Government Credentialing Network

Federal Interagency Workshops Survey Results

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At the April 2015 Network meeting, a workshop steering committee was formed to explore the possibility of fee-based Federal Interagency Workshops.

- **Workshop goals**: to provide an interactive forum for the education and networking of credentialing professionals working in the federal market.

- **Target audience**: federal employees involved with leading/managing/creating a credentialing program.

- **Anticipated benefits**: Federal interagency workshops would:
  - Educate federal government employees on credentialing issues and solutions.
  - Positively impact how credentials are used in the federal government.
  - Bring professionals from diverse federal agencies together for networking.
  - Raise the visibility of the work of the Government Credentialing Network.
In July, the workshop steering committee met to:

- Identify potential topics of interest
- Create and distribute survey to a target group of potential participants (GCN Network participants) to gauge interest in suggested topics, identify new topics of interest, and areas where education would be fruitful.

**Proposed Survey Workshop Topics**

1. What is a credential, what are the different types, and how are they defined through federal initiatives or within agencies?
2. What is the landscape of credentials that are possible for federal agencies, and what are the definitions around those?
3. How is legislation driving competency and credentials in the federal government?
4. What specific credential initiatives have been the result of legislation, and what has been done with it?

**Our goal today:** Share survey results with Network participants and determine path forward
Survey Results

Given the four proposed topics for consideration, individuals were asked to indicate their interest level in attending a workshop about each topic:

- **People Surveyed:** 82
- **Respondents:** 14
- **Response Rate:** 17%
Survey Results, cont.

Individuals were asked to indicate how likely their agency would be willing or able to support participation in such workshops.

- **Likelihood of Agency Support**
  - Very
  - Somewhat
  - Not at all
  - Not sure

**Survey Details**
- **People Surveyed:** 82
- **Respondents:** 13
- **Response Rate:** 15.8%
Survey Results, cont.

Individuals were asked to indicate *how likely they thought their colleagues would be to attend* such workshops.

![Bar chart showing the likelihood of colleague attendance.](chart)

- **Very**
- **Somewhat**
- **Not at all**
- **Not sure**

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Additional Topics of Interests Identified by Respondents

- Learning about legislation that might be impacting credentialing
- What other agencies are doing around research: exploratory, development, evaluation, etc.
- Comparing market and earnings impact of someone who has obtained a credential versus someone who hasn’t in the same profession

Suggestions

- There should be an introductory workshop for people who don’t know anything about credentialing
Survey Outcomes

– Response rate: 14 respondents of more than 80 people invited to participate

– Approx. 50% of respondents were very interested in participating in a workshop about the 4 topics
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