What is RSS?

RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication. It's an easy way to keep up with news and information that's important to you, and helps avoid browsing or searching for information on websites. Now the content you want can be delivered directly to you without littering your inbox with e-mail messages.

What is an RSS Reader?

An RSS reader is a small software program that collects and displays RSS feeds. It allows you to scan headlines from a number of news sources in a central location.

Where can I get an RSS Reader?

Some browsers, such as the current versions of Firefox and Safari have built in RSS readers. If you are using a browser that doesn't currently support RSS, there are a variety of RSS readers [EXIT Disclaimer] available on the Internet; most are free to download while others are available for purchase.

How do I use RSS Feeds?

The way an RSS feed is added to an RSS reader is slightly different from one reader to the next. Follow the directions below to add a new feed (a feed is also referred to as a channel) to your RSS reader:

1. Choose an RSS reader (Get an RSS Reader [EXIT Disclaimer])
2. Click on the link or small RSS button near the feed you want. For example, "New/Modified Opportunities by Agency" (You will see a page displaying XML code)
3. From your web browser's address bar, copy the URL (web address). For example, the URL you would copy for "New/Modified Opportunities by Agency" is: http://www07.grants.gov/rss/GG_OppModByCategory.xml.
4. Paste that URL into the "Add New Channel" section of the reader. The RSS feed will start to display and regularly update the headlines for you.