



UFMS NEWSFLASH

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1. August 2003: Global Conference Room Pilot 1 (CRP1)

August is a flurry of activity, as over 250 agency representatives are attending one of the CRP1 sites in Atlanta, GA, Tyson's Corner, VA, or Twinbrook, MD. The sessions are organized by module and are covering approximately 50 scripts per week. The scripts focus on global and CDC specific design, demonstrating the HHS business processes that the Oracle U.S. Federal Financial software currently accommodates. During each session, a BearingPoint (UFMS system integrator) module lead walks the attendees through a sample business process from start to finish using sample data. The agency representatives are given the opportunity to comment at the end of each script and provide written feedback at the end of each day.

The CRP1 process and attendee feedback is allowing the UFMS team to validate the initial configuration of the system, giving the UFMS team the information they need to update the CDC configuration and identify any new "gaps" and issues in preparation for CRP2 (early 2004).

2. CDC UFMS Team Reaches Executive Milestone

On August 1, 2003, CDC UFMS Project Manager Dave Moore announced that the CDC UFMS team reached a program executive milestone with the completion of the Initial CDC Process Designs. The Initial CDC Process Designs are an addendum to the Initial Global Process Designs created in May 2003. As each site moves through implementation, they too will develop site-specific designs as CDC has done. These site process designs are developed in accordance with standard Initial Global Process Designs and document site-unique activities that may range from small changes to a completely new process that is not performed by other component agencies. The CDC UFMS team will refine and improve these designs over the next nine months.

3. Gap Closure Analysis Completed

While CRP1 is demonstrating the requirement "fits," what is happening with the "gaps" (the requirements that Oracle U.S. Federal Financials standard functionality does not inherently accommodate)?

When the Global Fit/Gap Summary was completed in early April, the team began to closely analyze the "gaps," identifying possible alternatives for closing the gap(s) and satisfying the requirements. Possible alternatives/solutions fall into these categories:

- creating manual procedures (a solution that would require additional manual steps, but no change to the software),



- leveraging future releases of Oracle that have been announced,
- purchasing third party software (an external, add-on software),
- creating extensions (a software code that is added to the Oracle software),
- changing a current HHS or component agency business process,
- reclassifying a requirement.

The UFMS team, in collaboration with the agency expertise of the elected GCA Task Force members, has created a complete set of Gap Closure Analysis (GCA) documents that state their cumulative proposed solutions. These documents, in their entirety, will be presented to UFMS Program Director Tom Doherty in late August for review and approval within the guidelines set forth by the Planning and Development Committee. During September, the UFMS PMO will present the GCAs to the PDC.

4. Oracle JFMIP Re-certification Update

Oracle's JFMIP re-certification re-test of Oracle U.S. Federal Financials (UFMS software) is scheduled for August 25, 2003. After failing to achieve the required 100% score on it's June re-certification test, Oracle has reached an agreement with JFMIP on date, process, and test steps regarding a re-test. The re-test process could last between two and four days and Oracle Corporation anticipates one to two weeks for results from JFMIP.

We will keep you updated as information and results are made available.