WBSCM Update

Providing nutritious food through a seamless, efficient, Web Based Supply Chain

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What Is WBSCM?

WBSCM is the acronym for Web Based Supply Chain Management. WBSCM is the project that will implement a modern Web Based Supply Chain Management system using commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) enterprise resource planning (ERP) technology. This new system will replace the aging Processed Commodity Inventory Management System (PCIMS) and related systems and streamline USDA agency supply chain operations, and USAID and FAS commodity focused missions. This system will improve the procurement, delivery, and management of more than 200 commodities and 4.5 million tons of food through domestic and foreign feeding programs operated by USDA throughout the world.

WBSCM Vision

The WBSCM vision is to establish a world-class integrated, scalable, flexible, modern Web Based Supply Chain Management System that increases collaboration, efficiency, improves service to customers, suppliers, business partners and one that provides innovative forecasting and planning, situational awareness at all points of the supply chain, and the ability to quickly respond to changes.

Why is it important to you?

The new WBSCM system will *help you* perform your job in a more efficient and streamlined manner! The new system will give you access to all the functionality that you need to perform your job from *one access point.* Overall, this new modern, integrated, and flexible system will increase collaboration and efficiency, improve service, and provide a streamlined, web based supply chain to customers, suppliers, and other business partners.

- *Stronger Customer Collaboration:* ability for USDA and USAID to share information from **one** Internet source with private voluntary organizations, state distributing agencies, and other food commodity recipients!
- *Stronger Supplier Collaboration:* ability for USDA and USAID to *instantly* electronically share information with vendors and business partners, strengthen vendor and supplier collaboration, and manage procurement plans all online!
- *Adapting to Changing Business Environment:* ability for USDA to reduce the "order to fulfillment" lifecycle, improve financial integration, and for *you* to focus more on value added supply chain functions and less on administrative tasks.

Who is developing WBSCM?

- **USDA Program Manager** – Gary Batko
- **USDA Project Manager –** Roger Tomlin
- **USDA Agencies –** AMS, FNS, FSA, FAS
- **Other Federal Agencies –** MARAD, USAID
- **GSA/FEDSIM COTR –** Larry Ries
- **SRA Program Manager –** James Yan
- **Accenture Delivery Manager** – Can Dogan
- **Small Business Partners –** Ecco Select, M.K. Brown Consulting, Preferred Systems Solutions, The Talmadge Group, TSymetry, World Perspectives

After a thorough competition, USDA chose the SRA Team to assist with the design, development, deployment, training, and ongoing maintenance and support of WBSCM. The SRA Team will partner with USDA to replace the legacy PCIMS system with the new WBSCM. The SRA Team includes members from SRA, Accenture, and small businesses like ECCO Select, M.K Brown Consulting, Preferred Systems Solutions, The Talmadge Group, Tsymetry, and World Perspectives. SRA has demonstrated experience with USAID and USDA agencies, a proven record of successfully managing GSA/FEDSIM performance-based contracts, and numerous successful implementations of Supply Chain Management solutions. Accenture, the leading Supply Chain Management consulting practice and ERP solution provider in the Federal and commercial marketplace, has demonstrated to USDA our experience, including developing the WBSCM business cases, and our ability to support USDA customers and business partners in food, agriculture, and transportation industries.

Progress to Date

The SRA Team kicked off the project with meetings in Washington, DC and Kansas City in November, 2006. SRA management and functional leads, and USDA management and program staff reviewed the project's scope, timeline, key deliverables, roles, and critical success factors.

Domestic and international workshops were held in Washington, DC and Kansas City during December and January. Here participants walked through the domestic and international "As Is" business processes and confirmed and updated the 2003 Business Profile Functional Requirements and the cross-process requirements. The outcome from these workshops will be used to analyze COTS ERP tools.
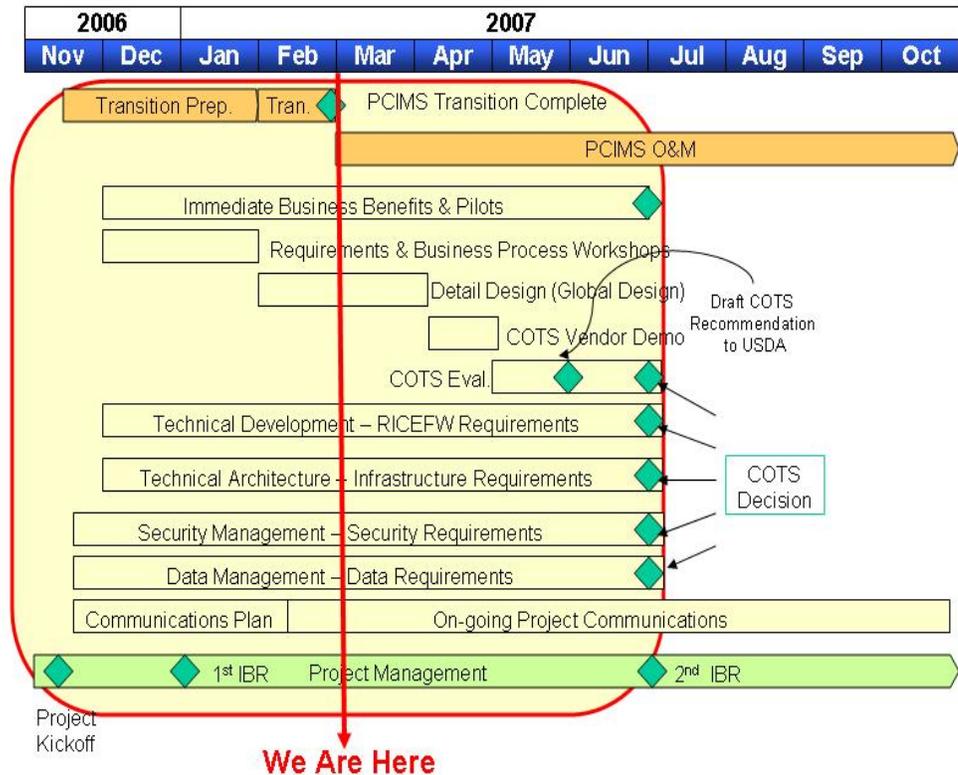
Both workshops were a great success and involved many collaborative discussions between the USDA and the SRA Team. Great team effort and many thanks to all that participated!

"First 8 Months"

The SRA Team will lead USDA through further validation of the necessary business requirements. This phase of requirements gathering and validation of the PCIMS and satellite systems is referred to as the "First 8 Months" of the project. The WBSCM Project Schedule below shows progress leading to the software selection or "COTS decision" marking the end of the "First 8 Months." Following the "First 8 Months" are subsequent phases including system design, development, deployment, training, and ongoing Operations and Maintenance.

WBSCM Project Schedule

What's Next?

The SRA and USDA Team will collectively continue to refine technical, functional business and system requirements in an effort to design a global solution through meaningful dialogue.

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