



UFMS NEWSFLASH: March 20, 2003

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1. Where Are We in the Fit/Gap Process?

With the Initial Baseline Requirements approved by the UFMS governance committees last month, the team is in the midst of the global fit /gap process, assessing if Oracle U.S. Federal Financials software can meet each of the global requirements. All “fits” (where the software meets a requirement, with no enhancements) will be demonstrated in the first global Conference Room Pilot (CRP). The team is currently assessing the “gaps” (where the software does not support the requirements) and developing high-level alternatives to close them. This assessment will be the foundation for a formal gap closure process starting in April. For a detailed graphic of the current requirements and fit/gap process see www.hhs.gov/ufms/library.html.

2. Agency Representatives Continue to Help UFMS in Review Sessions

Agency representatives are attending a series of Fit/Gap Review Sessions through next week in the Washington, D.C., area. The program team is working with the representatives to further interpret certain requirements and to provide feedback on potential gap closure alternatives. Yet again, we thank the agency representatives who participated in the requirements sessions and continue to participate in the global design process. The cumulative understanding of UFMS that these representatives bring to the design process is a real asset to the UFMS Program.

3. Recent Dialogue: Updates from March Meetings

- The Planning and Development Committee held a meeting on March 12, the main focus of which was a thorough presentation of the process of producing and using the fit/gap analysis (see <http://intranet.hhs.gov/ufms/plandev.html> for meeting details).
- On Thursday, March 13, UFMS Program Director Gerald Thomas and other HHS executives briefed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the status of the UFMS initiative. Mr. Thomas proudly reported that UFMS currently is on schedule and within budget, thanks to the hard work of the UFMS global and site teams, and to the support and cooperation of HHS operating divisions.
- The next UFMS Steering Committee meeting will be held on March 24, 2003.

4. UFMS Intranet is Live

UFMS has a new intranet site at <http://intranet.hhs.gov/ufms> . Use this site as your resource for up-to-date details of the project, UFMS documents, governance committee meeting minutes, presentations, a calendar of events, site contacts and more . . . It is, and will be, a “work in



progress” for quite some time, so please let us know what we can do to make it a useful tool for you.

5. Pass it Along!

Keep your co-workers informed on the UFMS that is coming their way! Send us an email at Mailbox.UFMS@hhs.gov and include a list of your co-workers who would like to receive information about UFMS on an ongoing basis, and we will include them in our newsletter and newsflash distribution list.