# Award Tracking System (ATS)

**Background:**
The CDFI Fund uses four data collection systems to administer and monitor the New Market Tax Credit Program (NMTC) program. The NMTC permits taxpayers to receive a credit against Federal income taxes for making qualified equity investments in designated Community Development Entities (CDEs). Substantially all of the qualified equity investment must in turn be used by the CDE to provide investments in low-income communities. The Award Tracking System is one of the four data collection systems. It enables the tracking of allocated credits and reporting information about investors.

**Description:**
The Award Tracking System is the primary system that CDFI Fund uses to monitor Qualified Equity Investments (QEIs) that have been made and track CDEs (allocatees), suballocated, and investors in the CDEs. The ATS contain information reported by the CDEs on the type of QEI that is made in the CDE, the amount of the investment, the CDE that received the investment, whether the CDE that initially received the allocation transferred the allocation to a suballocatee, and how much of the allocation was transferred.
In addition, the ATS contains data reported by CDEs on the equity investors in the NMTC program. The ATS was operational as of November 2003.

A. Inputs:
Receives data from the Allocation Agreement System which contains information on the allocation agreements that CDEs enter into with the CDFI Fund.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Destroy after successful entry and verification.

B. System Data:
The ATS contains information reported by the CDE on the type of QEI that is made in the CDE, the amount of the investment, the CDE that received the investment, whether the CDE that initially received the allocation transferred the allocation to a suballocatee, and how much of the allocation was transferred. In addition, the ATS contains data reported by CDEs on the equity investors in the NMTC program.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Destroy 10 years upon close of award.

C. Outputs:
The ATS feeds information into the New Markets Compliance Monitoring System (NCMS) for CDEs compliance.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Cut-Off at end of processing year. Destroy 6 years after processing year.

D. System Documentation:
Codebooks, records layout, user guide, and other related materials.

Disposition: TEMPORARY. Delete/destroy when superseded or 5 years after the system is obsolete, whichever is later.