USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 15 SEPTEMBER 2006

I. CEFMS:

A. Much of our time is being devoted to preparing for fiscal year closing and working with the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) auditors. We have presented several demonstrations to the auditors, to include disbursing programs, payroll and labor processing, and cost transfers.

B. We have reconciled and will submit our final PwC audit request for corporate data. The last request for labor transactions citing military charge codes will be moved to the File Transfer Portal (FTP) site on 14 Sep 06.

C. We tested and released changes required for the Contract Disbursing Program in preparation for the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) functionality.

D. On 6 Sep 06, we were informed that a USACE activity's database had crashed and the existing backup only included data up through the afternoon of 5 Sep 06. As a result, eighty-six disbursements, that were processed and sent out to vendors and travelers earlier in the day on 6 Sep, were not backed up on the database. We ran a restore program and were able to correct the problem.

E. We researched a problem at a USACE activity where all of the customer order billings did not pull into the Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) Report. We could not examine the log files, since they only had three-day retention and were already deleted. By comparing the bills that were generated on 1 Sep 06 with the results of the IPAC Report, it appeared that some 300 bills were missing. We requested the UFC to re-run the IPAC Report, and this produced all of the missing bills. We then ran a program on the IPAC Extract File, to delete the partial data that was previously pulled into the disbursing database. Data was successfully extracted on 11 Sep 06.

F. On the night of 11 Sep 06, most of the military EFT Verify Reports aborted in the disbursing cron runs. The log files showed the following error: error starting report process. Research revealed there was a problem with file permissions at the Central Processing Center (CPC) in Vicksburg. This has been corrected and the reports ran normally on the night of 12 Sep 06.

G. As requested, we compiled historical leave account data from FY05 for each of the MSC HQs (excluding GRD), HQUSACE, HECSA, and the Installation Support Center. The data was sent to HQUSACE (CERM-P) and the LRD Budget Officer who will use the data in calculating a proposed effective rate for these organizations in FY2007. Similar data for FY 2002 through 2004 had been compiled and forwarded to the National Leave Account PDT in November 2004. This Regional HQ/HQUSACE effective rate will be created IAW CERM-F Regional Effective Rates Implementation Policy, dated 18 May 2006.

H. We provided detailed historical cost information to HQUSACE (CERM-M) for FY04 and FY05. Similar data for FY06 will be compiled and sent to CERM-M after year-end closeout. The data will be used by the Corps of Engineers Manpower Requirements System (CEMRS).

I. We revised and submitted the final version of the OMB 300 Business Case package for CEFMS to HQUSACE (CECI). The FY 2008 300 Business Case for each major Corps of Engineers Automated Information System was submitted to OMB on 11 Sep 06. OMB Passback is expected in late November; however, OMB may request detailed documentation to support each submission before that time.

J. We are working on the conversion of DD1556 to the new training form SF182 with HQUSACE (CEHR) and the CPOC.

II. PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

A. Open problem report inventory:

	This Report	Last Report
Total Problems	763	765
Priority #1 Problems	101	92

We received 191 new problem reports and completed 193 problem reports.

B. Database Imbalances on our 60 Production Activities:

# of Imbalances	This Report	Last Report
None	54	58
One	4	1
Two	1	0
Three	1	0
Fourteen	0	1

III. ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

A. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ONBOARD PERSONNEL

LOCATION	ONBOARD
MILLINGTON:	215
HUNTSVILLE:	24
USACE HQ:	1
TOTAL:	240

B. DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA

PAYMENT	CURRENT MONTH Sep 01-12	YEAR TO DATE Oct 01-Sep 12
CHECKS:		
CHECKS ISSUED	3,041	113,348
PERCENT OF TOTAL	6%	10%
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$32,454,406	1,371,849,248
EFT:		
TRANSFERS MADE	25,897	628,143
PERCENT OF TOTAL	94%	90%
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$883,144,358	$24,197,163,169

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

IV. OTHER UFC ISSUES:

A. The CFO/Civil Reports Division personnel provided documentation and/or reconciliations to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) auditors for numerous edits and comparisons between statements. The comparisons included budgetary to proprietary accounts payable, accounts receivable, appropriations received, status of funds balance and transfers in and out. We also discussed the accrued leave liability and where it is reported on the balance sheet and disclosed in the footnotes.

