

The NSSC Works to Improve the NASA Automated Awards System

The NASA Automated Awards System (NAAS) provides supervisors and managers from all NASA organizations with the ability to nominate their high-performing employees for awards, check the status of their award submissions and obtain reliable awards data. The 3.1.0 – 3.1.3 releases of NAAS are designed to address immediate needs of users and make the system compatible with all NASA standard browsers. These improvements will eliminate user frustration and increase the awards process efficiency.

Release 3.1.0 went live in January. This upgrade improved the Review/Approver Status Screen by removing the reliance on the Flash plug-in; that screen is now HTML only. Awards approvers will notice the enhanced usability this awards cycle.

Release 3.1.1, which went live in March, added a status menu to the main screen. Now users with multiple roles in the system can easily navigate between those roles. 3.1.1 also improved the Panel Recorder Screen. NAAS now offers Panel Recorders a new "Change in Category" status. The comments section on the Panel Recorder screen now contains a spell checker and character counter. 3.1.1 also updated the Executive Secretariat Review Screen and addressed browser issues in the part of the system while offering new capabilities. The justification and citation data are now active and easy to read when a nomination is selected. Selection boxes have been added to each item in the grid allowing more than one nomination at a time to be sent, and an Export to Excel button is now available to export the contents from the grid to Excel.

Release 3.1.2 is planned for May. This release will address browser compatibility issues within the Nomination Screens. The release will also offer Nominators new capabilities. A new Copy button will be added allowing nominations to be copied and edited. The nomination process will be redesigned and split into five distinct input screens to simplify user input, minimize vertical scrolling, and prevent unsaved data from being lost by system time outs. The nomination data will automatically be saved when navigating between screens. The release will also improve the Add Recipients screen by implementing a single interface for choosing all recipients (NASA Civil Service (CS), NASA contractors and external recipients). A new search capability, similar to what is found in User Admin, will be available, as will an option to manually input recipients. 3.1.2 will also improve the Add Citation and Justification Screen. This screen will consist of a text area for citation and justification; both text areas will contain a spell checking capability and show a character count feature.

Release 3.1.3 is planned for July. This release will improve the Center Awards Officer (CAO) Status Screen. Improved logic will close a loophole in the check for duplicates when multiple awards are being finalized simultaneously by preventing the finalization of any two awards for the same SSN on the same effective date. The release also adds a new Reclama Screen for Agency Honor nominations that have been rejected and nominations that have been recommended for a Change in Category captured by the Expert Panel. A main grid will show reclamation requiring attention and will include a filter by Center, Award Title and Process Year. An action log grid will display a date/time of the action at each step in the nomination process. An Export to Excel button will be available.

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