

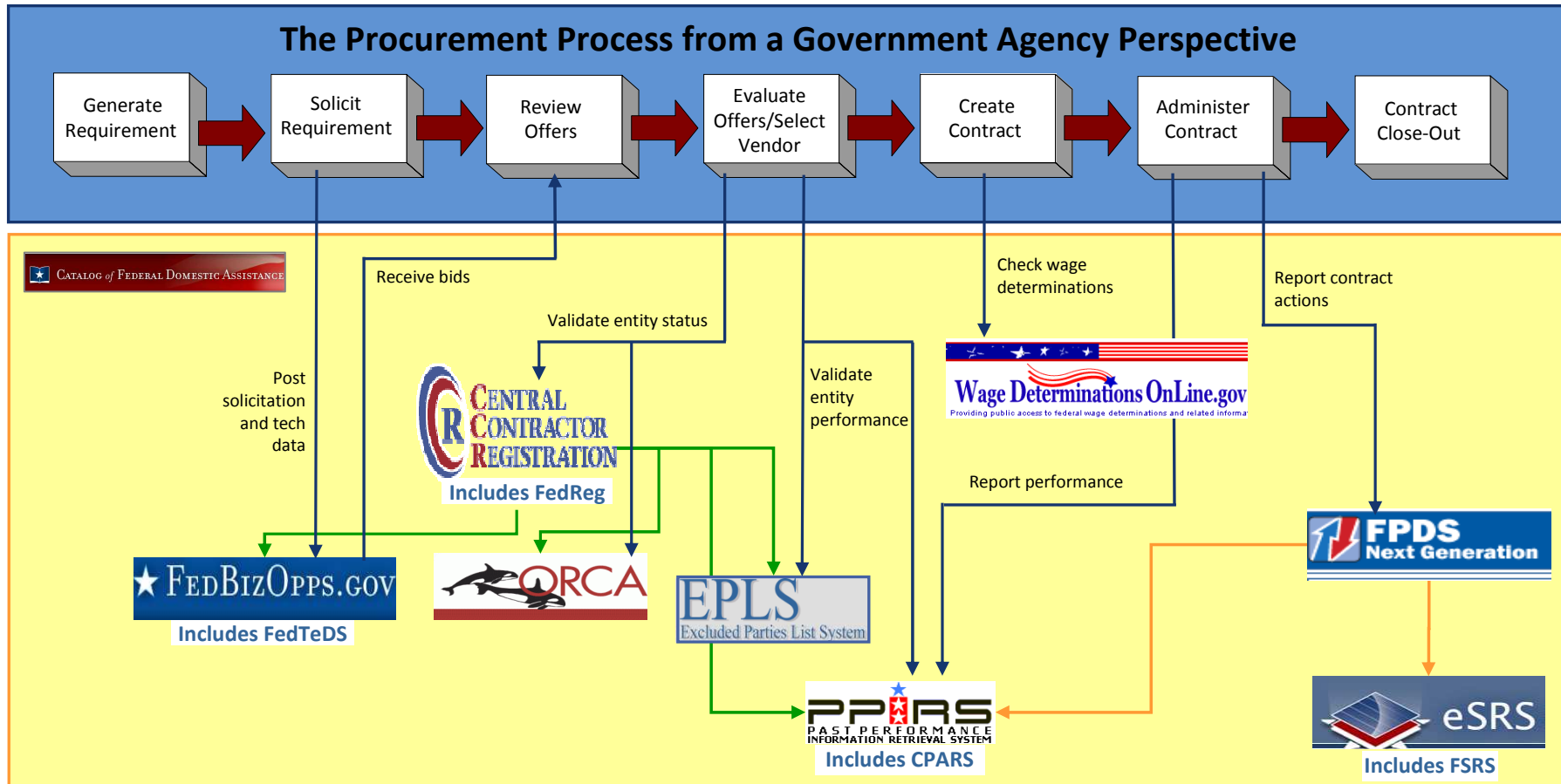


System for Award Management (SAM)

- ▶ **Creating Efficiencies through Integration and Consolidation**

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► Federal/IAE systems support the acquisition or award process



- User action
- Entity data
- Contract data

▶ Siloed systems

- Multiple logins—inefficient and confusing
- Data overlap among systems—inefficient and creates opportunity for error

