Data Calls using MAX Collect

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SPEEDCALL is a work process improvement concept which increases the efficiency and effectiveness of NIST management's data collection process to improve the timeliness and quality of service delivery to the NIST Laboratories and outside stakeholders.

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NIST management and financial divisions currently process data call requests for a number of administrative and managerial purposes ranging from a call for the names of CFC Keyworkers to a call for Congressional Budget initiatives. Currently, many offices collect data via email attachments. The data from each attachment is then manually transcribed into one aggregated file. This one file must be consolidated into one final form for reporting purposes.

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The use of a web-based data collection tool using software from MAX Collect enables data to be quickly and accurately collected and aggregated (both numerical and narrative data) without the need for manual time-consuming processes (i.e. copying and pasting). The cost to NIST to use the system is minimal as it is part of an OMB-sponsored E-Gov initiative (E- Government Act of 2002).

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SPEEDCALL Data from MAX Collect is automatically assembled into one back-end database file formatted for the manager/administrator's immediate use.

The need to receive multiple emails with attachments from respondents that have to be opened and transcribed is eliminated.

This results in greater efficiency, accuracy, reliability, and historical documentation in service to the agency.

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An initial test of this concept was conducted in November-December 2015 using a live Budget Division Congressional Budget Data Call - the Advisory and Assistance Data Call. At the conclusion, 12 out of 12 reporting SMA's reported ease of system use and 10 of 12 reported definitively that use of the system could be of benefit to them in their daily work.

To date there have been four successful system applications designed and executed for administrative and budgetary data calls with the potential for many more.

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NIST Director's Office SMA, Heather Mayton, stated: "The use of SPEEDCALL for the budget data call was a great asset that greatly reduced the time spent in gathering data from my AO's. It is of considerable value to me as an SMA who collects data from multiple AO's." My AO's and I found that this was very easy to use. It eliminated a lot of consolidation saving the SMA's time with having to compile data from multiples sources.

Diane Poster, Special Assistant to the Director of NIST, complimented SPEEDCALL MAX Collect by saying: "I can use this to save a great deal of time that I currently have to spend collecting data from multiple emails in data calls."

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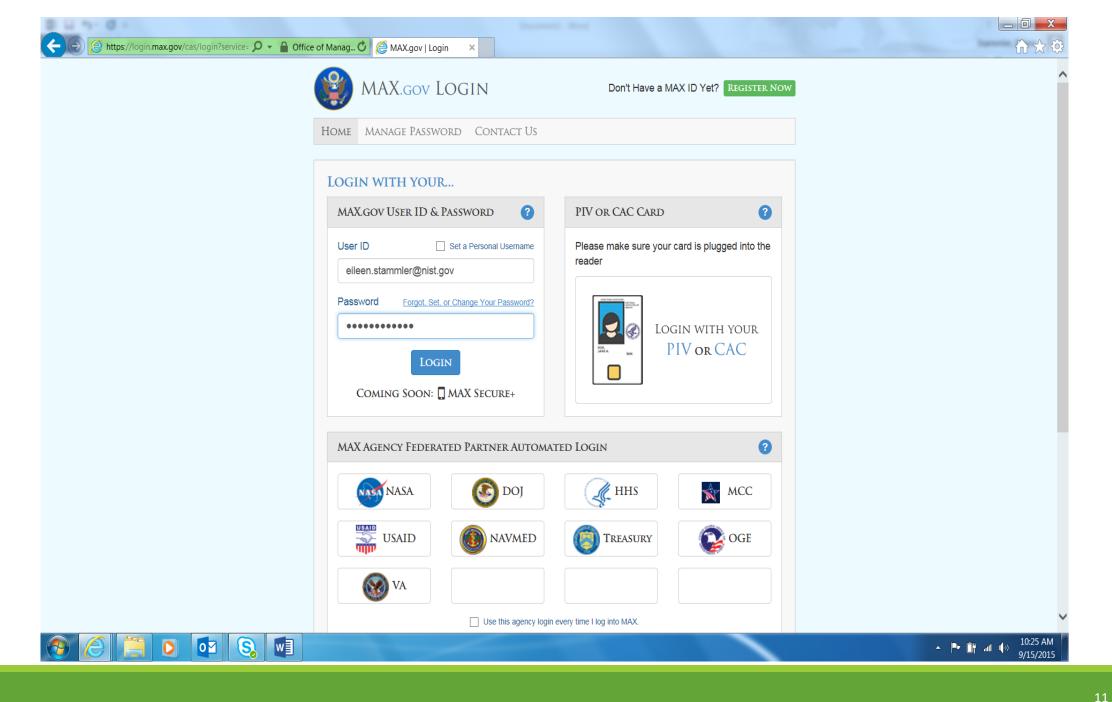
Mike Moore, SMA, NIST Center for Neutron Research, stated: "I found the SPEEDCALL application to be a process improvement that promotes efficiency in data collection."

