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BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 0:07
Great.

D **Davis, Chanel T1 - ETA CTR** 0:09
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BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 0:29
Thank you, Chanel.

D **Davis, Chanel T1 - ETA CTR** 0:30
No problem.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 0:32
Let's start with the introduction. As usual of our national office team. As I mentioned before, I'm Byron Klein, workforce analyst with SCSEP and we also have on the call our unit Chief Toni Wilson.

 **Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP** 0:48
Good afternoon, everyone.
Happy August.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 0:54
Thanks Toni.
And I am your national office liaison for Regions 3,4 and 6, and my colleague Shawnte McGee is not in today.

She is the National Office of Liaison for Regions 1,2 and 5.
I will now move to our partners organizations.
First up, we have our GPMS partner.
There's BCT, Intouch BCT.
If you all could give a wave.
And also our partners from the Charter Oak Group.
And last but not least, our partners from TwoTech if you guys could give a wave.
Great. Thank you.
OK.
Now I'm going to turn things over to Toni to share some news about grant management updates.
First, let's talk about our PY2026 allotments.



Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 2:09
Thank you so much, Byron.
All right. So Happy August, everyone.
All of our PY26 allotments are out, so if for any reason you don't have yours or you haven't been able to get those, please connect with your FPO to make sure that we clear up that connection.
But all of those are out.
We are in the process of working with the FPOs.
To make sure all of the NOAs are reconciled. So that basically means that we're just reviewing any changes that were done to the amendments to the grants.
Some people are adding an ATSS or making changes.
So we are all in the process of reviewing those right now. So just wanted to let you know that piece.
We also have our PY26 state plan standalones.
All those should be in. We have, I believe only one that should be coming in the next day or two and they were able to show that they were.
It was out for comment, but the rest should be in.
And the FPOs are working very hard to review those plans and we will let you know if there is any questions.
Otherwise you'll receive an official letter from our grant office once those are complete, which will then go into your grant solutions.
And then for the PY25 close out.

I just wanted to let people know I know we've been getting a few questions in reference to where we are in the closeout process.
Of funding questions, things of that sort. I just wanted to let you know that close out is done in a separate office and that is done over the PY26 period of time.
So they're done on an individual basis. So, I can't give you like a date like today they'll all be done.
They start in July.
They usually go through.
They usually go through, you know, no longer no later than early spring, and they work with the each of the individual grants.
So anyone that did submit a waiver, that is part of their review, we have provided them the waivers that everyone has submitted and they'll review that if there are questions or concerns then close out with including your FPO will reach out.
So I just wanted to let you know on that closeout piece because I know there's a lot of questions of like where, where that status is.
So I wanted to just flag that.
And then the demonstration grants.
I know there was a name change.
So give me a second, the GPMS Glive.
We did. The Two-Tech team did a training for those that'll be entering information for the random assignments.
We did record.
We didn't get as many of the navigators or people that will be actually entering the data as we hoped.
So we'll make sure that we share the recording so that that can be distributed as needed to the staff.
So I just wanted to note that.
And also I know that a few of you have reached out wanting to kind of talk about your demo with the amendments.
So I'm putting together bookings and we'll send that out because unfortunately it's just been a challenge in reference to the scheduling.
So I'm going to do it that way.
So I'll send out a link to those that have requested and then we can get those on the calendar pretty quickly from there.
So I'm sorry for the delay on that, but hopefully going forward, we won't have any

delays in that area.
And then lastly is the PY25 quarter for WIPS reporting, those were due the 15th.
I'll leave any other details on that up to our performance team to talk about, but just letting you know that those should all be in.
We had all but one, I think at least as of last touch base.
So I'll find out if we've gotten that one.
But all of this information I appreciate your timing and getting these in because as you know this information we need for the WIPS. So, you can be counted in that and get as close as that accurate data as possible when you're connected there.
So with that said, I'll stop and pass it back over to Byron.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 7:10
Thank you, Toni. Appreciate that.
Just a quick addition to what Toni said about the PY26 allotments regarding the optional special requests for the most part, we have finished our review and as the NOLs we're getting out the letters.
We're reconciling questions we have.
For grantees in some cases, after reading these submissions, we may have had some questions about your ATSS request.
Maybe some things weren't clear about your budget, so for the most part, we've reached out to everyone to reconcile those.
In some cases, some packages may have been missing a work plan and we are reaching out to you or we already have reached out to get some additional details.
Sometimes we just needed additional details for your budgets.
Those are examples of the kinds of things that we would ask to clarify before we can finalize the optional special requests.
So if you haven't heard from us, that's a good thing.
You still, as we're finalizing our review, we still may reach out with some questions, so stay tuned.
And as always, if you have some questions for us, please shoot us an e-mail and we will follow up with both you and your FPO, OK.
With that, let's move on to our communications and outreach section for training and technical assistance.
I'm going to turn things over to Meche McNeace from Two-Tech.