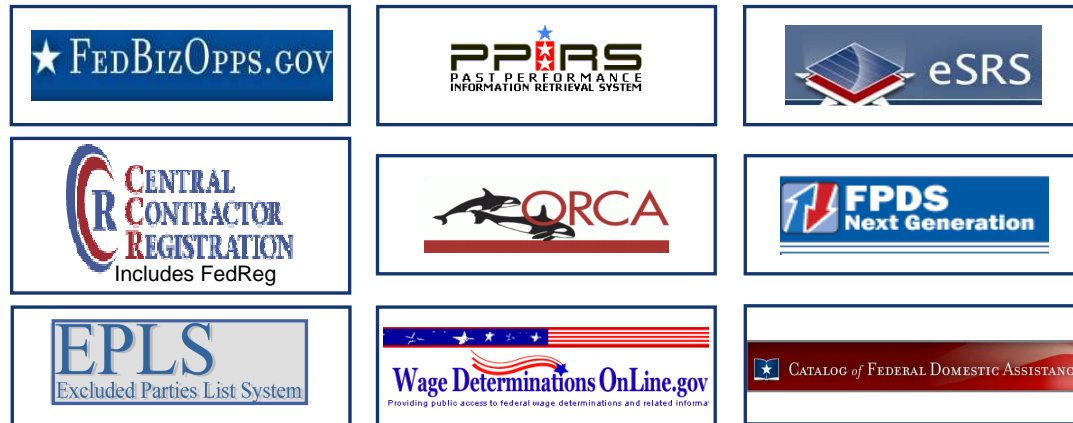


▶ Separate hosting, management, and support

- Various standards and service level agreements—may yield varying levels of service
- Multiple hosting vendors—more expensive than consolidated hosting

Today

- ▶ **Siloed** – Separate systems, each with a separate login
- ▶ **Redundant** – Overlapping data
- ▶ **Separate** – Various hosting locations, managed separately



Future

- ▶ **1 Login!** – Functionality accessible at one online location to streamline the process
- ▶ **1 Data Source!** – Centralized, normalized data to eliminate potential for conflicting values
- ▶ **1 Host!** – Consolidated hosting to reduce O&M costs



Existing capabilities, streamlined for efficiency.

▶ **Federal Service Desk (FSD)**

- Current consolidation of Tier 1 help desk services aligns with 1-system approach



▶ **Consolidated Hosting Services**

- One common database in one hosting location means lower operating costs and greater reporting flexibility



▶ **SAM Requirements and Operations**

- IBM is documenting SAM architecture and system requirements and will operate SAM



▶ **System Development**

- Requirements will be sent out for bid to increase competition





What Are the Benefits of the New Approach? **SAM** SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT

- ▶ **Entities (e.g., vendors, grantees)**
 - One login provides access to all the tools needed to register, record reps and certs, and view and respond to opportunities
 - Streamlined processes decrease the amount of time required to complete a typical registration
 - Eliminating artificial information category divisions simplifies data entry

- ▶ **Contracting Officers**
 - One login provides access to all the information needed to make an award determination
 - Streamlined, integrated processes simplify and reduce the time required to complete an award

- ▶ **System Owners/Administrators**
 - Reducing the number of interfaces decreases maintenance challenges and costs

- ▶ **All Users**
 - Integrating all data into one database increases reporting flexibility



How Will the New System Be Organized?