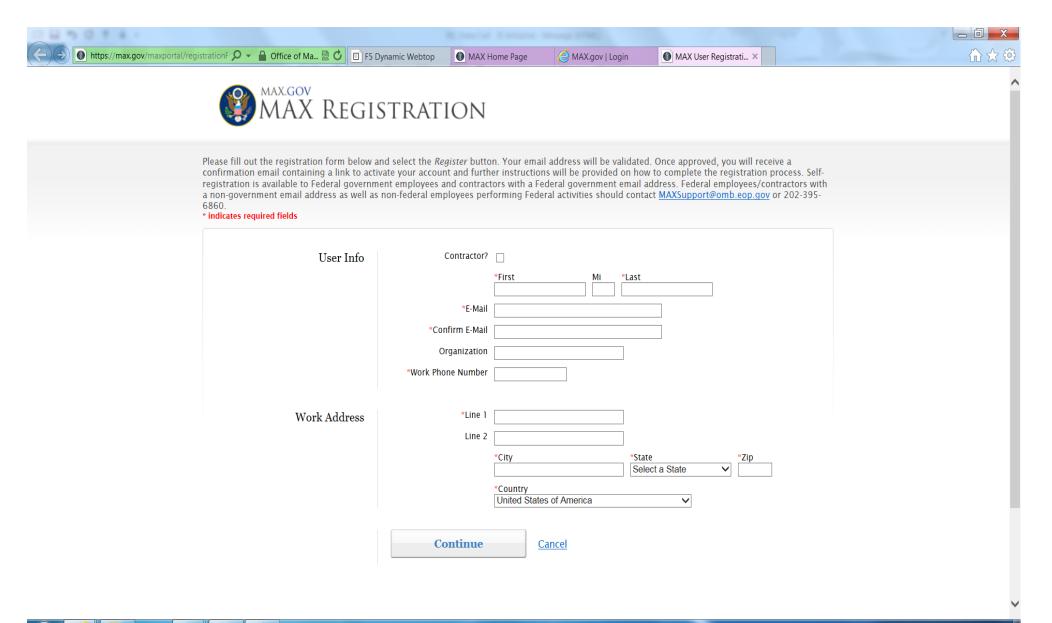
Jessica Strickler, AO, Advanced Manufacturing Program Office, stated: "I can definitely see the value of SPEEDCALL in my position as an AO in that I can provide quick responses to data calls."

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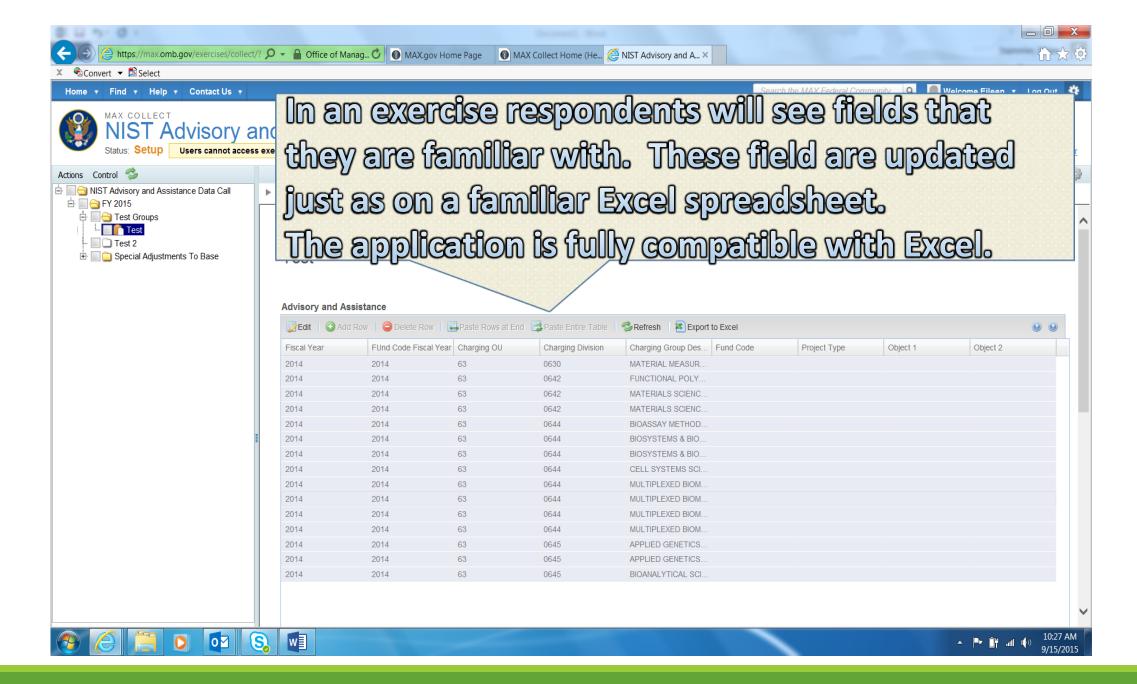
 Automating and streamlining data collection processes 	Eliminating data transcription errors
 Increasing the efficiency and speed of data collection 	Easing data retrieval
 Structuring and collecting data in a variety of formats 	Providing for historical data collection
Improving the reliability of data	Providing for secure cloud-based information storage
 Providing for desk documentation for succession purposes 	Developing an action log for forensic purposes

