March 2020 Grants Innovation Exchange Session

Implementation of The GREAT Act of 2019 & Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (OMB Memorandum M-20-11, M-20-17)

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Session Overview

- Welcome & Speaker Introduction
- Innovation Exchange Presentation
- Q&A
- Cross Agency Priority Goal 8: Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants
- Stay Informed!

Speaker Introductions

Rhea Hubbard is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM). She contributes to government-wide initiatives to improve Federal financial assistance policies, processes, and systems. In this role, she engages with relevant Government and non-Federal stakeholders on key issues to foster more efficient and effective Federal management. She is currently the OMB staff lead for the Results-Oriented Accountability Cross-Agency Priority Goal under the President's Management Agenda. She started her decade long Federal career in grants management operations and later transitioned into policy. She is passionate about solving long-standing grants management challenges to ensure successful results for the American taxpayer while finding opportunities to alleviate recipient burden. Rhea has a Master of Public Policy Degree from American University and a Bachelor in Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of Missouri – Columbia.

Gil Tran is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM). His main responsibilities are to develop and analyze policies and standards for cost principles and audit requirements for federal programs, including the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit requirements for Federal Awards, for which he serves as the point of contact for all Federal agencies on its implementation and interpretation. He also serves a liaison to the audit communities, including GAO and the IG Offices for the implementation of the Single Audit Act. He joined OFFM in February 1995. Gil received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from George Mason University, Virginia. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountant. He chaired the Diversity Committee for the U.S. Tennis Association (Mid–Atlantic Section).

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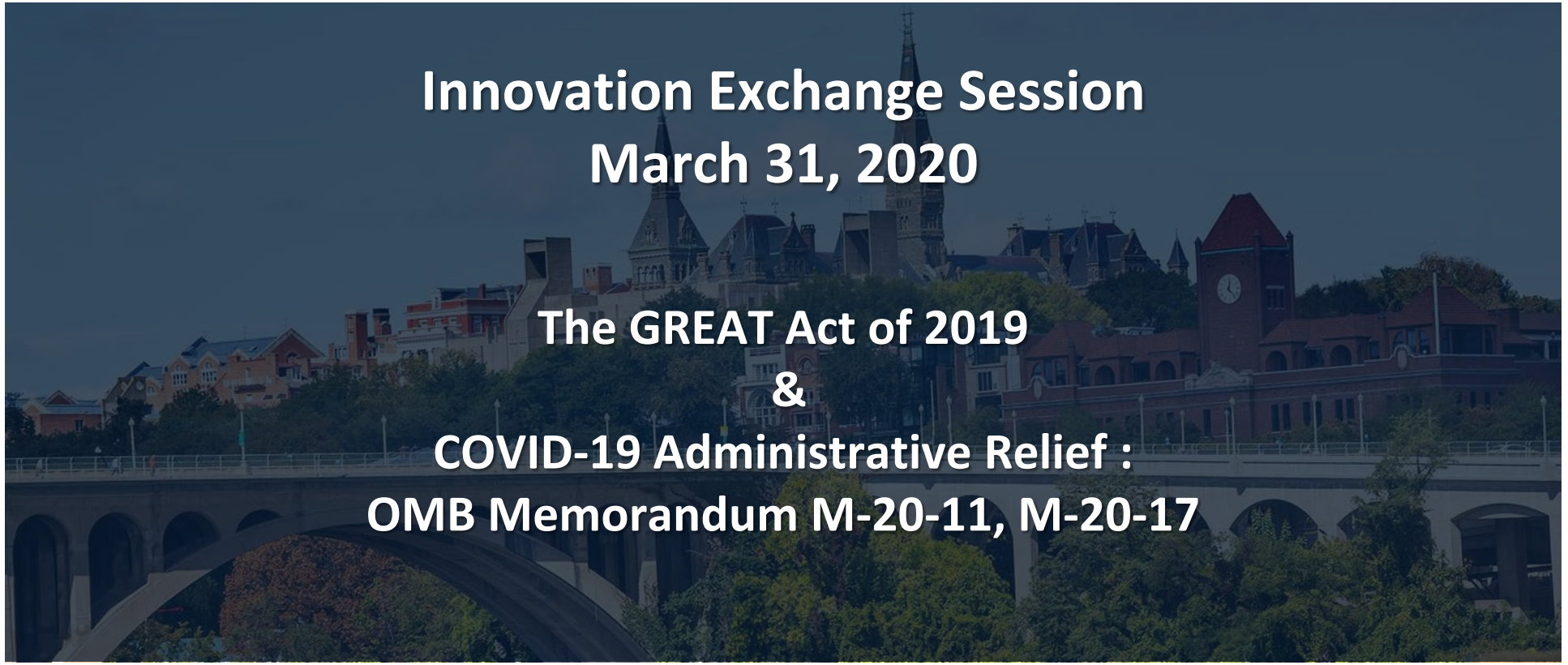
Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants



