interagency Agreement (IIA) to fund requirements, if applicable.
Note: No Interagency Agreement is needed unless files are being added; file formats are being modified to add, modify or delete data elements; or files are being deleted.
3. Agency returns signed IIA.
4. NFC conducts meetings with Agency to further define and clarify requirements.

5. NFC completes Functional Requirements Document (FRD) and submits to Agency.
6. Agency returns signed FRD.
7. Agency reviews, updates and returns Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA) to NFC.

Note: No updates to the ISA are required unless more than 3 years have passed since it was last updated, or the project requires changes in network architecture (e.g., IP Address).

8. NFC prepares cost estimate.
9. NFC submits final Interagency Agreement (IA) Package, including the signed FRD and cost estimate, to the Agency.
10. Agency returns signed IA Package.
11. NFC builds workflow process, account profile, firewall rules, security/encryption keys and establishes server connectivity.
12. Agency loads security/encryption keys and establishes server connectivity.
13. NFC schedules project for implementation.
14. NFC implements file changes.
15. NFC and Agency test server connections.
16. NFC closes project 2 weeks after successful implementation.

Federal employees with questions concerning this notification should contact their Servicing Personnel Office. Authorized Agency representatives with questions concerning this notification should contact NFC's Contact Center at either 1-855-632-4468; or via ServiceNow Customer Service Portal (CSP).