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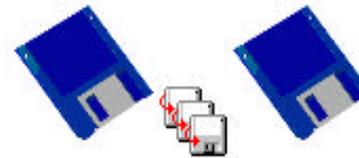
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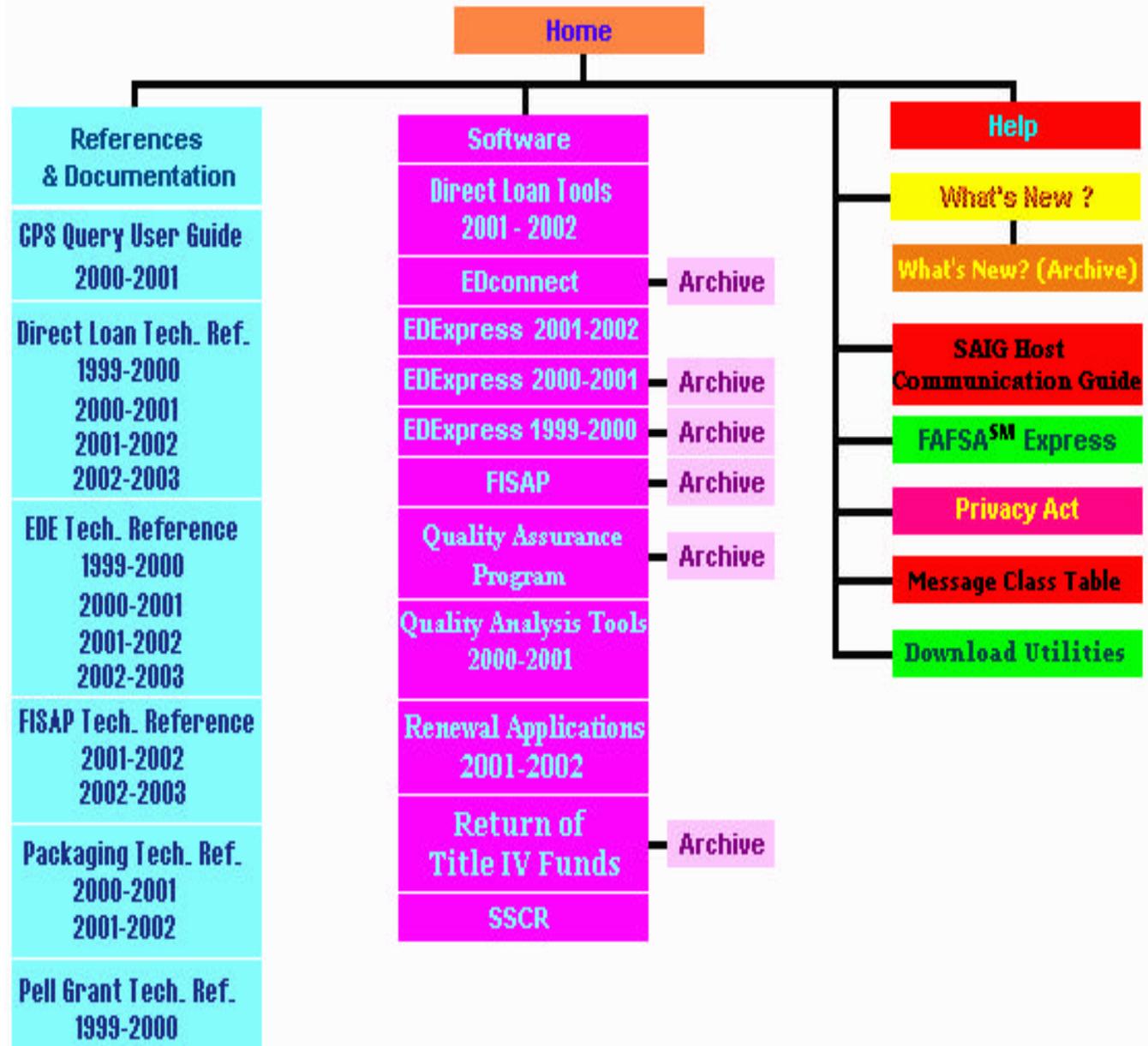
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July 25, 2001

The Department is pleased to announce the posting of the initial draft of the [2002-2003 Direct Loan Technical Reference](#). This document provides draft programmer specifications and record layouts for postsecondary institutions participating in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program that need to design software systems to interface with ED's software for Direct Loan data. The documents are posted in both PDF and Word formats.



July 25, 2001

The Department is pleased to announce the posting of the initial draft of the [2002-2003 EDE Technical Reference](#). This document provides the draft record layouts for schools or other organizations that need to design software systems to interface with ED's software in order to process applications and package student financial aid awards. The documents are posted in both PDF and Word formats.



July 18, 2001

The Department is pleased to announce the service release of [2001-2002 EDEExpress for Windows, Version 7.2.1](#). This version resolves several software issues present in the last EDEExpress release, Version 7.2. Also posted to this site is the [Cover Letter](#) for your reference.



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The Department is pleased to announce the service release of [2000-2001 EDEExpress for Windows, Version 6.3.2](#). This version resolves several software issues present in the last EDEExpress release, Version 6.3.1 Also posted to this site is the [Cover Letter](#) for your reference.



July 16, 2001

The Department is pleased to announce the release of [FISAP for Windows, Version 4.0](#). This software product includes the Fiscal Operations Report for program participation during the Award Year July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. It also includes the Application to Participate for the Award Year July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The FISAP for Windows, Version 4.0, [Installation Guide, Technical](#)

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SAIG enrollment form



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Question 1

Please make your selection below:

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SAIG Enrollment Application



Final Review

Initial application

Step One: Information about your organization.

