

# Follow-up to the Future of the State Program Report (SPR): Revisiting Outcomes

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#### **Overview**

- SPR big picture
- New since last year
- Coming attractions!



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#### SPR big picture

- Initial SPR build-out was 2013-16
  - Outcomes and Public View added by 2017
  - New developer for cloud migration in 2019
  - "Steady state" maintenance since 2020
- New SPR has given us better national data to tell statistical trend stories
- We continue improving incrementally/iteratively



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## Principles for engagement for developing the SPR

- This is a federal-state partnership program
- We rely on your active participation/input
- Some improvements will help states and some IMLS
- SPR enhancements will be a cooperation between SLAAs, G2S staff, IT engineers, and IMLS research staff for support
- Any planned enhancements will keep the timing of the next five-year evaluation in mind



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#### **New SPR enhancements...**

- Mechanism to prevent more than one user at a time (i.e., data loss) in Projects, the FSR, and Admin (thanks TX et al.!)
- New column for Match in List Projects table (thanks IL!)
- Back-end preparatory work on Login.gov implementation







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- Initial updates to address site visit checklist saving issues (thanks NJ, KY, MO!)
- Abstract fields turned plain text to address longtime formatting/saving issues (thanks to many!)
- Error message fixes for newly copied projects with formerly rich text (thanks IN, LA!)
- Long-awaited clean-up of Public View export data
- Limits to abstract length and relevant pop-up messages (related to Public View export)
- Longer-term fixes for duplicated/overwritten/missing projects (thanks CA, ME, WA, FL, AK!)
- Root cause fixes for locale validation errors (thanks ME, CO, and more!)
- Data export fixes for project director fields (thanks NC!)
- Partner field fixes on Print format (thanks IL!)
- Copy activity feature fixes (thanks VT!)
- Batch upload fixes (thanks MO!)
- Other error message fixes (thanks CA, OH, NV, AK, AZ!)



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#### Potential new SPR enhancements

- Alignment of beneficiary age ranges with Public Libraries Survey and SLAA Survey
- Lockdown on dual users in other parts of the SPR (site visit checklist, state info, etc.)
- Data validation at the page/project level
- Increased file size allowance for Additional Materials
- Additional Materials selection feature for Public View inclusion
- And more!



#### Coming soon - login.gov

- SPR currently has a single sign-on
- Due to federal security requirements, the SPR needs to move to multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- eGMS already moved to MFA through login.gov, and SPR will use login.gov, too
- IMLS will update you before SPR changes occur, and we anticipate a transition period to ease everyone into login.gov

#### This is a test server and sandbox for the SPR Version 4.1.9013 (9/4/2024)

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### Outcomes surveys: assessing the need and usefulness

- We introduced outcomes surveying of beneficiaries in 2017
  - It reflected longstanding outcome-based management in the public sector
  - It aligned with PLA's Project Outcome in attempting to minimize beneficiary double reporting
- We observed mixed performance in using outcomebased surveying and have concern about burning out SLAAs
- We suggest using 2025 as a time to revisit whether to remove or change our approach to outcomebased assessment in the SPR



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### Questions?