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The GREAT Act of 2019
&
COVID-19 Administrative Relief :
OMB Memorandum M-20-11, M-20-17

GREAT Act - Purpose

1. ***Modernize grant recipient reporting*** by creating and imposing data standards for the information that recipients are required to report;

2. Require OMB to implement the OMB DATA Act Section 5 Pilot recommendation to develop a "comprehensive ***taxonomy of standard definitions for core data elements*** required for managing Federal financial assistance awards";

3. ***Reduce burden and compliance costs*** for grants recipients by enabling technology solutions; and

4. ***Strengthen oversight and management*** for Federal grants by consolidating the collection and display of and access to open data that has been standardized and, where appropriate, ***increasing transparency to the public.***

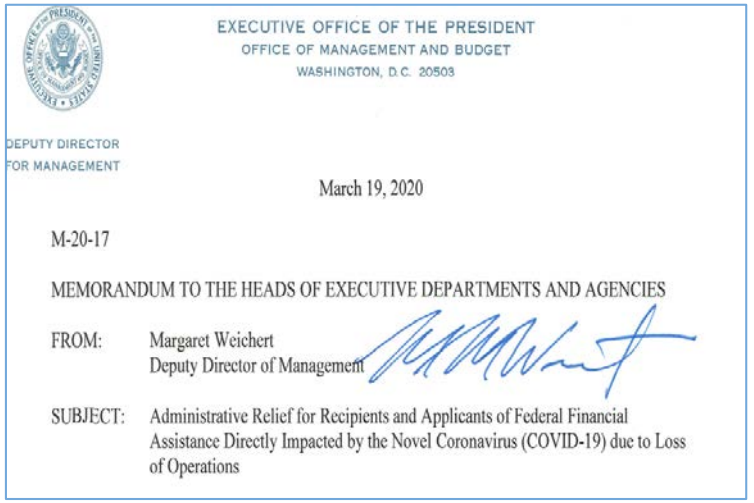
COVID-19 Administrative Relief

- OMB Memorandum M-20-11 Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- OMB Memorandum M-20-17 Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations

Summary

- Scope
- Timing and Duration
- Can/May/Are Authorized/Should/Must
- Accounting and Reporting requirements



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M-20-17

MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Margaret Weichert
Deputy Director of Management

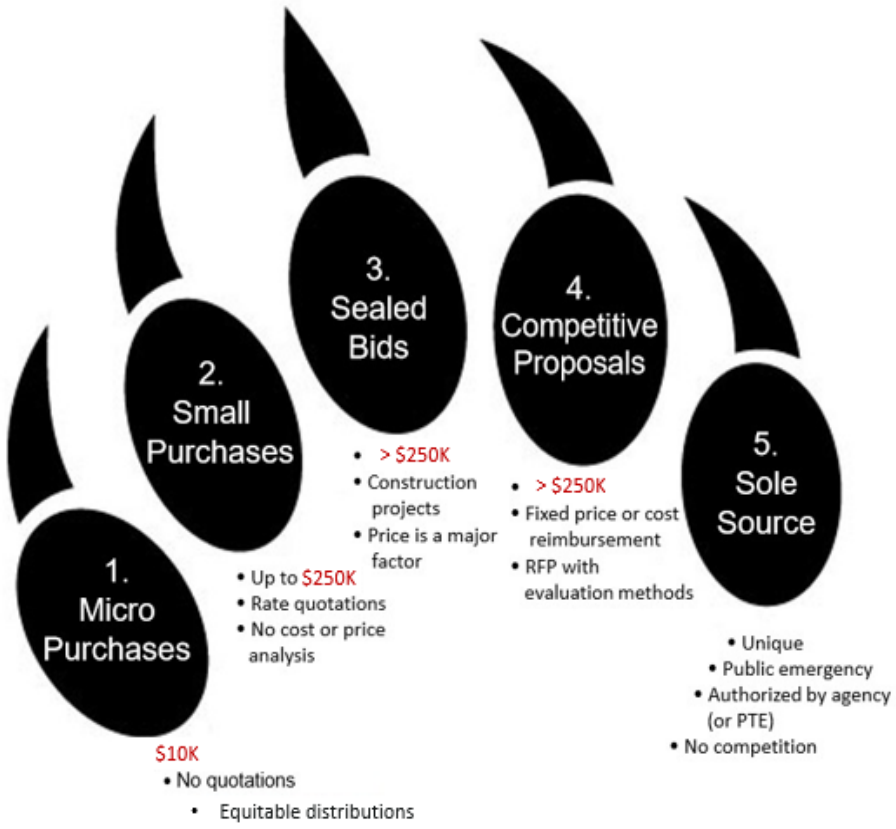
SUBJECT: Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations

