

NBC FM Outreach

Financial Management Bulletin

Welcome to the **NBC Financial Management Outreach!** The purpose of this bulletin is to provide updated information to our Line of Business (LoB) customers and offer an additional channel of communication.

Your feedback is very important to us. Suggestions to improve this bulletin and enhance our communications with your organization can be sent to our mailbox at nbc_fmoutreach@nbc.gov.

Financial Management and Budget Directorate (FBD) FY 2009 Accomplishments

- Completed Paper Check Conversion for all NBC clients thereby automating deposit processes.
- Successfully integrated two new Permanent Change of Station (PCS) clients for a Department of Interior bureau.
- Automated all customers' travel processing by eliminating manual vouchers and utilizing OMB approved e-travel solution.
- Completed the SAS-70 interim audit for the Hyperion Consolidated Financial System (CFS), Federal Financial System (FFS), Momentum Financials, Oracle Federal Financial (OFF), and the Federal Personnel Payroll System (FPPS) with no high risk findings.
- Completed A-123 Appendix A financial transaction testing of internal controls over financial reporting. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were identified.
- Completed sixteen A-123 program (non Appendix A) internal control reviews with no material weaknesses identified.
- Completed two Oracle Federal Financials shared services financial system implementations.
- Transitioned to Smart Pay II for approximately 90,000 DOI and external users.
- Successfully implemented a new Help Desk Survey to track customer satisfaction and problem resolution after tickets are closed.

Oracle Release 12 Upgrade Status

The NBC continues to move forward with preparations for upgrading its customers to Oracle Federal Financials (OFF) R12. Initial testing of R12 has revealed a number of areas that need to be addressed. The NBC has been able to resolve some of the issues internally while others require Oracle support for resolution. At this time, our focus is on the setup and testing of Subledger Accounting (OSLA). The greatest change in functionality from 11i to R12 revolves around OSLA, as this is a new feature that drives the accounting entries; Transaction Codes will no longer be used. We have successfully configured OSLA to generate basic accounting entries for Budget Execution and Purchasing. Oracle provides seeded setups for OSLA, but the accounts they use do not correspond to the NBC accounts. Setups are required to obtain the desired effect. The next step is to configure OSLA separately for each agency since R12 does not allow all agencies to share a single OSLA configuration through a Natural Account selection. This setup/configuration will be a major development piece of the R12 upgrade.

Momentum Financials at NRC

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has become the NBC's newest Momentum Financials customer. The NRC and the NBC have a long-standing relationship, which includes support for their financial management system, as well as other services such as Payroll, Charge Card, and Accounting Operations. Most recently, the NRC engaged the NBC to migrate their Federal Financial System (FFS) to Momentum Financials. The implementation is scheduled to be completed by the end of this Fiscal Year.

NBC's SAP Business Suite Offering

The NBC will soon add a new financial management system to its product lines offering. The SAP Business Suite solution will provide an additional choice to customers who might be making decisions regarding financial system suitability for their organization. The SAP solution to be offered by the NBC consists of a FSIO-certified, comprehensive and integrated financial management software package that has been engineered to support Federal agencies' financial management needs. Strong reporting capability, compliance with all Federal regulations, and an incremental update/upgrade strategy are some key features of this new NBC offering.

A-123 Appendix A, Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In mid-July, the NBC completed testing of our internal controls over financial reporting to support the annual statement of assurance for the Fiscal Year 2009 Financial Statements. Prior to beginning the testing cycle, we verified whether or not the processes had changed and if the tests of the controls or "test of design" were still valid. We selected random samples of transactions and reports from different months throughout the year and expanded sample size to ensure every client was represented in the sample. We then applied 153 tests against approximately 40 of our key controls for the seven business processes we manage on a daily basis. The test results demonstrated that our controls are operating effectively and there is a reasonable assurance the financial statements are accurate.

Preparation for next year's cycle has already started. We are updating process flows and narratives, refining control descriptions and modifying tests to start testing in January 2010.

FPDS-NG: New Version to be implemented in February 2010

A new version of the Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) is expected to be implemented in February 2010. FPDS-NG is the government-wide automated system used to collect and report on federal procurement spending. The system also functions as the single authoritative repository for federal procurement award data. Government agencies submit their data via a contract writing system (CWS) or directly into FPDS Using Direct Web Input. Contract data is available within 24 hours of award and several self-service, web accessible reporting tools are offered to the public. Among other data collection requirements, the version to be implemented in February (Version 1.4) will contain a new data element – the Treasury Account Symbol (TAS).

The NBC has been conducting all necessary programming and testing to ensure a smooth transition to this upcoming upgrade, which will allow our customers to transmit their procurement data with the new version of FPDS-NG.

