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Transitioning of MAX.gov Shared Services to USDA

Everything you need to know to maintain seamless use of your MAX.gov Shared Services.

Why USDA?

To ensure MAX Partners had multiple transition options to consider, OMB, FEMA, Budget Line of Business (BLoB) and ONDCP invested in a three-month U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) discovery initiative which concluded in December of 2022. The outcome of the initiative demonstrated USDA's ability to provide continuity of operations, continued use of Max Authentication, scalability and keeping cost increases to a minimum.

Our partnership with OMB reflects a mutual appreciation for all MAX Partners and the community to what it has accomplished over the years. It would be our pleasure to hear from the Partners as to what each of you envision for the road ahead!

Program Highlights:

- History in providing Shared Services (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS)
- Ease of Federal-to-Federal Interagency agreements
- MAX Migration Plan
- Authority to Operate (ATO)
- We're fun to work with!

Architecture:

- Azure GovCloud PaaS (FedRAMP Mod)
- Scalable, automated resource provisioning
- TIC 3 + Akamai for performance and security

Service Catalog

- Multi-tenant Model
  - o Shared Confluence (Community)
  - o Shared Jira

- For those with specific needs
  - o Dedicated Jira
  - o Dedicated Confluence

- Professional Services
  - o Plugins, Ideal Forms
  - o Integrations

Which MAX Partners are currently in the USDA Transition Pipeline?

FEMA, along with BLoB and their 26 partner agencies, are currently scheduled for migration, June 5th and August 7th, respectively. The team is currently meeting with other Partner agencies, assisting with questions and other planning considerations to ensure USDA is a good fit for their user base. As this can be a challenging decision to make, USDA understands that some agencies may wish to sit back and wait to see how well the transition goes for FEMA and BLoB. The team is more than happy to share the results of the migration as well as any lessons learned along the way.

Specific to Budget, what applications will remain with OMB?

The following applications will remain hosted within OMB's MAX.gov:

Budget Applications:

- MAX A-11 DE Suite
- Agency Data Transfer (ADT)
- Account Information Viewer

- Apportionment
- Change Sheets
- Monthly Outlay Planner
- Credit Subsidy Report (CSR)

MAX Applications:

- MAX vNext
- MAX Homepage
- MDS
- MAX Community – OMB Content

What happens after the December 2023 deadline?

For those who have not found a new platform provider by December 2023, OMB will be placing all remaining community content in 'Read-only' mode early January 2024. USDA will then migrate the content over and resume Read-only access through December 2024, providing partner agencies additional time to entertain their options.

Is there more detailed information about USDA's Shared Service offering?

As USDA prepares for FEMA and BLoB migrations, we are also staging a MAX Shared Services webpage that will provide detailed information about our service offering, our Governance and Operational Models and, of course, our Price Sheet.

If you would like to be notified when this is published, please email us at **maxtransition@usda.gov**.

Additionally, USDA and OMB will continue to work together through the entire MAX Shared Service transition which includes teaming up to ensure communication channels are open and available.

How do I contact USDA?

To request an introductory meeting or to simply ask for more information, please send an inquiry to **maxtransition@usda.gov**. We look forward to meeting you!

USDA will be hosting 'Meet the Team' virtual sessions towards the end of March, so stay tuned!