

UFMS Deployment Strategy
for
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and
the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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October 2004 will see a significant achievement for UFMS. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will deploy the General Ledger and the Accounting for Pay System (AFPS). For the FDA, this represents over 60% of its dollars. With the inclusion of grants processing in the first quarter of FY 2005, CDC will process over 50% of its dollars and transactions. CDC and FDA will deploy the comprehensive Oracle/UFMS suite in April 2005. This follows the successful deployment of the NIH phase of UFMS in October 2003.

Following a detailed system readiness review, and in keeping with industry accepted program management practices for COTS system implementations, the UFMS leadership team decided to follow a phased approach to the pilot UFMS deployment at the CDC. This results in a release strategy for the CDC, which allows adequate time to address technical issues identified during testing and readiness review and to deploy a quality system in FY 2005. The overall deployment plan for UFMS is on schedule for completion in FY 2007.

Through September, detailed updates to the UFMS deployment strategy will be developed to manage the tightly integrated deployments at the CDC and the FDA. Integration and system testing, certain conversion activities, the development of a grants module and CAN realignment, select infrastructure tasks, and the staff assigned to those activities, will continue through October 2004. User acceptance testing, training, specific conversion activities, and infrastructure tasks will require updated deployment schedules for the period October 2004 through April 2005. The UFMS PMO will send out additional communications by the end of the month.