

# eGov@USDA - eAuthentication

A monthly update from the USDA eGovernment - eAuthentication Team

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## Design, Build, Test, and Implement: The eAuthentication Implementation Schedule

The eAuthentication team is ready to help you and your agency integrate with the USDA eAuthentication solution so you can meet the fast-approaching GPEA deadline.

On July 25, the eAuthentication team published the Agency Guidebook, a Road map with details for integrating Agency Applications with the eAuthentication solution. This publication is available on the eGov Web site at the following address:

[http://www.egov.usda.gov/resources/teamSPACE/eAuth/Agency%20GuideBook\\_v3.2.doc](http://www.egov.usda.gov/resources/teamSPACE/eAuth/Agency%20GuideBook_v3.2.doc)

*plus* installing an authentication enforcer. You will also need to develop training and reference materials for your staff and customers.

The **Test phase** includes testing everything that has been built – your application, the integration with the eAuthentication solution, registration functions and training approaches.

The **Implement phase** encompasses the actual move of your application into production, linking your application to the eAuthentication production system, establishing registration services and notifying your staff and customers about your new on-line services.

## Start Planning Your Registration Needs Now

While designing your GPEA application, you will simultaneously need to determine processes and procedures for registering your customers.

The eAuthentication team and the USDA Service Centers will provide a default user registration process consisting of user self-registration and in-person “identity-proofing” at the USDA Service Centers. Your GPEA Implementation team should evaluate your expected user population and determine if an alternative registration process for your agency is desired. If you choose this, you need to design a new process and the eAuthentication team is required to certify the new identity-proofing procedure using concepts developed in accordance with government-wide eAuthentication standards. You will also be responsible for training your staff regarding the new procedures.

A different process may be developed for existing customers that does not include in-person identity-proofing. Again, the requirements for this process must meet government-wide standards.

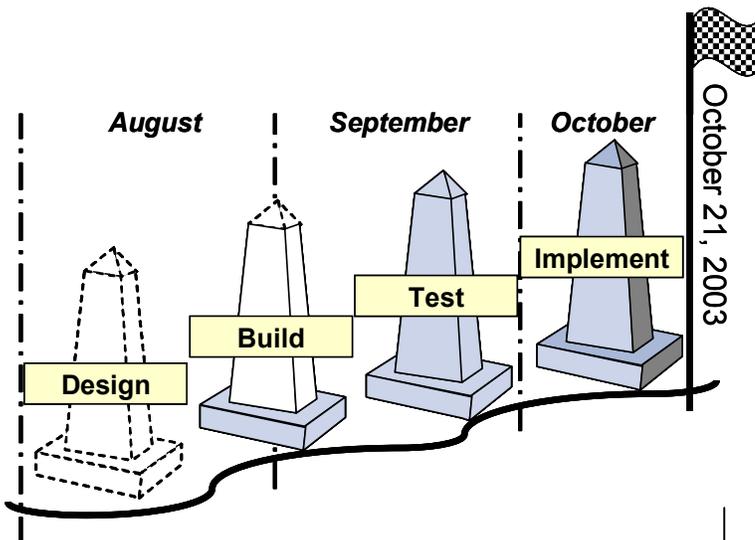
Currently, you should begin to develop plans for introducing all users to the new registration and authentication processes and for training them on its use.

## In the Next Issue

- Examples of GPEA application/eAuthentication designs
- Implementation progress report

## Questions? Comments? Concerns?

We'd love to hear from you, and to guide your progress towards using the USDA eAuthentication solution. Please call the eAuthentication team at 202-720-6144, or send us an email at [egov@usda.gov](mailto:egov@usda.gov).



Starting the week of August 4, the eAuthentication Technical Services team will be ready to assist and guide USDA agencies through the entire design, build, test, and implementation process. You may schedule a design session with the eAuthentication team via [egov@usda.gov](mailto:egov@usda.gov).

## The Phases

The **Design phase** includes the design of your GPEA application *plus* the design for authentication, access controls, customer registration and eAuthentication/customer data mapping (with the eAuthentication Technical Services team). The Registration article on this page offers more detail on customer registration.

The **Build phase** includes building your application, building authentication and access control components