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FBMS EVENTS AND MILESTONES:

- The August Integration Test Readiness Review (TRR-I) project milestone was achieved so Integration Testing has begun!
- Stay tuned for dates of future Road Shows and Town Halls

THE BOTTOM LINE

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In this issue of the *FBMS Express* you will find a variety of news and information related to system testing. I am pleased to announce that the FBMS project team just achieved a major milestone in passing Test Readiness Review for Integration Testing (TRR-I.) This milestone verifies that the system is ready to be tested as one, integrated whole.

One of the ways in which we have been preparing for testing, training and other project activities is by consolidating staff locations. Just as a system is more effective when integrated, so are project teams. Consolidating locations helps us to enhance team cohesiveness,

project communications and systems networking.

Those of us at the Reston Project Management Office (PMO) are completing our move to the Herndon, VA facility to co-locate the PMO with National Park Services' Accounting Operations Center (NPS AOC.) Working in the same building with NPS AOC employees will enable the project team to partner closely with this large, diverse bureau to accomplish Deployment 4 activities.

We have also established an impressive new training and testing facility in Denver, CO which is co-located with the Denver PMO. The new training and testing center, which covers over 4000 square feet, includes 24 workstations, 40

computers for training use, and 5 offices. Creating the center involved building electrical and communications networks, pulling together unused furniture from other DOI facilities, and undergoing various regulatory workplace safety inspections. I would like to thank all the people who helped to make these logistical changes possible, in particular our August FBMS "Spotlight Employee" Lori Rice. I would also like to thank the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as well as the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for their past support in hosting our team members and networks.

I look forward to providing you with more of the latest news in September. Please stay tuned!

DEPLOYING BUREAUS TAKE THE SHOW ON THE ROAD



The Bureau of Minerals Management Service (MMS) kicked off

it's first series of FBMS Road Shows in late July. The MMS Road Shows were held in California, Alaska, Colorado and New Orleans. The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) hosted its first series of Road Shows in late May and early June. OSM's

Road Shows took place in Denver, Illinois, Colorado, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.

The Road Shows provide deploying bureaus with updates on current Deployment 2 status, schedule updates, project goals, and an overview of D2 functionality. They also clarify the role that D2 bureau

employees play in helping to achieve a successful deployment. After information is presented at the events, employees are given the opportunity to ask any questions they have related to the FBMS project.

While the Town Halls provide the DOI community as a whole with information related to the

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We are on the web!

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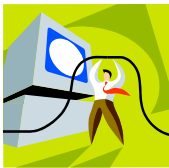


New Training/Testing Center in Denver, CO

FBMS project, Road Shows convey more targeted information to deploying bureaus on how the FBMS transition will impact them on the bureau level.

In the coming weeks, the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) will be conducting its second series of Road Shows.

All MMS and OSM bureau employees in locations nearby to the Road Shows are encouraged to attend. Stay tuned to the *FBMS Express* for the dates of these upcoming events.



DENVER, CO TEAM SPOTLIGHT

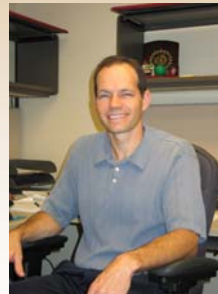
Todd Adler heads up the functional team in Denver, CO. Todd has been part of the FBMS project since the project began in 2004. Todd came from the NBC in Denver, Colorado, where he worked on the Accounts Payable, Property and General Ledger parts of the FFS system.

Todd's functional team in Denver, CO was instrumental in creating the FBMS Business Process Documents (BPD), Business Process Procedures (BPP) and Work Instructions in preparation for Integration Testing. The team will use these documents when testing business transactions within FBMS.

Now that Integration Testing

has begun, the Denver team will be testing the system, identifying errors and ensuring that errors are successfully retested and resolved.

The Denver functional team's great dedication and expertise have helped the FBMS project team as a whole to achieve a successful Integration Test Readiness Review (TRR-I.)



Todd Adler is pictured at his Denver office

PUTTING FBMS TO THE TEST

The Financial and Business Management System (FBMS) Project Management Team is currently preparing for D2 "Integration Testing." While each of the FBMS components has already been tested separately in "Unit Testing", Integration Testing will test the system as one integrated whole.

Since the primary benefits of FBMS derive from the fact that the system is so tightly integrated, Integration Testing is a crucial step in the deployment process. This phase of testing will allow the project team to verify that data flows seam-

lessly between the different components of the system to accomplish DOI business activities. Testers will recreate daily tasks and real business process flows from start to finish. For this reason, Integration Testing is frequently referred to as "Day in the Life" testing.

Once Integration Testing has been successfully completed, D2 FBMS end users will be asked to test the system themselves. This phase of testing is called "User Acceptance Testing." After a successful UAT, the FBMS users can feel confident that the system will perform as expected.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Lori Rice is our August Spotlight employee. She has been with DOI for 17.5 years. In the past Lori has worked for the National Park Services (NPS) but she currently works directly for the Office of the Secretary (OS.) Lori managed the creation of the Denver, CO training center and the testing staff consolidation at the Denver, CO FBMS facility.



Overheard at the WATER COOLER

What do you mean by

"Integration Testing"?

When an FBMS end-user makes a purchase in the system, the system should refuse the purchase if the vendor is not approved. Integration Testing will ensure this sort of validation occurs.

"What other organizations use SAP financial software?"

MIT University and the City of Paris also use SAP financial software.

"What is a GUI?"

An acronym for **Graphical User Interface**. This term refers to a software front-end which provides an attractive and easy to use interface between the computer user and application.

"What is an SAP Module?"

SAP is made up of individual, integrated software modules that perform various organizational system tasks. FBMS users will work within the following Financial Accounting sub-modules or components: Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Funds Management, Sales and Distribution, and General Ledger.