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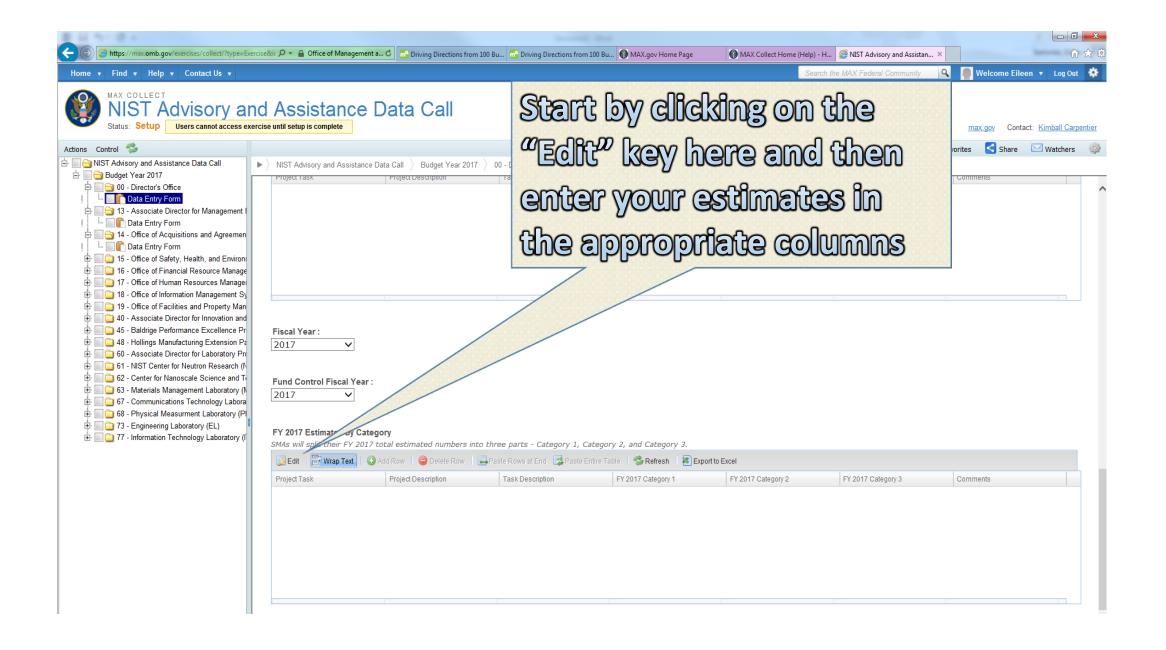




