

RTOC Grants Workgroup Follow-up Action Item “C” (February 2011)

GAP Online System Overview

Overview:

GAP Online has it been developed to:

- Move GAP work plan development and reporting to an electronic medium.
 - Place tribes further along the path to benefit from e-Gov systems.
 - Enable tribal, regional and AIEO staff to easily access both specific and summary information.
- Enhance the ability for recipients to include greater levels of detail to support work plan goals and activities.
 - Enable EPA to provide current information in support of continued GAP funding.
 - Allow recipients to closely link progress and deliverables with activities.
 - Increase the opportunity to include supporting documents with draft work plans.
- Create an easily accessible archive of work plan and progress reports, available for the recipient at any time.
 - Reduce the problems associated with the transmission of documents by mail or fax.
 - Provide greater opportunity for GAP recipients to work on documents at their own pace, and within the framework of their other day-to-day tasks.
 - Facilitate the production of printed records when needed.

Elements:

GAP Online is an internet-based tool for developing, reviewing, and archiving GAP work plans and progress reports. There are three key components to GAP Online:

1. GAP Online – The primary mechanism by which tribes enter their planned activities for GAP funding, and from which tribes and EPA negotiate, finalize and track progress on work plans commitments.
2. GAP Offline – A specialized version of GAP Online designed to enable tribes with intermittent or slow connections to develop and maintain their GAP work plans. This tool is primarily designed to assist Alaskan Native Villages, but can be applied to other remote locations in Indian country.
3. GAP Online Apex Reports – This is an overlay program that makes it easier to extract and summarize data from within the system.

Improvements for FY 2011:

- GAP Online will contain a full national data set for FY 2010. This will enable EPA for the first time to provide a comprehensive national overview of tribal capacity-building initiatives.
- EPA will be able to be increasingly responsive to the needs of the user community by moving to monthly rather than by bi-annual updates to the system in response to user issues.
- EPA will be able to ramp-up offline access to Alaska Native Villages and other remote communities.
- Integration of the APEX tool will mean that both EPA and Regional staff can begin developing customized reports based on GAP Online work plan information.
- EPA will complete a preliminary assessment of how to adapt the system for use with MMTI and PPGs.

System Development and Maintenance Costs:

FY 2003 – 2008:	\$930K (cumulative)
FY 2009:	\$432K
FY 2010:	\$524K
FY 2011:	\$300K (est)