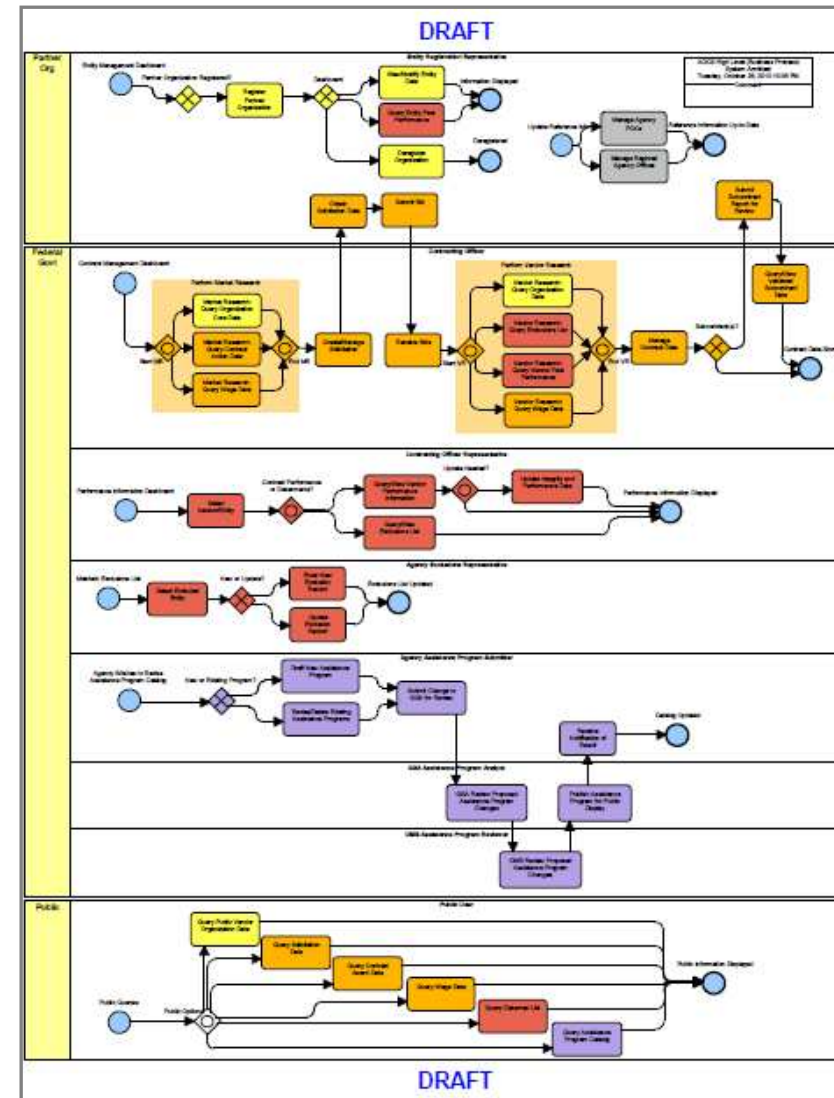


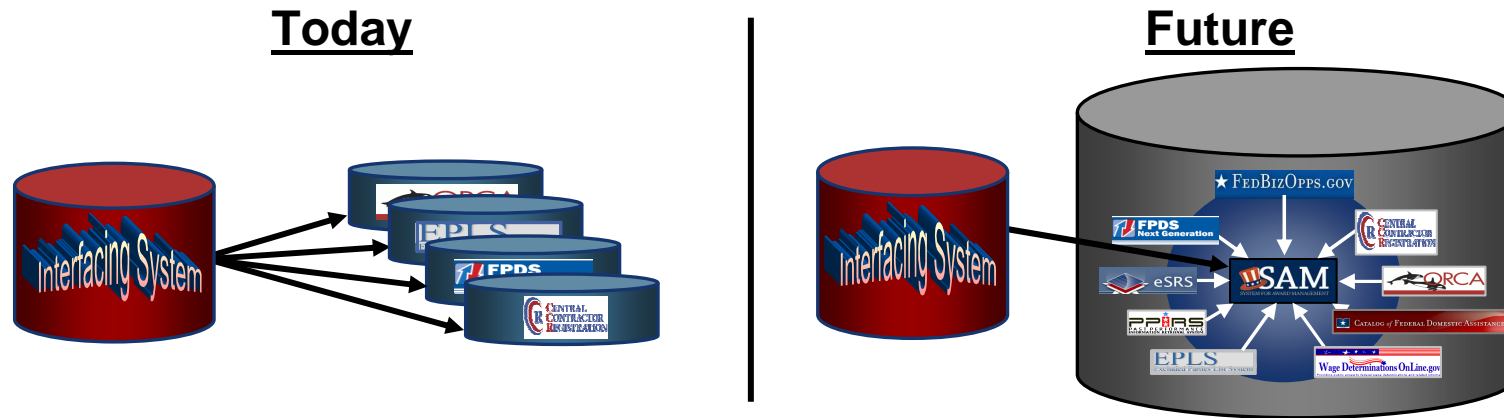
▶ IAE system capabilities notionally have been organized around six key functional areas

Functional Area	Capabilities	Legacy Systems
Entity* Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage entity core data • Manage certifications/representations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCR/FedReg – Central Contractor Registration • ORCA – Online Representations and Certifications Application
Award Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post solicitation and award data • Maintain government-wide contract award data • Manage government-wide subcontractor data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FBO – Federal Business Opportunities • FPDS-NG – Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation • eSRS/FSRS – Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System
Wage Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access wage determinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDOL – Wage Determination Online
Performance Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage/maintain past performance information • Manage exclusion list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPIRS/CPARS – Past Performance Information Retrieval System • EPLS – Excluded Parties List System
Assistance Program Catalog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create/maintain assistance program catalog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFDA – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide security/access control • Provide reporting/communications support • Provide internal controls 	

