

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 18 AUGUST 2006

I. CEFMS:

A. We changed the Transmitted Government Order Acceptance screen to correct the problem of two supervision and administration (S&A) obligations being created when a government order with S&A is accepted.

B. On 07 Aug 06, the UFC was unable to process any EFT Files or print any Treasury checks. They received an error: Shared Memory Exceeded. The UFC Database had to be re-started to correct the problem.

C. Another Oracle 10g problem surfaced on 04 Aug 06. This one was related to Travel Settlement Payments for Korean Nationals. On the initial run, the user received an esig error 39, but because of the normally long process time for these it was not discovered for several hours. On the subsequent run, one transaction was segregated and the problem was identified. The development office was able to re-create the problem and made corrections to the screen on 07 Aug 06.

D. Many local reports use employee work phone. For this reason, we added a field for employee work phone to the public view 'employee_mstr_view', with the following explanation comment: "The telecommunication number assigned to the employee's place of work." We also modified the employee screens to display 'Work Phone', rather than just 'Phone', to avoid any confusion, so that home phone numbers (covered by the Privacy Act) will not be used.

E. With the conversion of databases to Oracle 10g, the reorganization functionality no longer worked in restricted mode. To correct this problem, we created a procedure to set a lockout password to restrict users and lock interfaces, and a second procedure to reverse the lockout.

F. We are coordinating with the Civilian Information Systems Division of the Army on existing CEFMS edits for the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System (DCPDS) interface that will be necessary for the new National Security Personnel System (NSPS) that is in development.

G. We provided a file of the civil unfilled customer orders as of 30 Jun 06 to the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) auditors. The file identifies unfilled customer orders with and without an advance, orders received, earnings and collections by customer order funding account.

H. We are working on a process to convert from the DD Form 1556, Request, Authorization, Agreement, Certification of Training and Reimbursement to the Standard Form (SF) 182, Request, Authorization, Agreement, and Certification of Training. We want to be able to electronically transmit data from the completed SF 182 to populate the fields required in DCPDS.

I. We have identified another labor and payroll issue associated with the conversion to Oracle 10g. The CEFMS screen designed to restore archived labor records to the current year database, no longer works for FY99 and FY00. We must now write scripts to restore the archived labor data for FY99 and FY00 to the current year database. We are working on a program to resolve this problem, and we will continue to monitor all labor and payroll processes for additional problems.

J. Per an HQUSACE (CEFM-F) requirement, we are developing and testing a process to allow an effective labor rate to be applied to overtime worked hours. This process will be programmed and tested for a scheduled release of 1 Oct 06.

K. We continue to support HQUSACE, DoDIG and PwC by providing files for FY05 beginning balances and transactions for FY06. These efforts are quite time consuming and require the use of manpower and IT resources to develop queries to collect the requested data from all 60 databases, reconcile the data, transmit to PwC, and then answer questions on the data. We have also engaged in many telephone conferences and emails explaining the CEFMS business processes. We are handling these inquiries and requests as our number one priority and it has impacted our ability to respond as timely as we like to day-to-day CEFMS business.

L. We are fully engaged in testing the year-end closing routines. We have encountered numerous problems related to the following areas: (1) the conversion of the databases to Oracle 10g this FY; and (2) the changes of general ledger correlations and closing entries based on changes made as of the result of audit findings and Treasury requirements. We have sent modified instructions to USACE activities and reviewed/changed the User Manual as required.

II. PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

A. Open problem report inventory:

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Total Problems	749	719
Priority #1 Problems	91	83

We received 204 new problem reports and completed 174 problem reports.

B. Database Imbalances on our 60 Production Activities:

<u># of Imbalances</u>	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
None	60	59
One	0	2
Two	0	1

III. ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

A. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ONBOARD PERSONNEL

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ONBOARD</u>
MILLINGTON:	217
HUNTSVILLE:	23
USACE HQ:	1
TOTAL:	241

B. DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA

<u>PAYMENT</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
	Aug 01-15	Oct 01-Aug 15
CHECKS:		
CHECKS ISSUED	4,748	105,450
PERCENT OF TOTAL	7%	10%
DOLLAR AMOUNT	\$46,388,998	\$1,283,747,756
EFT:		
TRANSFERS MADE	34,385	574,439
PERCENT OF TOTAL	93%	90%
DOLLAR AMOUNT	\$1,099,222,793	\$22,511,867,860

