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**1. UFMS/PSC Implementation Team Hosts Conference Room Pilot (CRP1) Follow-up Workshop**

The PSC and Its Customer Agencies' implementation team will be hosting a weeklong workshop to provide an update on progress made since the Conference Room Pilot 1 (CRP1) that was held in August 2004. In addition to focused discussions on BACS and conversions, topics to be covered include: Budget Execution, General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and Project Accounting. The workshop is scheduled from January 31-February 3 at the FDA Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) University in Rockville, MD. For more detailed information, please contact Matt Zakielarz, UFMS/PSC Business Analysis Lead at 301.443.4527 or visit the UFMS Intranet site at <http://intranet.hhs.gov/ufms/>.

**2. FDA and CDC Integration Testing December 17- January 25**

CDC and FDA are performing integration testing by asking subject matter experts to validate end-to-end business processes in order to ensure proper functioning of the system. Prior to integration testing FDA and CDC UFMS team members have performed extensive analysis, development and code generation to prepare for UFMS implementation. Integration testing is being performed at CDC and FDA using the relevant data that was an outcome of the Mock 5 conversion. The results are stored in Test Director, sent to Accounting Treatment for examination, and any defects are also recorded in Test Director. These defects are researched, resolved, and re-tested to obtain a successful Integration Test. In order for Integration Testing to be successful, the testing must pass 90% of integration business scenarios and must have zero critical defects.

### **3. *Connect: Direct With Treasury Complete***

In order to pay the bills through UFMS, HHS requires an efficient and safe means to transmit transaction requests to the U.S. Treasury. Those means are now in place. Acquiring the necessary hardware proved to be somewhat of a challenge. But once the equipment was obtained a dedicated circuit, server, and firewall were installed for the sole purpose of communicating UFMS transactions with the Treasury. Following the installation of the hardware the software, *Connect: Direct*, was configured. A test file was successfully transmitted to the Treasury, which in turn sent a test file back to the UFMS system.

Once UFMS is successfully implemented, the UFMS server will compile all the transaction requests and submit them to the Treasury. The Treasury will then process the necessary transactions from there and return the status of the transaction to UFMS. This direct connection is one more completed important step in the UFMS implementation.

This direct connection process will be repeated between UFMS and the Disaster Recovery Site to ensure that UFMS may continue to process transactions with the Treasury in the case that the primary connection is not functional.

### **4. PSC Team Transfers Office Space**

Upon entering the South wing of suite 550 at Twinbrook Plaza, one might get the sense that something, or someone, is missing. This change is due to UFMS PSC personnel, minus the PSC Business Transformation Team, being consolidated to suite 520. The PSC Team is growing as it gains momentum toward UFMS Implementation. The team has moved to a larger office across the hall in order to help maintain synergy and accommodate the growing team.

### **5. New Team Members**

There are several new members here at Twinbrook.

Dingshin Yu, Global DBA Lead

Betty Psillos, Global Development Lead

Chet Levesque, Global and PSC Federal Training Lead

Prashanth Kandapur- Conversion/Application Developer

Jagdeep Kathuria- Global Interface Developer

Please take a moment to say hello and welcome the new team members!

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