* For the purposes of this capability area, *Entity* refers to prime contractors, organizations or individuals applying for assistance awards, those receiving loans, sole proprietors, corporations, partnerships, and any Federal government agencies desiring to do business with the government

- ▶ **SAM is not a portal to existing systems!**
- ▶ **Processes were deconstructed and rebuilt without regard for system boundaries**
 - Logical ordering of process steps
 - Logical grouping of data elements
 - Elimination of data redundancies
- ▶ **The resulting system, SAM, will include all the capabilities of the legacy systems, presented in a more streamlined, user-friendly way**

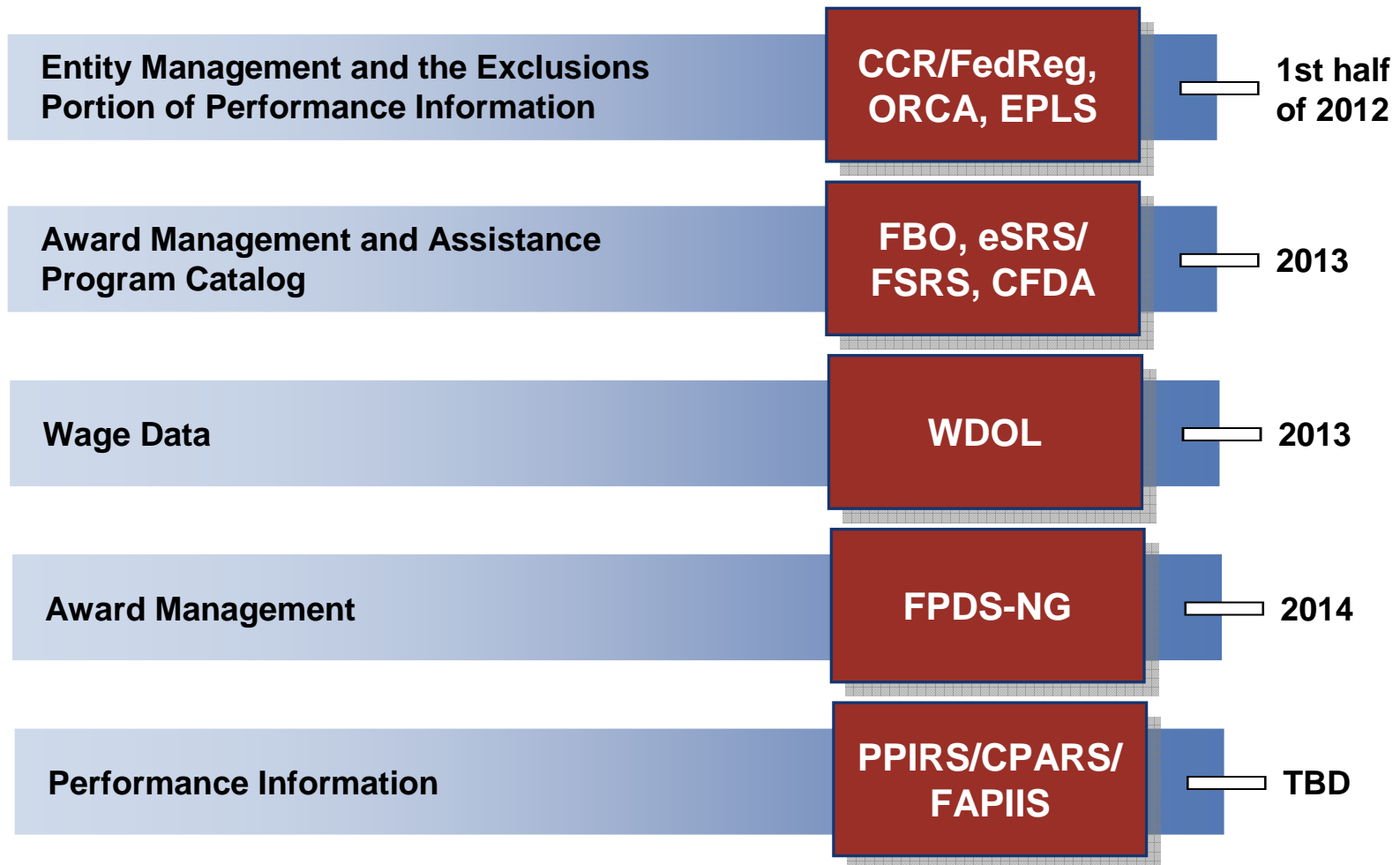




- ▶ **Process Improvements – SAM process-improvement work is identifying ways to reduce the number of interfaces needed**
- ▶ **1 Database – As the legacy systems are migrated into SAM, they will be migrating into one database, further reducing the number of interfaces needed**

Your Interfaces Will Change!

