Opportunity to Provide Feedback to the IRS, DOL, and Other Federal Agencies
The NRCPDS FMS experts confer with the IRS, DOL, among other federal agencies, on a regular basis around regulatory and tax issues, and labor laws on behalf of the NRCPDS and our FMS members. Drawing from member feedback, the NRCPDS seeks to reduce the complexity of meeting IRS and DOL standards and ease administrative burden. The NRCPDS may also engage with other key federal agencies to examine important issues relating to the health of participant direction. On behalf of FMS membership, the NRCPDS will craft an annual report to highlight everything that has been done in the year for members, and FMS issues & successes.

Contribute to Development of FMS Industry Best Practices
The NRCPDS will collaborate with FMS members to identify best practices for the FMS industry. The NRCPDS will share best practices broadly with other key stakeholders in the field of participant direction including participants and federal and state agencies as a means to standardize industry practices.

Member Inquiry
In instances where members have program issues that require a quick follow up, rather than in-depth technical assistance (TA), members may reach out to the NRCPDS to provide information, research, and tools as appropriate. The NRCPDS is only able to provide information that is in the public domain and will not provide TA on particular issues specific to a single FMS provider or program. If you have questions that are more "tax-, labor- or operations-related, you may utilize Annkissam’s FMS Turbo subscription service to get these questions answered, as that is out of the realm of FMS membership TA. If you need specialized TA for your specific organization, please contact membership@participantdirection.org to learn what your options are.

Issue Briefs
The NRCPDS will release issue briefs for FMS members on timely topics in the field of FMS. Topics may include promising practices, payroll practices, emerging technologies, operations management, tax and insurance updates, workforce management and more. The NRCPDS will seek member feedback to identify relevant topics throughout the year. We encourage all members to submit any relevant topics to be considered for an issue brief.

E-Mail Updates
The NRCPDS will send regular e-mail updates to keep members abreast of upcoming events, notable news in participant direction, and resources available through the NRCPDS. All interested individuals within a member

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For FMS members who subscribe to FMS Turbo, a subscription service offered by Annkissam, the NRCPDS will provide a $100 discount on member dues.

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agency are welcome to join our mailing list. If anyone within your organization would like to be added to or removed from the member email list, please contact membership@participantdirection.org.

Online Trainings
Online trainings in participant direction are offered 1-2 times a year for FMS members and state agency staff. These trainings address a range of topics in participant direction from beginner to advanced. Depending on the topic and session, these webinars will be useful for FMS staff who are new to participant direction or those with years of experience in the industry. The participant direction trainings will be recorded and available to share within your organization.

Member Webinars
Member webinars are held several times throughout the year to keep members informed of the latest developments and promising practices in the field of participant direction and FMS services. Webinar topics are member-driven, timely, and relevant. The NRCPDS encourages members to reach out with any topics of interest for future sessions. A recording of each webinar and related resources are made available on the members-only area of the NRCPDS website following each webinar.

Discussion Forum
To promote the development of peer relationships with other FMS providers and state agency representatives, the NRCPDS will offer a discussion forum for FMS and state agency members in a comfortable setting that facilitates the exchange of information. At this open-structured call, members are encouraged to participate by sharing best practices, any industry issues, asking your questions, and responding to others’ questions.

Members-Only Website
This password protected area of www.participantdirection.org features materials and resources with exclusive access for FMS member agencies. Here you can find news updates relevant to FMS providers and participant direction, information on all upcoming events, and an online library of member resources. The online library features tools and resources related to participant-directed programs, recordings and supporting materials from webinars and trainings, FMS issue briefs and other handouts, presentations and materials distributed at national conferences, and other relevant resources. Members may submit helpful tools and resources to share with one another via the online library as well.

Opportunity to Contribute to the Expansion of the Marketplace
FMS membership is member-driven and aimed at focusing on areas of general interest in participant direction. Work that is derived from FMS membership is often shared with other key stakeholder groups, such as state and federal agencies. It is our goal to impact the progression of participant direction, thus, expanding the FMS provider marketplace.

Ability to Establish Collegial Relationships
Through membership, FMS members are in regular contact with other FMS member agencies and state agency members. There are various opportunities to ask questions and learn from each other, including webinars, email exchanges, and occasional in-person gatherings in conjunction with national conferences.

Contribute to Public Policy Priorities

To learn more about FMS membership, please contact membership@participantdirection.org.
FMS members will have the opportunity to discuss critical policy issues related to participant direction, to comment on relevant proposed legislation, and receive email alerts on emergent policy issues and announcements.

**Contribute to the Research Agenda**
Our research helps practitioners be more effective in their work advancing participant direction. Member agencies have a voice in identifying areas of research to be conducted by the NRCPDS. The NRCPDS surveys the FMS membership to identify potential new research projects. FMS member agency representatives will have easy access to new research briefs and reports developed by the NRCPDS as soon as they are available.

**Online Directory**
FMS member representatives will be listed in an online directory that can be viewed by states and other stakeholders interested in learning more about financial management services at [www.participantdirection.org](http://www.participantdirection.org).

**FMS Conference**
FMS member agencies are eligible for a special member-only discount on the biennial FMS Conference. The FMS Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Baltimore on November 9-10, 2015. Please refer to the website for more information: [www.participantdirection.org](http://www.participantdirection.org).

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