

**USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 10 NOVEMBER 2006**

I. CEFMS:

A. We analyzed Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PWC) reconciliation of CEFMS FY06 transaction updates, plus beginning FY06 trial balance to equal ending FY06 trial balance. We supplied the final corporate CEFMS FY06 transactions and provided detail documentation for the remaining differences in the reconciliation. Differences were comprised of FY06 corrective programming changes for invalid USACE activity code, fiscal station number or appropriation.

B. We are testing changes to the CEFMS Manpower Reporting Module which will allow separate manpower execution reports for the USACE Logistics Activity and the IM/IT organization, both of which will be 'stood up' on the existing databases of other USACE activities. The changes are required because actual execution data must be reported to OPM for activities (MEO - Most Efficient Organization; HPO - High Performance Organization) which are a result of A-76 competition. We expect to field the changes in time for the November execution reports.

C. We are also testing changes to the CEFMS Operating Budget Module which will allow users to identify budgeted labor which will be exempt from either departmental or G&A overhead. Previously, we modified the Budget Module to recognize and handle correctly actual fund accounts which had been marked as exempt from overhead. The current change will allow users to forecast the amount of such labor they expect to receive so that this labor is not included in calculating overhead rates. We expect to release the initial group of programs and revised reports by the end of November.

D. We held a conference call with the Finance Center and a USACE activity to determine what system changes, if any, to our current foreign fund process would be required if Congress were to approve an interest bearing account for funds received by a foreign government. For a non-retroactive interest bearing account, we advised the USACE activity to continue to use our existing foreign fund process. For a retroactive interest bearing account (i.e.; for returning funds to the customer in foreign currency), we advised the USACE activity that they may need to submit a request for a system modification.

E. We modified a foreign currency report to display Euro payments in a decimal to be consistent with our check register amount. This change corrected the failure statement "consider no release" within the report that was generated during disbursing foreign currency payments.

F. We are continuing to work on the new training form SF182. We are coordinating with DA and testing changes on the new fields that have been established.

G. The Asset Anomaly Report is run in the weekly report stack, but a retention period had not been set. The retention period was added and users no longer need to generate the report during the day. It takes quite a bit of processing time to generate the report and runs much quicker in the report stack. It can now be viewed or printed from the Report Print/List/Delete Screen 11.7.

H. HQUSACE (CERM-F) has requested information on the type of inventory items that are being reflected in general ledger 1521.30. More information was needed to determine if a journal voucher was required to correct the value on the balance sheet. An email was forwarded to all F&A Officers and Asset Managers requesting the status of all current/dormant warehouse activity. We provided a spreadsheet to CERM-F with the results of the email inquiry. Inventory policy requirements will be determined during the first quarter FY 2007.

I. We were contacted by the current Facility and Equipment Maintenance (FEM) Project Manager and asked to participate on a Process Development Team (PDT) for Revolving Fund requirements (in-house purchase requests, warehousing, etc) within the FEM functionality. The first teleconference has been scheduled for 11 Dec 06.

J. We moved management of the local_dm (local data manager table) role to the standard Access Request Management System (ARMS) functionality in CEFMS. USACE activities are now required to grant/revoke this role through ARMS which provides an audit trail. All current users who have this role were provided a current record. USACE activities were requested to review these users' ARMS records, and create a new approved and applied request.

K. We updated the In-House Labor CEFMS User Manual to include the guidance and instructions pertaining to the special labor rate process that became effective fiscal year 2007. This manual can be accessed on the CEFMS User Manual website at <https://cefmsdev2.usace.army.mil/cefmsdoc/>.

L. On 24-26 Oct 06, the UFC Huntsville directorate chief, Linda Brooks, and some of her staff visited the P2 staff at Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) to discuss the enterprise corporate repository, which also included a demonstration of the COGNOS system. Also, on 30 Oct, Mr. Berrios of HQUSACE (CECI) and B.J. Ball visited Huntsville to brief Tom Brockman and the Huntsville staff on the HQUSACE (CECI) concept plan for a USACE Enterprise Data Repository. Decisions need to be made as to the role CEFMS will play in the Enterprise Data Repository. It has been proposed, since P2 is not ready for the pilot, that CEFMS should proceed in partnering with the CIO in developing and proving the CIO concept plan for the USACE Corporate Enterprise Warehouse Repository. This would enable the RBC to provide data for financial oversight of the RBC. By partnering with CIO, we could save the USACE resources (monies and time) by not developing redundant systems.

II. PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

A. Open problem report inventory:

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Total Problems	801	768
Priority #1 Problems	101	95

We received 154 new problem reports and completed 121 problem reports.

B. Database Imbalances on our 59 Production Activities:

<u># of Imbalances</u>	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
None	55	54
One	3	4
Two	1	1

III. ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

A. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ONBOARD PERSONNEL

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ONBOARD</u>
MILLINGTON:	213
HUNTSVILLE:	25
USACE HQ:	1
TOTAL:	239

B. DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA

PAYMENT	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
	Nov 01-Nov 07	Oct 01-Nov 07
CHECKS ISSUED	2,105	9,532
PERCENT OF TOTAL	6%	8%
DOLLAR AMOUNT	\$23,502,999	\$94,998,521
EFT:		
TRANSFERS MADE	18,768	67,615
PERCENT OF TOTAL	94%	92%
DOLLAR AMOUNT	\$527,450,399	\$2,241,490,465

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

IV. OTHER UFC ISSUES:

A. The CFO/Civil Reports staff gathered information and updated slides for the HQUSACE briefing of the year-end FY 2006 financial statements and notes to the Deputy Chief Financial Officer at Office of the Undersecretary of Defense.

B. The Federal Agencies Centralized Trial Balance System (FACTS) year-end proprietary account reporting to Department of the Treasury is complete for civil works appropriations.

C. We continue to provide documentation, reconciliations and explanations to PwC auditors regarding FY 06 3rd quarter and year-end statements.

D. We received the Intra-governmental Reconciliation and Material Differences Report from DFAS. This report compares intra-governmental trading partner balances in reciprocal accounts. Our main difference was with Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS had not recorded reciprocal payables and expense for our receivables and revenue. The difference is significantly reduced from prior quarters since we began providing them our balances. The report revealed that other federal agencies reported that we have issued advances to them. Our records show that a government order was issued with no advance. The other agencies appear to be pulling our funds through the IPAC system and recording them as unearned advances on their books. We have contacted the other agencies in an attempt to reconcile and to reinforce the fact that we do not issue advances.

E. We participated in a teleconference with DFAS personnel regarding formulation of a new metric to measure unsupported adjustments in the CFO statement compilation process.

F. Cash/Military Reports Division personnel provided additional support documentation to Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) auditors for disbursements of Iraqi Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) funds.

G. The Travel Division is currently processing PCS vouchers received on 26 Oct 06.

H. The Integrated Automated Travel System (IATS) Systems Acceptance Test (SAT) is ongoing at the Finance Center through 9 Nov 06. The new releases have been successfully implemented with minor problems resolved and little interruption of work flow.

I. The UFC Information Management Chief attended the Corps of Engineers Enterprise. Infrastructure Services (CEEIS) Configuration Control Board (CCB) meeting 31 Oct- 2 Nov 06 in St. Louis, MO. Briefings were given on bandwidth utilization, vulnerability assessments, cost of Blackberry vs. Windows Mobile devices, Information Assurance, CAC/PKI initiative, and Microsoft Vista. A major initiative addressed was the successful pilot test of Multi Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) conducted at the Mobile District and then expanded to the New Orleans District. The results of the pilot prompted CEEIS to recommend replacement of the current frame relay communication service with MPLS. The board agreed and voted to implement MPLS. Priority will be given to those USACE activities that have requested additional bandwidth. The next CCB meeting is tentatively scheduled for January.

J. We are near the completion of the project to upgrade the security monitoring system for our building which will include replacement and addition of surveillance cameras, as well as software and hardware to archive building access activities. Next week, a contractor should begin work on installing more secure exterior doors to our building. Both of these projects will enhance the force protection level for the Finance Center. We also have a project scheduled to begin within the next two weeks to repaint selected interior areas of the building to improve the appearance of work areas.

K. On 6 November, a Department of Army intern from the Little Rock District arrived at the Finance Center to perform a 90-day assignment as part of her intern program. She will initially work in various areas of the Administration Directorate and then rotate through the other Finance Center divisions, generally spending a week in each

division. This experience should enhance her understanding of Finance Center operations, as well as her overall background in USACE resource management activities.