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Mr. Coppenbarger is the System Owner for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) Grants Management Line of Business. He is a key visionary for USDA's enterprise-wide grants management solution, ezFedGrants, which is part of USDA's National Finance Center's shared financial services. Chris provides senior level functional support, including key roles in marketing services, expanding system functionality, supporting client agencies, and implementing governance structure. His efforts are aligned with providing greater transparency, accountability, efficiency, and cost savings. He collaborates with multiple agencies to ensure USDA's compliance with grant related Federal statutes and regulations, including FFATA/DATA and 2 CFR Part 200.

The ezFedGrants solution currently supports four USDA agencies' grant programs (~ \$75 billion). Three agencies deploy in September/October. Six additional agencies are at various stages of on-boarding with an expectation that all 16 USDA grant making agencies, and their 253 programs with \$125 billion in funding, will be in the system by the end of 2018.

Chris has over 12 years of Federal grant and related agreements experience, including positions at the National Institute of Food & Agriculture (Senior Policy Advisor), Foreign Agricultural Service (Agency Grants Management Officer), Forest Service (Grants Policy Analyst and Presidential Management Fellow). Chris also served in the Peace Corps in Tanzania. He earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law, and a Master in International Development and Social Change from Clark University. Chris is the 2016 National Grants Management Association Impact/Public Sector Award recipient.