OMB Memorandum M-20-17 - Appendix A

1. **Flexibility with SAM registration.** (2 CFR § 200.205)
2. **Flexibility with application deadlines.** (2 CFR § 200.202)
3. **Waiver for Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) Publication.** (2 CFR § 200.203)
4. **No-cost extensions on expiring awards.** (2 CFR § 200.308)
5. **Abbreviated Non-competitive continuation requests.** (2 CFR § 200.308)

OMB Memorandum M-20-17 - Appendix A

6. **Allowability of salaries and other project activities.** (2 CFR § 200.403, 2 CFR § 200.404, 2 CFR § 200.405
7. **Allowability of Costs not Normally Chargeable to Awards.** (2 CFR § 200.403, 2 CFR § 200.404, 2 CFR § 200.405)
8. **Prior approval requirement waivers.** (2 CFR § 200.407)
9. **Exemption of certain procurement requirements.** (2 CFR § 200.319(b), 2 CFR § 200.321)



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10. **Extension of financial, performance, and other reporting.** (2 CFR § 200.327, 2 CFR § 200.328)
11. **Extension of currently approved indirect cost rates.** (2 CFR § 200.414 (c))
12. **Extension of closeout.** (2 CFR § 200.343)
13. **Extension of Single Audit submission.** (2 CFR § 200.512)

FAQs

1. What are the differences between the two Memos?
2. "Affected by the loss of operational capacity" ? Documentation?
3. Are subrecipients covered by the memorandums? Contractors?
4. Item 4, is a "No cost extension" allowed on already extended project?
5. Automatic extension of Single Audit Submission?
6. Are the exceptions adopted on a Government-wide or Agency basis?
7. Have any agencies set up Websites to communicate?
8. Item 8, what are the prior approvals that are waived?
9. Can we donate Medical supplies bought with our grant money to local hospitals?
10. Item 10, is a blanket notification sufficient for all my Federal grants?

Q & A

Instructions:

Please enter your questions via the chat feature via Adobe Connect; or

Email them to GrantsTeam@omb.eop.gov

Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants
Cross Agency Priority Goal (Grants CAP Goal)

Goal Statement

- Maximize the value of grant funding by applying a risk-based, data-driven framework that balances compliance requirements with demonstrating successful results for the American taxpayer.

Challenge

- The Federal government uses grants to invest approximately $700 billion each year in mission-critical needs for American taxpayers, but managers report spending 40% of their time using antiquated processes to monitor compliance instead of analyzing data to improve results.

Opportunity

- Standardize the grants management business process and identify, open, standardize, and link data. Use standard business process and data to establish a robust marketplace of modern solutions that ease burden and drive efficiencies, respond to customer needs, and deliver on mission. Leverage data, including data produced by annual audits, to assess and manage recipient risk. Hold recipients accountable for good performance practices that supports achievement of program goals and objectives and streamline burdensome compliance requirements for those that demonstrate results.

Grants CAP Goal Strategies

Hold recipients accountable for good performance practices that support achievement of program goals and objectives; & streamline burdensome compliance requirements for those that demonstrate results.

Achieve Goals and Objectives

Manage Risk

Leverage data, including data from annual audits, to assess & manage recipient risk.

