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## DEPLOYMENT 4 - USER ACCEPTANCE TESTING (UAT)

Deployment 4 (D4) User Acceptance Testing (UAT) was conducted August 25, 2008 to September 12, 2008. The purpose of UAT was to give Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Office of Surface Mining (OSM), and Minerals Management Service (MMS) testers an opportunity to determine if D4's functions meet their business process needs.

Before UAT was conducted, the readiness of D4 functions was verified through extensive testing and two quality gate reviews. The Test Readiness Review – Integration (TRR-I) held on June 9, 2008, revealed the new functions were ready for testing in an integrated environment. Integration Testing immediately followed TRR-I and consisted of two cycles of testing. It was performed using end to end transactions and test case scripts to determine if the D4 functions were configured properly. Cycle 1 testing was performed by FBMS Program Management Office (PMO) subject matter experts (SMEs). In addition to verifying the functions were working as intended, Cycle 1 testers also refined the test case scripts for future testers. Cycle 2 testing, was performed by both Bureau and PMO SMEs. Cycle 2 testers repeated the processes executed during Cycle 1 to verify the functions produced the same results. In addition, Cycle 2 tested end user security and authorization roles. The second quality gate review was the Test Readiness Review – User Acceptance (TRR-UA). The purpose of this gate review was to determine if the D4 functions were ready for UAT. On August 25, 2008, the FBMS Project Sponsor, Co-system Owners, and representatives from the FBMS Program Management Office, BLM, OSM, NBC, and the Departmental Policy Offices participated in TRR-UA and determined the system was ready for UAT.



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### COMING IN OCTOBER:

October 7, 2008

Project Management Review  
(PMR)

October 14, 2008

Executive Steering Committee  
(ESC) Meeting



We are on the web

<http://www.doi.gov/fbms>

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### FBMS and GovTrip

FBMS will interface with the GovTrip travel system to handle end-to-end TDY travel voucher and authorization processes and online travel booking. All documentation for TDY travel will be scanned and stored in GovTrip. However, for a short interim period prior to D4 Go-Live, the processing of authorizations and vouchers will be electronically routed from GovTrip to the Federal Financial System. Local travel documentation will not be processed in GovTrip. These documents will be scanned and stored in FBMS. Due to the low volume of TDY travel advances, they will be issued directly into FBMS and will not be entered into GovTrip. These processes will be used by BLM, OSM, MMS, and Bureaus receiving FBMS EGov Travel functionality in the future.

If you are interested in learning more about FBMS and GovTrip, please go to the internal website ([www.doi.gov/fbms](http://www.doi.gov/fbms)) and follow the links on the FBMS home page under the "What's New" section to the "TDY and PCS Travel process overviews." Please note the website is password protected, contact your bureau lead for access information.

Contact us at and let us know how FBMS is affecting you.

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Please note that all responses are confidential.

UAT was conducted in Denver, CO and Herndon, VA. There were 17 functional areas available for testing by Bureau testers. Each Bureau determined the functional areas and the number of test cases they wanted to test. BLM tested all 17 functional areas using 132 test cases. OSM tested 6 functional areas using 39 test cases. MMS tested 7 functional areas using 26 test cases. FBMS PMO SMEs supported the Bureau testers during UAT and assisted in resolving test case defects so the test cases could be retested and successfully closed.

Based on the feedback from Bureau testers, BLM, OSM, and MMS FBMS Sponsors determined the system's D4 functions met their business process needs. As a result, the project team is continuing to march toward a November 10 Go-Live.

**Information on FBMS:** Do you have any questions about FBMS? Would you like additional information on the program? Please send any and all questions or requests to [FBMS@FBMS.DOI.GOV](mailto:FBMS@FBMS.DOI.GOV).

## Personal Property Functionality

In Deployment 4 (D4), the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS) will introduce new functionality for Personal Property. This functionality will provide the Department of the Interior (DOI) with the ability to track and report both the physical and financial attributes of an asset. FBMS will provide information on accountability for the initial acquisition, tracking and control, utilization, and disposal of accountable personal property within DOI. In addition, it will assist with inventory management and environmental reporting. Full integration with financial and asset accounting will provide automated, real-time financial postings.