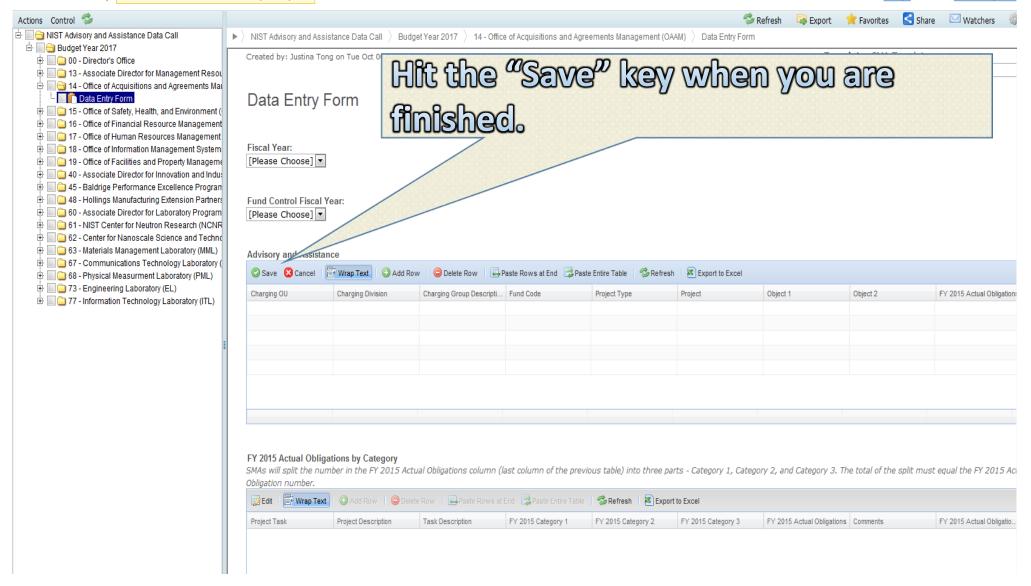


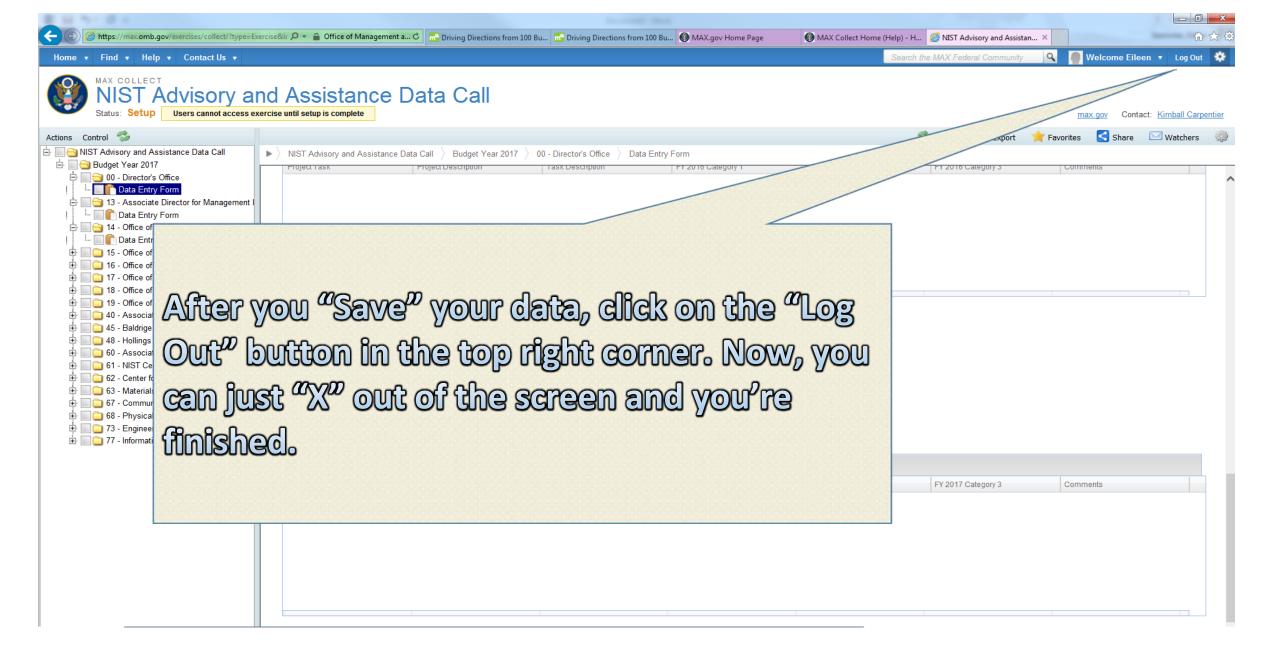
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Cost Savings Realized with use of SPEEDCALL is \$40,780/month or \$489,360/year

1/Average hourly salary for computation of cost savings initiatives per US Office of Personnel Management.

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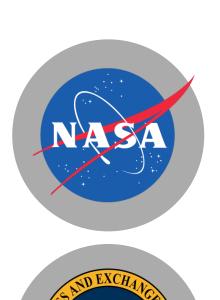








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