Mcneace, Meche A - ETA CTR 9:00

Thank you, Byron. Good afternoon, everyone.

Let's start with the older workers community of practice first, which I just want to state a reminder that the COP does contain some helpful resources and tools for you, so please check out the COP if you're looking for SCSEP resources and also other workforce development resources as well.

And so next is our GPMS Glive we had our office hours last week.

Another great turn out. We had a lot of great questions and we were also able to demonstrate some new, some not new functionalities and those functionalities that came from questions. And so the discussion that we had last week actually took us over our 90 minute time frame which was exciting for us.

We get absolutely excited when we can go longer, if we could stay on for 2 hours, 3 hours, 4 hours, we would do that.

Look, and I don't know what my team is thinking right now, but we would.

So as always, we want to thank you all for participating and also for having your or encouraging your GPMS end users to attend the Glive. Our next Glive session will be next Wednesday, August 26 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM Eastern Time and we look forward to seeing you all there.

And lastly on our agenda topic is the service locator. We have submitted the final updates to the career one stop vendor, they have been working on updating the information they receive. We still have some grantees who did not respond even though they did not respond.

Basically what we're saying, even though the timeline or the due date has come and gone, if at any time you feel you need to update your service locator local area information, please use the Excel sheet that we submitted it to you in the e-mail that was sent previously, once that is done send that back to us and we will forward it to the vendors for them to update the service locator at that point in time.

Soif you didn't get it the first round, you can still submit it.

And we'll still send it in to get it updated.

We're also going to have another round of updates scheduled sometime early December, so that'll be another opportunity for you to submit any new updates for your local area contacts that is posted on the older workers program finder at the career one stop site. And I'll put that link to that site in the chat.

And so with that being said, I think that's all I have for today and I'll pass it back to Byron.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 11:53
Thanks Meche.
Appreciate that.
Next up are our performance updates and we will start with our GPMS updates and our partners at Intouch BCT will leap that off.

JW **Joshua Wadsworth** 12:13
Hi everybody.
It's great to be with you again this month, so a few updates.
We just checked, there's still 1 outstanding WIPS submission that's being worked on by the grantee and everyone else has submitted theirs already.
So that's great news.
A couple GPMS updates since our last meeting, we've had two small releases in GPMS.
We had a hotfix or a small release 26.1.1 was deployed on Friday, July 24th that had included updates to the rural urban commuting areas with the latest data from the USCA Economic Research Service.
So those lookup tables are available now in GPMS and the data is up to date and then last week we deployed release 26.1.2.
Which includes all of the authorized positions.
Modified positions for grantees and counties for PY26.
And the as you probably saw by e-mail the process for APs and MPs and allocations is evolving a bit this year, we're in the process of making some changes in the system to streamline that and improve that for grantees for this year. What we were able to do was upload what we're calling preliminary allocated positions.
Which copies the existing sub-grantee data from quarter 4 of PY25 and then applies the PY26 positions to those existing allocations.
So for grantees, the difference is that you won't have to go into GPMS and allocate all of your positions in every county.
You'll only have to go into the system and make changes.
If, for example you had a sub-grantee change between quarter four of last year.
Year and quarter one of this year or in the few instances where there's more than one

sub-grantee operating for a grantee within a county, we ask that you go in and double check that our estimates for how many slots you are allocating to each of your sub-grantees are accurate and make any updates between those grantees in the county.
So we sent the copies of those allocations that allocated, AP and MP data to grantees.
Last week and we're asking that you make any updates to those allocations by Friday, August 28th.
So that's next Friday, and if you have any questions or concerns about that, go ahead and submit an HRM ticket and we'll work with you to try to resolve the issue.
Also, you likely saw my e-mail this week.
There was a small technical issue with the PY24 or the PY25 Q4 QPR freeze when the process would kick off last week.
Some of the QPRs generated without any data in them, and that issue has been resolved on the back end.
So we've rescheduled the QPR freeze to take place again this weekend.
So the new close will be on at 12:00 AM on Saturday, August 22nd.
And what that means is that grantees will have until the end of the day, August 21st.
To update any data that would impact those Q4 QPRs before the freeze.
And then this week, we were completing the process of uploading the PY26 performance goals. So, the performance goals are all uploaded to GPMS and are visible in all of the PY26 QPRs.
And then we do have a tip of the month this month.
To related to accessing GPMS and login.gov users.
Need to update their personal information like phone numbers, e-mail and other data related to their account.
Just a reminder that has to be changed in login.gov before any changes can be made in GPMS and the login.gov site has a help site which can assist you with resolving any of those issues and we're going to put that the information for that here in the chat.
And then I'm going to be handing over to Ron, who has a few updates on customer satisfaction surveys.

