

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.

ISO 9001 Certification

As part of a continual commitment to meet customer expectations for the highest level of quality and service, the Financial Management and Budget Directorate (FBD) is currently in the process of implementing ISO 9001 quality standards. Achieving the ISO 9001 certification will lead us to better operations, improved business performance and management of business risks.

The NBC's Acquisitions Services Directorate (AQD), Aviation Management Directorate (AMD) and the Integrated Payroll Service of the Human Resource Directorate (HRD) Lines of Business (LoBs) received their certificate of registration for the International Standard ISO 9001 in October 2008.

The ISO 9001 quality standard is the most widely recognized and established quality framework in the world

NBC at the AGA Conference

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 58th AGA Annual Professional Development Conference, in New Orleans, LA, June 21–23, 2009. Stop by booth 47 to learn more about the NBC and the Financial Management solutions we offer to the Federal sector.

On Tuesday June 23, Barbara Walters, NBC's Finance and Procurement Systems Division Chief, will speak during Session #T107: Multi-Jurisdictional Procurement: How the Internet Changed Everything!

NBC Customer Satisfaction Survey

The NBC Customer Satisfaction Survey will be going out to a broad sampling of NBC customers in July. If you receive an email requesting your participation in the 2009 NBC Customer Satisfaction Survey, please take a moment to submit your feedback. Your satisfaction is very important to us.

White Papers & Presentations on the Web

The NBC FM LoB White Papers and Presentations are now available for viewing and downloading on the Web at <http://www.nbc.gov/finance/whitepapers.html>

To learn more about the NBC's Financial Management Solutions, visit <http://www.nbc.gov/finance/>

The Road to Oracle Federal Financials 12R

Since the Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO) has approved Oracle Federal Financials (OFF) R12 as a core financial management platform, the NBC has been moving forward to make this improved OFF version available to its customers. The NBC is in the process of completing a comprehensive testing plan, initiated in October 2008, and is progressing toward the Quality Assurance stage. In the Quality Assurance stage, standard business processes are mimicked – using test scripts developed by end users. This will guarantee that the implementation of R12 can be achieved with minimal operational impact to the customer.

Implementation of the Common Government-wide Accounting Classification Structure

The Common Government-wide Accounting Classification Structure (CGAC) is part of the standardization goals of the Financial Management Line of Business (FMLoB). CGAC is aimed at creating a unified, government-wide accounting classification structure to increase reporting efficiencies. The structure establishes a standard method for classifying the financial effects of government business activities. Eventually, since the adoption of the CGAC structure will be mandatory, the CGAC structure will be used by all agencies.

Users of Oracle Federal Financials (OFF) will be pleased to note that OFF is fully compliant on all mandatory CGAC elements found in version 1.0, released July 2007. By utilizing NBC's OFF version 11.5.10, a great deal of the CGAC structure is built in to your core financial system. This should not change with the transition to OFF 12R.

Users of Momentum Financials will see significant standardization updates in Momentum version 6.2, CGI Federal's most recently FSIO certified version of Momentum. Momentum 6.2 has a great deal of the CGAC structure built in to the application, and agencies utilizing this version of Momentum will be fully compliant on mandatory CGAC elements. As CGAC requirements evolve, new Momentum releases will be updated to meet the new requirements and elements.

Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO) Publication Releases

The Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO) has released chapter five – The Reimbursable Management Standard Business Process – of its Standard Business Process Document. The Standard Business Process Document is part of FSIO's initiative to identify and classify standard business processes common to all governmental agencies. Standardization facilitates the development of practices and processes that can be utilized in conjunction with other FSIO initiatives, such as CGAC, to streamline financial management at the government-wide level.

The reimbursable management standard business process chapter puts forth best practice business processes for administering and managing interagency buy/sell transactions. These processes are focused on buy/sell reimbursable activity between Federal agency trading partners, and do not include fiduciary and non-expenditure transfer transactions. The NBC has consistently utilized standardized business processes for its customers as a means of promoting efficiency, accuracy and cost savings.

Full text of the chapter is available at http://www.fsio.gov/fsio/fsiodata/fmlob_sbp.shtml.

Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has released the Initial Public Draft of Special Publication 800-53, Revision 3, Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations. Special Publication 800-53 provides guidelines for selecting and specifying security controls for information systems supporting the executive agencies of the federal government. Guidelines for meeting the requirements of Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 200, Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems are included.

The guidelines have been developed to facilitate the development of more secure information systems and effective risk management within the federal government. Other than those systems designated as national security systems as defined in 44 U.S.C., Section 3542, these guidelines are applicable to all federal information systems. The NBC follows the DOI Information Technology Security Policy Handbook which conforms to or exceeds current government-wide policies, standards, and procedures.

A copy of the NIST document is available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/drafts/800-53/800-53-rev3-IPD.pdf>.



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Upcoming Events

JUNE 2009

June 21-24 – AGA Professional Development Conference (New Orleans, LA)

JULY 2009

July 15 – Quarterly Performance Metric Report Issued

July 15 – Discussions Begin for Year End Close Schedules

July 19 – SAS 70 Opinions Issued for 7/1/08-6/30/09 Period

July 28-30 – GSA Smart Pay Conference

July 31 – Distribution of Proposed Year End Close Schedule for Comment

AUGUST 2009

August 4-5 – 19th Annual Government Financial Management Conference (Treas. FMS)

August 5 – AM – Quarterly Momentum User Group Meeting (DOI, DC)

August 5 – PM – Quarterly Oracle User Group Meeting (DOI, DC)

August 10-11 – AICPA (East) National Governmental Accounting and Audit Update Conference (Washington, DC)

August 15 – Finalized year end close schedules distributed

August 19 – Quarterly Oracle Customer CFO Meeting (DOI, DC)

August 20 – Quarterly Momentum Customer CFO Meeting (DOI, DC)

Financial Management and Budget Services (FBD) - Our Mission

To deliver services that 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

Excellence – outstanding quality and superior performance

Service – working for the public benefit

Diversity – valuing differences, mutual respect

Professionalism – demonstrating expected skill, competency and character

Empowerment – authority balanced with accountability

Loyalty – faithful to our purpose and each other



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