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FBMS EVENTS AND MILESTONES:

- D2 FBMS went live on November 13th!
- D3 Blueprinting Phase beginning

THE BOTTOM LINE

By David Shearer
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On November 13th, the Deployment 2 Financial and Business Management System (FBMS) became operational. After 8.5 months of working aggressively to meet tight deadlines, the FBMS team along with MMS and OSM bureaus, were able to accomplish this impressive goal. Everyone who participated in the Deployment 2 project, whether through attending Town Halls or working more directly on the project, should take pride in their contribution.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to MMS and OSM employees for all their great support and dedication. We could not have realized this milestone in such a tight time-

frame without the perseverance and valuable contributions of these bureau employees.

The deployment of FBMS to the MMS and OSM bureaus is an initial but major step in the FBMS project. The core financials functionality that was delivered to MMS and OSM on November 13th represents a foundational component of the integrated system.

The successful November 13th deployment is just the beginning. The team has already begun planning the next deployment. D3 will deliver Acquisitions functionality to MMS, OSM, and Gov Works. Gov Works will also receive core financials functionality.

D3 begins with the blueprinting

or planning phase. During blueprinting workshops, bureau representatives will outline their current business processes so that system developers can ensure FBMS is designed and configured to support their business needs.

While this is happening, MMS and OSM bureau employees have been transitioning to FBMS in phases. By the end of December, all MMS and OSM end users will be up and running on FBMS.

I look forward to keeping you up to date on the latest FBMS news as we build on our accomplishments and embark on Deployment 3. Thank you for staying tuned and enjoy the holiday season!

FBMS GO LIVE CELEBRATED AT EVENT

On November 20th, the D2 FBMS "go live" milestone was recognized and celebrated in Washington D.C. at the South Penthouse in the Main Interior Building. FBMS Executive Steering Committee (ESC) members attended as well as OMB representatives. MMS and OSM bureau leadership were also present for the event.

Lynn Scarlett, the Deputy Secretary of DOI, spoke and explained how FBMS aligns with and advances DOI's mission. She described how the new system provides increased efficiency, accountability and value to the customers and stakeholders. Lynn also paid tribute to the former DOI Deputy CFO, Sky Leshner, who was a primary proponent and sponsor of the

FBMS project.

Tom Weimer, the Assistant Secretary of Policy Management and Budget highlighted the increased efficiency and effectiveness that the system will deliver to financial and administrative business operations at the Department.

Nina Rose Hatfield, the Deputy

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Assistant Secretary of Business Management and Wildland Fire, thanked the FBMS project team members as well as OSM and MMS bureau employees for all of their hard work and support.

A representative from IBM also spoke, thanking DOI leadership for their strong commitment to and active involvement in the project.



Lynn Scarlett and Nina Hatfield

PLANNING BEGINS FOR D3

Though the FBMS Deployment 2 system just went live, the FBMS team has already begun working on the next deployment. Deployment 3 will deliver Acquisitions to MMS, OSM, and Gov Works. Gov Works will also receive Core Financials functionality.

The Deployment 3 kick-off meeting will occur on Thursday, December 14th. The Blueprinting Phase is the first phase underway in D3. During this phase, the deploying bureaus will outline their current business processes and requirements. This input will allow developers to design the system to meet end-user business needs and adhere to best business practices.

PRODUCTION SUPPORT

The last phase of the D2 FBMS implementation is focused on monitoring, supporting and optimizing the FBMS system. This includes the technical infrastructure as well as the user support business processes.

The activities performed during this phase include:

- Monitoring system performance on a regular basis
- Completing transition of end-users to FBMS
- Following up and completing end-user training
- Ensuring successful knowledge transfer

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

The December Spotlight Employee is Martin Quinlin. Martin comes to the project from the National Business Center (NBC.) He works in Denver, CO but is from Arlington, VA. Martin played a critical role in the D2 deployment by working with the deploying bureaus and DOI project leadership to develop and manage the strategy for transitioning end users to FBMS. Previously, Martin worked at the Colorado Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



FBMS TRAINING UPDATE

FBMS training for MMS and OSM employees continues in end-user locations nationwide. MMS and OSM FBMS training is ensuring that new end users are effectively using the new system.

The initial end user training classes will continue through December 15th. So far there have been 35 training classes conducted and 354 people trained in FBMS.

Training will still be available to OSM and MMS end-users after December 15th but will be taught by internal DOI employees instead of external

trainers.

Internal DOI trainers have been chosen who have demonstrated the willingness and aptitude to familiarize their colleagues with the new system. Trainers from the end user community will have the benefit of being familiar with the nuances of DOI business processes.

Training attendees taught after December 15th will have access to the same training guides and materials as those who were trained in the initial effort.



Bob Brown (MMS Acting Chief Financial Officer) and Glenda Owens (OSM Deputy Director) at the FBMS Go Live event.



Dave Amoriell (IBM Executive), Joanne Leshler, (widow of Sky Leshler, former DOI Deputy CFO and FBMS Sponsor), Tom Weimer, DOI Assistant Secretary of Policy Management and Budget)) at the FBMS Go-Live event.