An asset master record (AMR) will be maintained for all system-controlled personal property assets (capital and non-capital) and capitalized real property assets when real property functionality is deployed. The asset management module will be used for personal property with an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or greater (with either book/non-book depreciation), capital acquisitions of personal property \$15,000 or greater, software purchases of \$100,000 or greater, firearms (regardless of cost), and other bureau-managed property. The system will accommodate Departmental approved waivers to capitalization thresholds. The AMR will contain both non-financial data (e.g. description, serial number, inventory number, location, CPO, Cognizant Employee, manufacturer, etc) as well as financial data (e.g. business area, fund, funds center, functional area, depreciation cost center or work breakdown structure).

Personal Property functionality will provide DOI with a number of business benefits. For example, the interface with the contract management system and the integration between property and finance will minimize the need for duplicate data entries resulting in less potential for manual errors. Also, by eliminating the need to execute separate financial transactions in different systems, FBMS will enable real-time general ledger (GL) balances. This will also remove the need to create and post journal vouchers and reconcile balances between the sub-ledger and the GL therefore increasing the data's integrity. In addition, FBMS will have the ability to track the asset's funding, accumulated depreciation, and original cost throughout the life of the asset. This will provide better auditing ability, and better insight into the full costs of personal property assets. FBMS will capture the information necessary to produce the reports required by Congress and other Federal agencies regarding greening requirements.

For more information on Personal Property, visit the FBMS functionality page on the internal website at [www.doi.gov/fbms](http://www.doi.gov/fbms). Contact your Bureau Lead for username and password.

### Key performance improvements:

- Improve utilization of assets
- Reduce cycle time to produce reports and respond to inquiries
- Increase in performance information available for use by program, budget, and financial managers, including the automated collection of deferred maintenance and planning
- Increase analysis of actual costs combined with classification and summarization of data, past trends and ability to project future costs and needs



## NEWS & NOTES

**Technical Infrastructure Cutover Activities:** The PMO Technical Infrastructure Team has developed a Production Support Landscape-Development Support Landscape D4 Cutover Plan. It outlines the actions needed to be performed by FBMS functional teams and O&M during the cutover and conversion process. Implementation began on September 2nd and will continue until Go Live on November 10, 2008.

**PMO Personnel Changes:** **Lisa Duggan** joined the PMO as the new FBMS Deputy Program Director on September 15th. Prior to joining the PMO, Lisa was the NBC's lead for FBMS representing their Financial Systems and Procurement Division. **Chris Hamilton** joined the PMO as the new Project Manager (Denver) on September 15th. Prior to joining the PMO, Chris was the Deputy Chief, Division of Land and Resource Information Systems at the Bureau of Land Management. **John Stabler**, the former Project Manager (Denver) will be departing the PMO in late September to assume the position of FBMS Bureau Lead for the US Geological Survey.

**D4 Pilot Training.** Pilot training, which ended September 26th, consisted of 13 end-user specific working sessions conducted over a two-week period. BLM, OSM and MMS trainers who will be assisting IBM instructors teach instructor-led training classes discussed their responsibilities, refined training material, tested practical exercises, and discussed training logistics. Approximately 76 Bureau trainers participated in the training. End user training classes begin October 20th.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### JOHN STABLER - USGS BUREAU LEAD (FORMER FBMS PROJECT MANAGER - DENVER)

As you may have heard, John Stabler is leaving his role as the FBMS Project Manager (Denver) to take the role of FBMS Bureau Lead for the US Geological Survey. Among all the things John is doing to transition from his former FBMS duties, he made time to share with us his reflections on the 5 years he's worked on FBMS. Here are a few excerpts from his interview; the entire version can be found on the News Page of the internal website <http://www.doi.gov/fbms> (please contact your bureau lead for username and password).

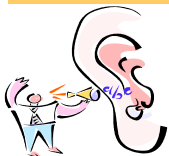
John begins by joking that he is "not sure why he has to leave the project to be selected 'Employee of the Month'" but was happy to have the honor. Over his tenure on the project he states that he is known as the "Money Guy", due to the fact that he is "always trying to figure out what [the program] can afford." He comments that he is also "thought of as some other names too", but decided not to elaborate.

John was quick to note that the main thing this program has been successful at is bringing great people from within the DOI over to work on FBMS. While he admits he can't thank everyone who deserves it, a special thanks was sent to Debra Sonderman, Glenda Pearsall, Mike Johnston, David Shearer, Todd Adler,



Rayleen Cruz, Ray Cowles, John Walbert, Roberta Bennett, Dave Wunder, Stan Curtis, Lori Rice and Martin Quinlan.

John finished the interview by saying: "He is happy to be back at USGS and is looking forward to continuing to work with everyone on FBMS in the future."



## FEEDBACK

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