Electronic Invoicing

The NBC is currently exploring available options for offering Electronic Invoicing capability to our customers. Based on our current customers' requirements, three products are available that may be suitable:

- Oracle iSupplier is a web-based portal available for Oracle Federal Financials customers. This solution integrates client suppliers into the procure-to-pay process by allowing authorized suppliers the ability to submit change requests, process ship notices, and enter Accounts Payable invoices.
- Vendor Self Service (VSS) is the Momentum Financial's module that enables electronic interaction with vendors for procurement and invoicing activities.
- The Internet Payment Platform (IPP), offered by Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS), centralizes data on all transactions in the purchase-to-pay process, including purchase orders, invoices and payments, in one web-based portal. The Financial Management Line of Business (FMLOB) initiative is currently defining a standard agency process for payment transactions and has recognized the IPP as a best practice for electronic receipt of invoices from suppliers.

Transaction Reporting System (TRS)

Treasury is implementing a new system called Transaction Reporting System (TRS). The system will be a Financial Management System (FMS)-wide transaction broker, data warehouse, and reporting solution to provide trading partners and Treasury with a single touch point for the exchange of all financial transaction information across collection systems. The new system will enable Treasury to normalize financial transaction reporting and standardize the availability of financial information across systems. Once implemented, the TRS will provide integrated transaction and deposit reporting of revenue activity across collection systems. It will also greatly improve the way government agencies collect, analyze, and redistribute financial transaction information. The current system, CASHLINK II will no longer need to be accessed once information is reported to TRS. Until such time, the agencies will be able to continue to use CASHLINK II. General transitioning of agencies from CASHLINK II to TRS will begin in late calendar year 2009.

To participate in a pilot, which began in 2008, contact your NBC program manager or the TRS project manager Christina Cox at 202-874-7207 or Christina.cox@fms.treas.gov.

American Recovery and Re-Investment Act (ARRA) Updates

TIPRA – The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 delayed for one year the withholding requirement for government payments, created by the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act (TIPRA) of 2005. The implementation date has now been changed by statute to payments after December 31, 2011. Unfortunately, some of the legacy financial systems are unable to handle this requirement. However, the NBC has been actively assisting customers to migrate to the most recent versions of FSIO-compliant financial systems that can incorporate this requirement before January 1, 2012.

Reporting – The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 requires complete transparency and prompt reporting of funds. The NBC is committed to assisting its customers in complying with the requirements of ARRA. The NBC has developed an internal policy, along with a procedure, detailing the steps the NBC will perform for our customers. This process will ensure prompt reporting, transparency, and compliance with ARRA.

NBC's 1099 Reporting Time Line

The NBC successfully processes 1099s for more than 20 clients each year. Our standard timeline for this service offering available through our Accounting Operations Division can be found on the NBC Web site at <http://www.nbc.gov/finance/1099.html>.

Reminder to Government Travelers: TSA Secure Flight Program

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) implemented the next phase of the Secure Flight program on August 15, 2009. In this phase, each traveler's full name, gender, and date of birth are provided to the airlines that, in turn, provide this information to the TSA to compare to the No Fly or Selectee List. Please check your profiles in your travel system to ensure your full name matches your approved government issued ID that will be used to pass through security at the airport; and that your birth date and gender are correct prior to preparing your authorization for travel. Please note that if you have a signed authorization in the travel system and then change your profile, the authorization will not be updated with the change. If you need further assistance in updating your profiles, please contact our Travel Help Desk at 303-969-6366.

Upcoming Events

The complete version of the FY10 FBD Calendar is posted on the NBC website at <http://www.nbc.gov/finance>.

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NOVEMBER 2009

Nov 5-6 – AGA Performance Management Conference (Seattle, WA)
 Nov 17 – AM – Momentum User Group Meeting (DOI, DC or web conference)
 Nov 17 – PM – Oracle User Group Meeting (DOI, DC or web conference)
 Nov 18 – CGI Federal's Momentum 6.4 Client Day (Fairfax, VA)
 Nov 19 – AM – Quarterly Momentum CFO Meeting (DOI, DC)

DECEMBER 2009

Happy Holidays!

JANUARY 2010

Jan 15 – Quarterly Performance Metric Report Issued.
 Jan 27 – PM – Semi-annual Oracle Customer CFO Meeting (DOI, DC)

Financial Management and Budget Services (FBD) - Our Mission

To meet our customers' Federal financial management needs and exceed their expectations with integrity, quality and efficiency.

NBC Core Values

Integrity – always doing the right thing

Accountability – doing what we said we would do with transparency

Customer Value – providing results that matter to our clients

Innovation – leveraging advances in business practices and technology to achieve our goals

Teamwork – working collaboratively with all stakeholders

Additional FBD Core Values

Service – Working for the public benefit.

Professionalism – Demonstrating competency, consideration, commitment and loyalty.

Excellence – Outstanding quality and superior performance.

Empowerment – Balancing authority with accountability.

Diversity – Valuing differences, mutual respect.

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