1. Would you like to complete an initial application, add a new user or change information for an existing destination point? **Initial application**
2. What is the name of your organization? **XYZ**
3. Please indicate your type of organization. **Software provider**
4. Are you a Direct Loan school or a servicer for a Direct Loan school? **Yes**
5. Please indicate if you will use a personal computer, a mainframe, or both to access SAIG. **Both**
6. Who should receive all invoices and billing correspondence? No purchase order is needed. **Joe Blow**

Address: **124 Oak Drive**

Anywhere, American Samoa 99999 - 9999

Phone: **(999) 999 - 9999** Ext. **9999**
Fax: **(999) 999 - 9999**
7. **(Optional)** Do you want all technical references sent to another individual rather than to this destination point administrator? **No**
8. What is your time zone? **Eastern**

Enrollment Form, continued

Fax: [\(999 \) 999 - 9999](#)

7. **(Optional)** Do you want all technical references sent to another individual rather than to this destination point administrator? [No](#)

8. What is your time zone? [Eastern](#)

Does daylight savings time affect your area? [Yes](#)

Step Two: Tell us about a destination point administrator at your organization.

Complete the following information for a destination point administrator (DPA) you wish to designate at your organization. Each destination point administrator will be assigned a destination point with an identification number (TG number).

9. A. Name of the destination point administrator. [Suzy Quuuu](#)

Address: [123 Market Street](#)

[Anywhere, American Samoa 99999 - 9999](#)

Phone: [\(999 \) 999 - 9999](#) Ext. [9999](#)

Fax: [\(999 \) 999 - 9999](#)

Email: suzyq@anywhere.org

9. B. If you want to receive software and/or documentation for this destination point administrator, answer yes to the appropriate items below.

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What is the SFA to the Internet Project?

SFA has taken the initiative to provide the education community with the tools necessary to move data transmissions from a proprietary network to the Internet. This project has been named "SFA to the Internet". The project objectives are to increase customer satisfaction by providing non-intrusive SFA solutions and to reduce overall cost of delivering student aid.

Incentive to Migrate to SFA to the Internet - Drawings for 3 free trips to the 2001 Electronic Access Conferences (EAC)?

SFA is pleased to announce an incentive for all of you to migrate early in our process. Our Modernization Partners will be giving away three trips to the 2001 EACs. The winners will be asked to share their migration experience during the SFA to the Internet general session.

We will draw one winner from the destination points who have migrated as of September 15, 2001, a second winner from those who have migrated by September 30, 2001, and finally a third winner from those who have migrated by October 15, 2001.

The prize includes a pre-paid flight from your regional airport to the conference of your choice, three-night accommodations at the conference hotel, and a per diem for four days.

The earlier you migrate, the more chances you have of winning a trip. Plan on migrating early and take advantage of our incentive drawing. You may be the lucky one to win a trip to a 2001 EAC!

What is Title IV WAN being replaced with?

Data transmissions that currently take place over the Title IV WAN are being moved to the Internet. The project that has been created to facilitate this migration is called SFA to the Internet. Once users have successfully migrated off the Title IV WAN they will be sending and receiving data via the Student Aid Internet Gateway

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What is SFATECH?

SFATECH is an e-mail listserv sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Its goals are to provide accurate and timely answers to technical questions about the Department's SFA systems, software, and mainframe products and to create an environment in which financial aid professionals who use SFA systems can help one another resolve technical issues.

How does it work?

If you have a technical question or concern, write it up in an e-mail, and post it to the list. Department staff or contractors for the system about which you have a question will see your posting and begin working on a response. Include your telephone number with your question. Please note that you must be subscribed to

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Recipient Financial Management System

The new Recipient Financial Management System (RFMS) replaces the existing Pell Grant Recipient Financial Management System (PGRFMS) and will be used by institutions to report and request Federal Pell Grant student payment information beginning in the 1999-2000 award year. The major differences between the current system and RFMS that are noticeable to users are the reporting sequence and the data record formats. Under RFMS, institutions will submit an origination record and one or more disbursement records for each student who is eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, similar in concept to the Federal Direct Loan Program origination reporting process.

RFMS interfaces with several other ED systems.

- The Central Processing System provides student eligibility information to RFMS for processing detail records.
- The Postsecondary Education Participants System (PEPS) provides RFMS with institution eligibility information.
- Title IV WAN is the primary vehicle that transports data between RFMS and institutions.
- NSLDS receives payment information for all students receiving Pell Grants.

The Customer Service telephone number for RFMS is 800-4-PGRANT or to contact by e-mail to #Pell_Systems@ed.gov.

The Department provides institutions with the EDEXpress Pell software for submitting student origination and disbursement records to RFMS for processing. RFMS in turn responds with electronic acknowledgement records.

Customer Service Contacts

EDCAPS Customer Service

888-336-8930

Email Address: EDCAPS_USER@ED.GOV

- GAPS access and use at <http://gapsweb.ed.gov>
- Drawdown process
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800-801-0576

Email Address: fafsaweb@ncs.com

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- [2001 Direct Loan Update Region 3 Workshop](#)
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- [National Default Prevention Day - Registration Deadline Extended](#)
- [National Default Prevention Day Regional Workshops](#)

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- [NCHELP/EFC Student Loan Finance Legal Meeting](#)

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