RS **Ron Schack** 17:01
Hi everybody.
So I'm sure you're tired of hearing me talk about customer satisfaction stuff, but it's,

you know, a never ending process and we are now getting ready to launch the participant and host agency surveys digitally where the launch date for that is scheduled for September 1st.
But this this little change in the QPR freeze date allows you a couple more days to try to update any host agency or participant e-mail addresses that you can.
Particularly for those grantees that got bounced back lists sent to them individually.
So you know, anything you can do to update any emails both participant and host agency.
That helps us actually reach the participants in the host agencies when we do the survey, and that means that the survey results will have greater validity.
So that's what we're shooting for and that's all I have to say.
I'll pass it back over to Byron.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 18:21
Thanks, Ron, and thank you Joshua for your updates. Appreciate that.
OK.
Now we are moving to the most important part of our agenda
And that's opportunity for you all to provide any highlights or to ask any questions that you have.
Just about the grant process or any other questions that you have.
We're particularly looking for any things that you would like to highlight that are going on in your regions, anything that you would like to share?
And also if you have some questions that will sort of benefit the general body or if you have some other things that are a little more involved we can talk about that offline.
But the floor is open.
You can please unmute your mics and I see a hand is raised right now.
Linda, please go ahead.

LK **Linda Kaiser** 19:39
Actually, that was a mistake. I apologize.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 19:41
Oh, OK.

Linda Kaiser 19:42
OK, I got my hand down.

Kline, Byron - ETA 19:42
No problem.
OK.
Alright.



Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 19:49
Thank you, Linda, and thank you for your e-mail.
I need to review that with leadership, but I will get back to you all right.
Good to see you.
I did want to add Byron.

Kline, Byron - ETA 20:06
Ah yes.



Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 20:07
We'll be looking. We are.
I know we've been saying save the date, but we're just really trying to balance it with other conflicting events, but we will probably be looking at the week that we usually do our all grantee call and but we'll be sending a save the date.
It'll be virtual, so nobody has to worry about travel and it'll be like a 1 to 4.
What we're trying to confirm if it's going to be two days or if for some reason we need to make it 3, so we'll be sending that out.
Soon you should have that definitely before our next grantee call. But just want to kind of put you know that on your radar.
But to the reason I'm mentioning that now, to Byron's point, most of that will be about, you know, reviewing, you know, any questions in reference to your actual grant package.
Is kind of going through making sure people know that type of information and we'll have a third day or the second day which will be all performance, and then we're kind of in between that.
That's where we're deciding about the second day is some of these other key areas

to focus on that's happening in PY26.
So I say that connecting it to what Byron said, if people do have things that they'd like to share, that might be helpful.
Both in reference you know, a successful best practice or something you've done.
You've done well that you want to share with others.
Please let us know you can reach out to your NOL. We'd love to be able to incorporate some of that in our in our sessions.
We do plan to do peer-to-peer so this is not that, but if there's an opportunity to maybe link anything that we're doing To an example of how it works, we'll, you know, we'll want to touch base with you.
So just wanted to share that.
Thanks, Byron.
Let me I'm not the moderator, so I'll stop.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 22:19
No.

 **Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP** 22:20
I just can't help it, I'm trying.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 22:22
It it's OK.
It looks like Kristen Davis.
You have a question, I see your hands up.

DK **Davis, Kristin** 22:28
Yes, thank you.
This is kind of a general DOL question, but in the past DOL has kind of backed national employ older workers week and last year that was not an official DOL week. I was wondering if there was any word on if that was going to come back in '26?

 **Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP** 22:56
Sorry, just kind of coming off mute. Great question.
Unfortunately, they're under this administration.

There will not be any DOL celebration on national employer older week, so we won't be providing any Information.
However, you know the field is still welcome to celebrate and we can use this space to, you know, kind of share what people are doing, but we won't be, you know, able to kind of promote or sponsor of any sort.

DK **Davis, Kristin** 23:27
OK. And probably one of the only cases ever that works to my benefit because we were going to have trouble getting it done by the last week of September.
So now I won't feel bad about pushing it off till October, so not a problem.


Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:39
I would.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 23:40
Ah, OK.


Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:40
I would plan for the remaining of this four, four years that we will not now.

DK **Davis, Kristin** 23:45
To be in the same.


Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:46
I don't know what if, if anything will change, but it we won't be doing that under this administration.