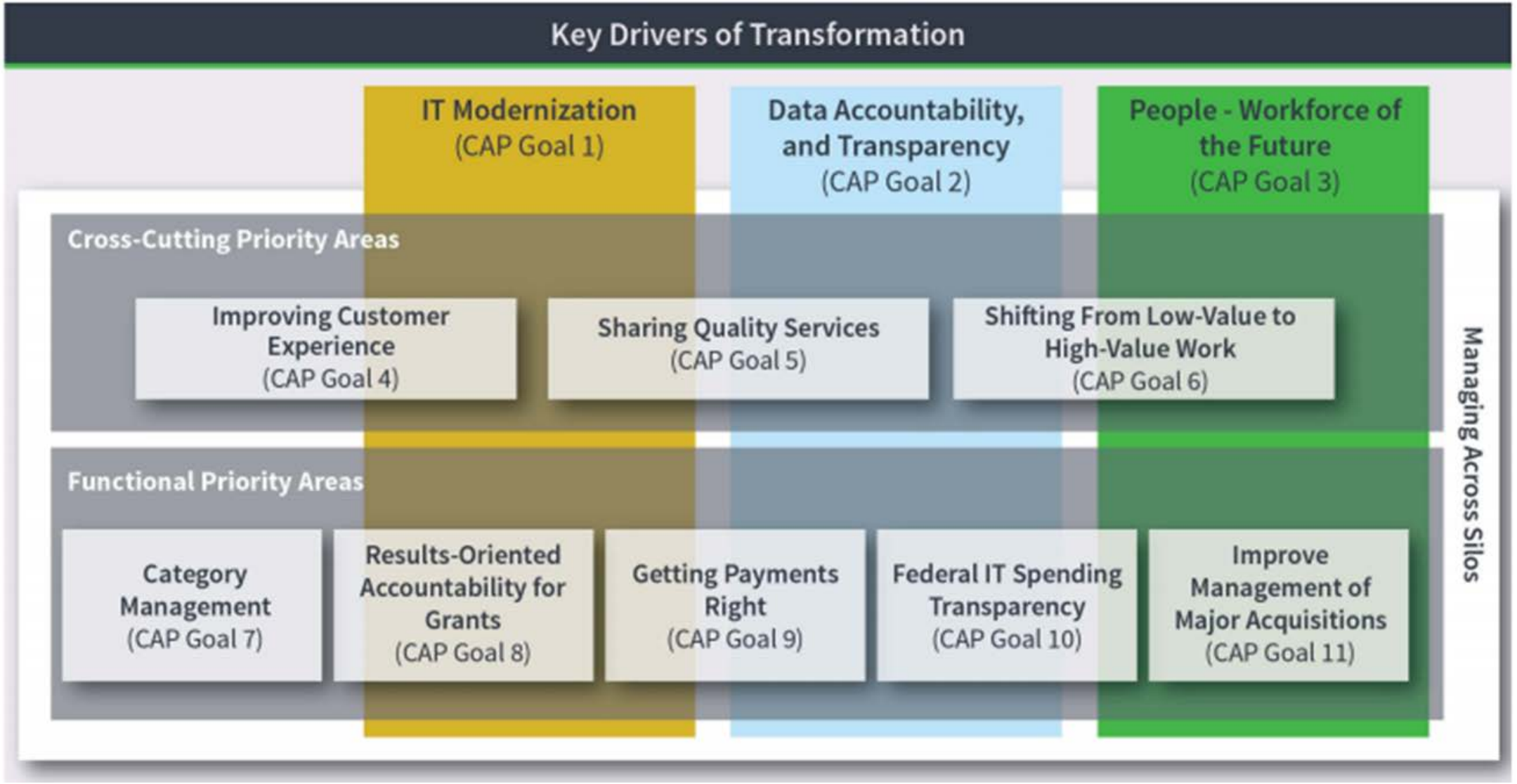
Build Shared IT Infrastructure

Use standard business process and data to establish a robust marketplace of modern solutions that ease burden and drive efficiencies, respond to customer needs, and deliver on mission.

Standardize Business Processes & Data

Standardize grants management business processes & identify, operationalize, standardize, & link data.

Cross Agency Priority Goal Environment



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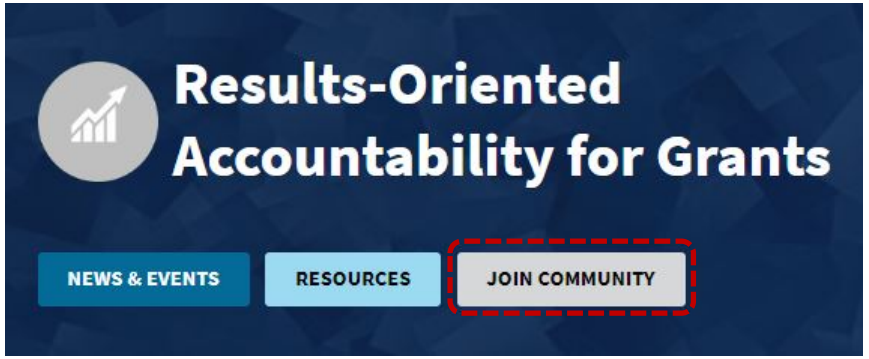

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