► Legacy system capabilities will move to SAM in phases





What Will Change in the First Phase?



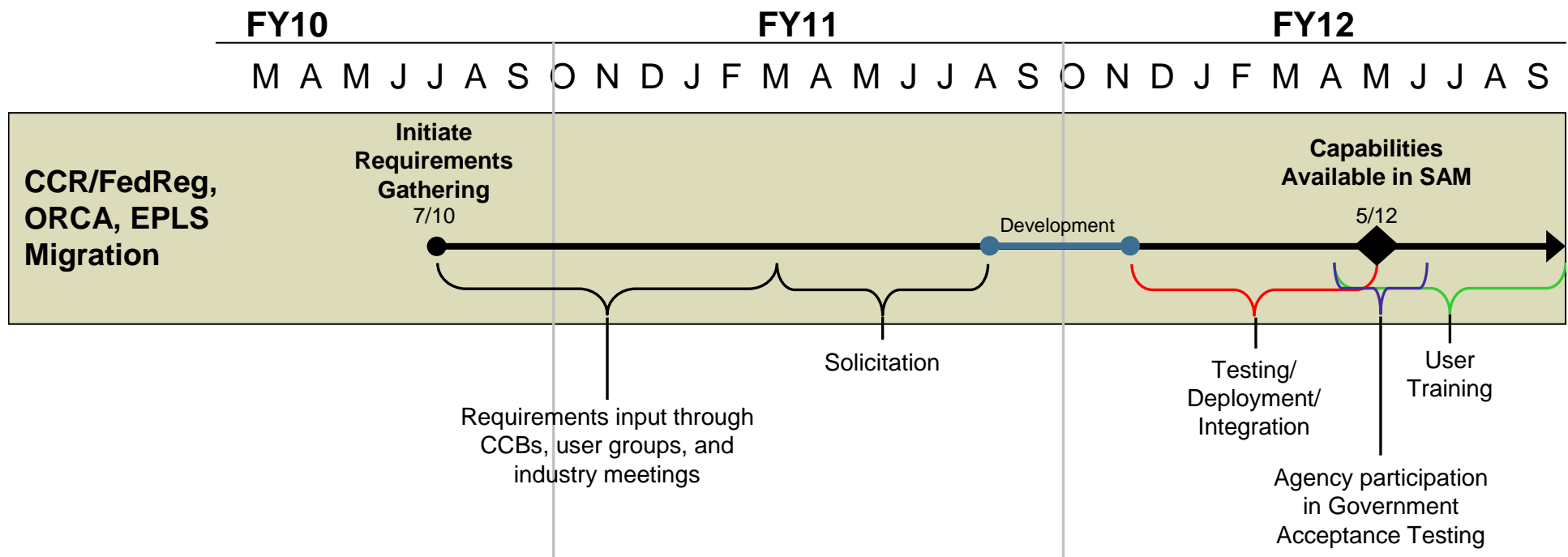
- ▶ **After migration, all the capabilities in CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS will be available at SAM.gov – 1 login!**
- ▶ **Users will be automatically redirected from the legacy systems to SAM**
- ▶ **A new user ID and password will be issued – the system will guide you through the process when you log in with your old user name**
- ▶ **Users will experience a streamlined process**
 - **Data and process will be integrated into logical groupings (e.g., Core Data, Reps and Certs)**
 - **Registration purpose will be captured at the start to guide data entry**
 - **Process steps will be reordered to improve efficiency (e.g., TIN match, CAGE validation, POC collection)**



What's Next?



- ▶ Subject Matter Experts have provided input to and validation of requirements for the CCR/FedReg, ORCA, EPLS migration group
- ▶ The next migration group includes FBO, eSRS/FSRS and CFDA



▶ Subsequent migration groups will follow this same pattern.



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