

Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool



State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance

Presented by Julé Rizzardo

November 4, 2005

What is FAAST?

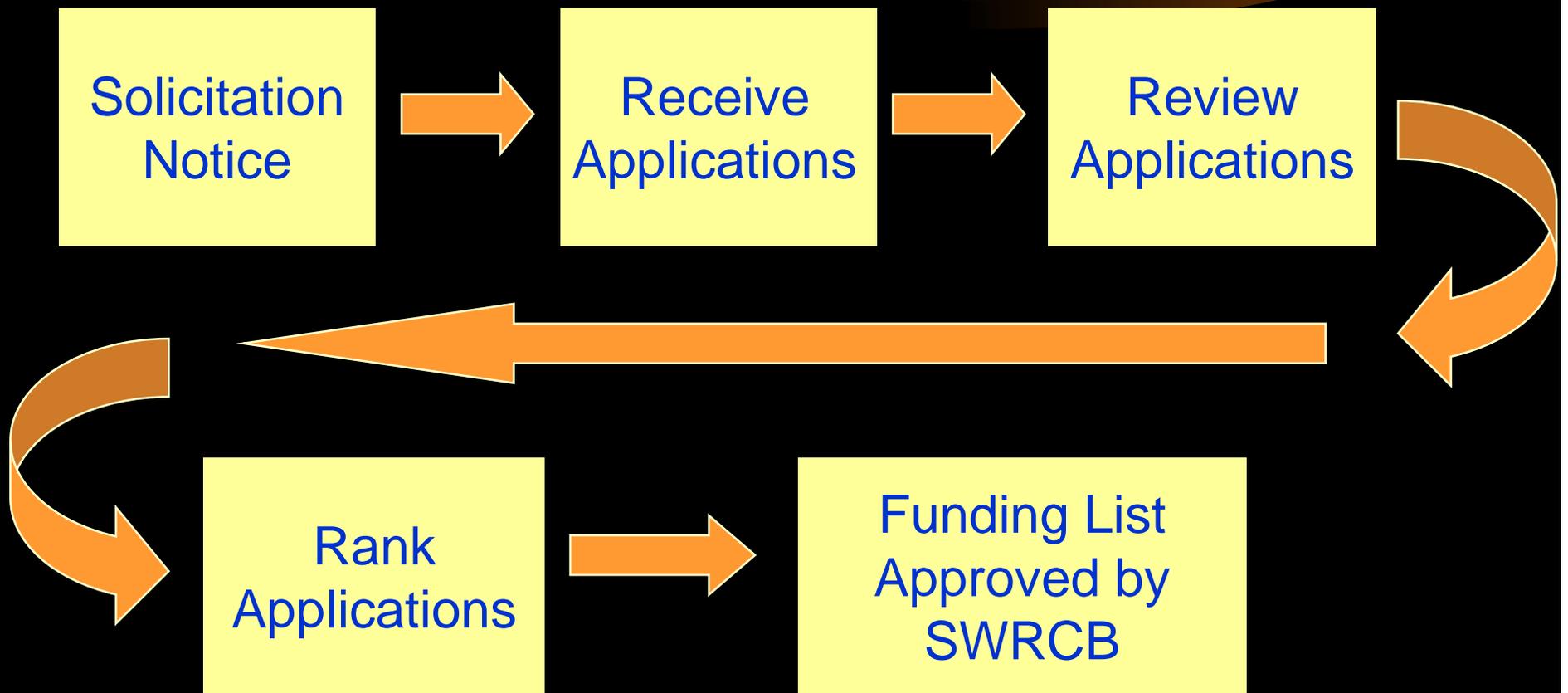
- FAAST is a web-based application submittal and review tool
- Behind the scenes is an Oracle database
 - Data Management
 - Querying and Reporting

Benefits of FAAST

- Facilitates grant and loan solicitation process



Business Process – Grant Cycle



Solicitation Notice

- Ability to solicit proposals via email and website
- Solicitations can have multiple funding programs
- Multi-step funding cycles – invite back
- Concurrent Solicitations

The Challenge

Handle Concurrent Solicitations



Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program



Water Recycling Program



Integrated Regional Water Management Program



Dairy Water Quality

Benefits of FFAAST

- No more mailing or driving applications to Sacramento
 - Applicants submit electronically
 - More efficient use of DFA staff resources
 - Reduces project selection process timeline
 - Fast access for technical reviewers
 - Summary Reports for decision makers

APPLICATION PROCESS

THEN

- Receive and review paper and electronic proposals via mail and email
- 700 proposals, \$138 Million in funding



NOW

- Files uploaded and attached to application
- Information retrievable at any time



REVIEW PROCESS

THEN

- Send Paper letters to invite reviewers to participate
- Email individual review assignments out with review sheet template
- 24 different reviewing organizations. 2,880 Review Assignments
- 2,440 Review Sheets

NOW

- Send emails from FFAST
- Create Review Panels and set review assignments in FFAST
- Technical reviewers have access to applications and submit reviews online
- Reports automatically generated for decision makers

Rank Applications

- Review Panels meet to discuss applications
- Develop recommended funding list
- Develop scores and review comments for each application
- FAAST facilitates ranking process

Compatibility



- Designed using Enterprise Data Model
- Organization mailing information can be shared
- Project information can be transferred to project tracking database

Future Enhancements

- **FAAST Version 2 release this November**
 - More clear Lead Applicant vs. Submitting Organization roles at application initiation
 - New Project Management Screen / Tab
 - Automatic verification for minimum / maximum grant amount requested

FAAST Statistics



- August 2004 FAAST went online
- 400 applications submitted (5000 attachments)
- 2000 reviews submitted

Q&A Session



Questions?