*percentages adjusted for utility checks which do not have to participate in EFT

C. MILITARY ACCOUNTING REPORT ACCURACY RATES: ENDING JULY 06

- Unmatched Disbursements for Military Appropriations:
USACE has a balance of \$325 in unmatched disbursements over 120 days which does not exceed DFAS Goal of zero unmatched disbursements over 120 days.
- Transactions by Others (TBO) Greater than 30 days, less than 120 days for Military Appropriations:
USACE exceeds DFAS Goal
- TBO Greater than 120 days for Military Appropriations:
USACE did not meet the DFAS Goal. Five TBO charges were reflected on the greater than 120 listing. The root cause for the aged TBO's is a funding issue with New York District.
- Integrated Command Accounting Report (ICAR) for Military Appropriations:
USACE Accuracy Rate was 99.1%
- US Standard General Ledger Trial Balance Report for Military Appropriations:
USACE Accuracy Rate was 100%
- Disbursing Statement of Transactions (SOT) SF1220 for Military Appropriations:
USACE Accuracy Rate was 99.6
- Command Expenditures Errors (CER):
ICAR does not reconcile with SOT (SF1220)*

*USACE had 3 errors. They have been identified and corrections will be submitted. The goal is "0" CERs at yearend.

IV. OTHER UFC ISSUES:

A. UFC personnel attended the Financial Statement After Action Conference in Indianapolis last week. Representatives from OSD stated that OMB Circular A-136 was published on 24 July 2006, and that statement format changes are forthcoming for the Statement of Finance, Statement of Change Net Position, and Statement of Net Cost, as well as for several statement footnotes. There were concerns regarding differences between the SF133, Report on Budget Execution, and the Statement of Budgetary Resources and whether adjustments for eliminations should be included because such adjustments would significantly affect the budget execution reporting. The scorecard results for 3rd quarter should be released within the next few weeks. During the conference, several of the attendees requested a written response be provided with our scorecard results. Attributes for current year military equipment and construction in-progress transfers will be added to the Departmental Defense Reporting System (DDRS) to ensure transfers agree between trading partners. During the conference, USACE was used as an example of the level and type of data required for reconciling elimination data with the trading partners because we are able to support out numbers. Compilation guidance, Attachment 13B, will be replaced with a reconciliation manual. When Treasury completes their "tie-point project," it will establish reconciliations for use by auditors. Beginning Oct 2006, there will be an accounts receivable debt tool which will compare the Treasury Report of Receivables (TROR), Monthly Report of Receivables (MRR), and the U.S. Standard General Ledgers (USSGL).

B. Preparations have begun for the FY 2006 year-end closeout. The closeout memo has been sent to all USACE activities. The UFC is monitoring each activity to ensure there are no showstoppers that will prevent a database from closing properly. We monitor the database reconciliation reports, abnormal general ledgers, and overdrawn funding accounts. We notify the activities of action that must be taken.

C. We are participating in the biweekly Defense Departmental Reporting System (DDRS) teleconference calls. We are currently parallel testing the daily report submissions to the monthly report submission for the Integrated Command Accounting Report (ICAR) report. DFAS has established a daily reconciliation program. We can determine our status on a daily basis vs. having to wait until month-end to see if we are in balance.

D. We are attempting to update and finalize current procedures regarding the disposition of collections of property sold or leased at Army BRAC sites. HQUSACE has asked the BRAC Division for guidance on where they would like the proceeds deposited and what they want in the new guidance.

E. The third phase of the triannual joint review process for unliquidated obligations has begun. USACE activities should be reviewing 100% of the unliquidated obligations to determine if they are still valid. Once this is completed, they will go into CEEMIS and complete the certification statement. Once all of the USACE activities have completed their portion, Mr. Brockman will complete the certification statement for the Corps of Engineers.

F. Personnel from the Coast Guard (CG) National Pollution Funds Center (NPFCC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and USACE held a meeting in July to discuss delinquent Oil Pollution Act (OPA) bills. Participants surfaced program issues with EPA and CG which included future funding options such as an Interagency Agreement (IAG) directly with EPA. This option would eliminate EPA's use of the NPFCC as the payment processor for future USACE OPA bills. EPA would assume the payment processing role. All parties believe this change in payment processing is a much better mechanism. The group also focused on a strategy and solutions for reducing the billing backlog.

G. As a result of the 2 Aug 06 meeting with FEMA and a concentrated effort by HQUSACE and UFC personnel, FEMA approved a \$458M for payment to USACE as of the week ending 11 Aug 06. When these payments are received and processed by the UFC, the balance of open FEMA receivables at the end of August will be reduced by approximately 23 percent.

H. The UFC Travel Division is currently processing PCS vouchers received on 1 Aug 06.

I. The Resource Management Division met with representatives of the USACE Logistics Activity (ULA) on 14 August to resolve a variety of issues related to the budgeting, accounting, and manpower management for the new ULA organization. We also have been working with the ULA in preparing and outfitting work spaces for the USACE Logistics Activity Center which will be collocated with the Finance Center.

J. We have begun planning for the fiscal year end closeout of the Finance Center CEFMS database. Resource Management Division has developed a close-out calendar of tasks to be accomplished and the related dates. We are analyzing and monitoring direct funds balances, facility account balances, as well as reviewing the CEFMS end of year pre-closing programs weekly. We also have begun the third and final phase of the Joint Reconciliation Program for FY06.