DK **Davis, Kristin** 23:54
OK.
Thank you. That is helpful.


Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:56
You're. You're welcome. Yeah, I know.

Davis, Kristin 23:58
Not helpful, but you know you know where we're at.


Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:00
It's definitely yes.
We're all you know.
Please know I feel you have the same reaction to all this, but yes, that's where we are.
No, no problem.

Davis, Kristin 24:06
Thanks Toni.
I appreciate it.

Kline, Byron - ETA 24:10
Yep. Thank you, Kristen. Appreciate that.
Next up, I see Tarlan. You have your hand up.

Ahmadov, Tarlan 24:17
Yes, good afternoon.
Good to see all of you from Maine.

Kline, Byron - ETA 24:19
Afternoon.

Ahmadov, Tarlan 24:20
So Tony, I have a question I put over here in the chat.
Do you know when we'll be having our supportive services approval or disapproval?


Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:32
All the optional services I'm over here.

Ahmadov, Tarlan 24:33
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.



Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:35

I'm over here spinning with my team.

What is OSR?

I was trying to figure out what this was.

AT **Ahmadov, Tarlan** 24:38

Yeah. Yeah. Optional, yes.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 24:39

Yeah.

AT **Ahmadov, Tarlan** 24:39

Option additional training.



Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:39

I'm so sorry.

I know this the OK, I got it now.

AT **Ahmadov, Tarlan** 24:41

Yes. Yeah.



Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:43

Thank you so much.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 24:43

Yep.



Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:44

I was checking my alphabet soup key.

AT **Ahmadov, Tarlan** 24:46

I'm sorry.

Kline, Byron - ETA 24:46
Right. I can answer that. Sure. As we mentioned earlier, they are all under review.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:47
Byron, you can. You can speak to this.

Kline, Byron - ETA 24:53
In some cases, we have already approved them and forwarded the approval letters to the grant office.
In some other instances, we had some questions I don't know off hand what the case is for you, but I can tell you that with both myself and my colleague Shawnte, we are. There weren't that many to go through.
And we've made some significant headway.
So the short answer is that you should be receiving an e-mail to at least signal that it has been approved and this will be integrated into your final grant package. There are some other OS, in addition to ATSS.
Says that we are reviewing as well and in most cases the letter that you will receive about your OS will mention that and any other optional special requests that you have requested. They will be contained in one letter.
So I will try and get some information particularly about yours but just know that we expect you to receive information shortly, hopefully by the end of this week.

Ahmadov, Tarlan 26:21
Thank you so very much, Byron.
I appreciate much.

Kline, Byron - ETA 26:24
You're welcome.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 26:25
And Tarlan and I just said Shawnte is on leave today. So, I just sent her an e-mail. She'll be back tomorrow to just touch base with you in the FPO on that status.

Ahmadov, Tarlan 26:36
Much appreciated. Much appreciated. Thank you.

Kline, Byron - ETA 26:39
Sure.
Any other questions?
Any other highlights that people want to share?
I don't see any other hands.
Umm.
OK.
Well, thank you all.
I know this meeting was a little short.
We have a smaller population than usual for AGCs
We sort of expected that for August, but as always, thank you all for your continued hard work even in August.
We appreciate everything that you do and our next All Grantee call will be Wednesday, September 16th.
So in the meantime, if you have any other questions or if you have some highlights, don't wait to the next all Grantee call to share them.
Please forward it to us and we will, you know, look forward to sharing that with the group and you will be getting some information soon about the upcoming grantee orientation call.
All right.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 27:49
Hey Byron.
I want to address this before we leave, so it sounds like people are saying there's an old link that they were going into.

Kline, Byron - ETA 27:52
Oh, sure.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 27:58
So we've sent an e-mail, unfortunately the bottom line is when someone leaves, if

they created the e-mail, we can't have it deleted.
We have worked very hard with helpdesk so you guys have to delete it yourself.
So we did send an e-mail asking everyone to delete it, so we'll send that out again just to remind people.
So if you potentially have two on your site, the one by Jada Byrd who is no longer with the team should be deleted.
And we are not able to do it ourselves. Unfortunately, Outlook doesn't allow us to do that.
We've tried and we've tried with help desk, so we'll just send a reminder to that because we, you know, obviously the point of this is to have everyone here.
We don't want people sitting somewhere else.
All right, all right.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 28:50
Thank you for that, Toni.

 **Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP** 28:51
In the meantime, everybody stay cool and safe out there and we will talk to you online and see you in September.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 29:00
Thanks everyone.

 **Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP** 29:02
Thanks, Byron.
Great job.

BK **Kline, Byron - ETA** 29:04
Thank you.
Bye everyone.