

# Electronic Signatures

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# What are Electronic Signatures?

Electronic Signatures are sounds, symbols, graphics, or processes associated with a person or organization which can validate the intent to agree or sign.



# What are Digital Signatures?

Digital Signatures can be referred to as advanced electronic signatures because they provide the highest form of signature and content integrity as well as universal acceptance.

Digital signatures can be used to authenticate the identity of the signor. It can also ensure the content of the document signed is unchanged once originally signed.



# Background

- Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) was enacted in 2000
- DM 3530-003 was approved and published in 2004
- APHIS and USDA started work groups and ran a pilot in 2009-2010 using LincPasses



# Demo

What is working today without  
added expense



# Next Steps...

- Identify and review your business practices
- Identify when and where you can make improvements (technological or otherwise)
- Utilize the technology
- Reduce time, duplicity, and paper



# Contacts and Help

## LincPasses

- Your local security office and/or EMSSD

## General Technical Assistance

- APHIS Technical Assistance Center (ATAC)



# Questions?