B. The CFO/Civil Reports Division provided PwC with copies of the Defense Departmental Reporting System (DDRS) trial balance import sheets for 4th quarter FY 2005 and 3rd Quarter FY 2006, along with a listing of appropriations grouped by business lines as reported in DDRS. We also provided a listing of appropriations and non-expenditure transfers for FY 2006.

C. The Acting Office of Undersecretary of Defense Comptroller instituted a new monthly reporting requirement for aged receivables from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. We provided a report for aged receivables in the civil appropriations.

D. We researched and responded to a request from HQUSACE (CERM-F) to provide information from CEFMS regarding legal claims receivable paid within the last five years. We also provided comments to CERM-F on the proposed DoDFMR Volume 6A, Chapter 4, Appropriation and Fund Status Report.

E. We reviewed and provided comments to DFAS on a new Reconciliation Manual. The manual describes relationships between military appropriations various accounts and has suggestions for researching out-of-balance conditions. The manual will be released in the year-end reporting guidance.

F. All military and cash reports were reconciled and submitted by the established due dates. The Military/Cash Reports Division worked overtime on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month to meet the DFAS suspense date of the 3rd calendar day.

G. DFAS has established 15 Nov 06 as the decision point to implement Defense Departmental Reporting System – Budgetary (DDRS-B) daily reporting for the Integrated Command Accounting Report (ICAR). If they determine that the system is ready, then we will report daily transactions solely thru DDRS-B beginning 01 Dec 06. If the system is not ready, then they plan to start on 01 Feb 07. When implemented, we will no longer submit the monthly ICAR report to DFAS. We will have to continue sending them the Report on Public Receivables (Schedule 9) and the Civilian Manpower and Obligation Data (CMOD) on a monthly basis. The UFC is continuously meeting with DFAS to ensure they receive the necessary data to compile the Military CFO financial statements. We are currently conducting teleconferences with DFAS to discuss how they will handle CEFMS transactions to ensure USACE military transactions are reported correctly through their new process. Our preferred method would be for DFAS to accept CEFMS U.S. Standard General Ledger reports.

H. Personnel from the Department of Treasury, Financial Management Services, Debt Services are scheduled to update the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations regarding the Treasury Offset Program (TOPs). They will report that USACE is on track for a June/July 07 implementation.

I. The UFC had multiple discussions with personnel within the Office of Secretary of Defense, Chief Financial Officer's Office (OSD-CFO) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding erroneous payments made in support of the Iraqi mission and ways to strengthen controls to reduce/prevent erroneous payments. Additional actions taken by the UFC include post-payment reviews specific to Iraq, in conjunction with the overall post-payment review process already in place.

J. The UFC Travel Division is processing PCS vouchers received on 28 Aug 06.

K. Three members of the USACE Logistics Activity (ULA) arrived at the Finance Center on 11 September to continue the work on the establishment of the ULA. The ULA Director provided a briefing of their revised transition plan, and we discussed further expectations of support to the ULA by the Finance Center. We have begun establishing the FY07 ULA CEFMS operating budget and are continuing our conversations with CERM-M regarding the Integrated Manning Document for the ULA. We are also continuing our support to the ULA for outfitting their initial office space.

L. On 7 September, we conducted a drill of our Emergency React Team (ERT) which was overseen by a representative of the American Red Cross. The ERT responded quickly and provided the proper assistance in the mock situation. We are also revising some of our ERT procedures to accommodate situations when our public address system is not available. Also, regarding another safety issue, we contracted for an air quality survey of our building recently and received draft results on 5 September which indicated that the air quality was within normal ranges for the factors tested.

M. A member of our Accounting Quality Division is at HQUSACE assisting Civil Works with various FEMA-related funding and accounts receivable issues. She is also there to assist with fiscal year-end processes and to discuss additional support requirements that the Finance Center provides to Civil Works.

N. Resource Management completed the third Joint Review Program phase for FY06 on 15 September. The review included undelivered orders, customer orders, accounts payable, and commitments as of 31 August. We submitted required reports and certifications of the results in CEFMS. We also continue execution of our fiscal year-end closeout plan for the Finance Center CEFMS database. On 20 September, we will cutoff all input of PR&Cs and receiving

reports and post actual and estimated time and attendance through 30 September, so that labor cost will be recorded before issuance of the final UFC support cost bills on 22 September. All cost transfers and accruals will also be recorded before 22 September to be included in the support cost bills.