

**USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 14 Mar 2008**

III. CEFMS:

A. We have submitted our documents for general ledger correlation changes for Civil Contributed Funds, 96X8862 to HQUSACE. Further, discussion with UFC CFO Financial reports team, Bill Holtzman and PWC auditors is required before action is taken.

B. We have submitted our document detailing the general ledger updates for the proposed Policy on Civil Works Appropriation Reimbursement to UFC CFO Financial reports team to confirm these updates will meet the Corps financial reporting needs.

C. In reference to Treasury Bulletin No 2007-07 for discontinuance of the use of suspense account F 3875, we modified 'Adjustments of Payments to States Certified Collections Screen 2.96' to change suspense account from F 3875 to X 6501. We also created two new screens that may be updated only by users with the role 'DISB_OFFICER':

1. 'Convert Certified Collections From Approp 96F3875 to 96X6501 Screen 2.97'. This screen selects Revenue Generating Agreement (RGA), Long Term Agreement (LTA) and Miscellaneous Debt Notice bills citing 96 F 3875, if there is a certified collection where the remit amt > 0 and the remit date > 30-Sep-2007. Certified collections in 96F3875 may be converted to 96X6501. The program processes updates to the bill subsidiary table, bill transactions, creates new collection voucher, remittance records and collection transactions to convert certified collected amount in 96F3875 to 96X6501. The record in RGA and LTA is converted from approp 96F3875 to 96X6501 to ensure any new bills created will cite 96X6501 versus 96F3875.

2. 'Convert Certified Collections From Approp 21F3875 to 21X6501 Screen 2.98' processes in the same manner as the above conversion screen, but is applicable to military bills and collections.

D. We made a change so that inactive employees cannot be selected when determining the email recipients on cross charge labor emails, even if the employee signed pertinent labor while previously in an active status.

E. We modified the Joint Review Process to pull in line items where the balance has not changed in 240 days.

F. We made a change to edit only on employee name and charge code (not pay period end date) for negative cash awards. This was done to accommodate differing pay period end dates for the original award reported on the SF1166 and the negative award on a later SF1166.

G. We made a change so that an employee's pay plan in the employee history record will be considered when editing for the resource code on a labor purchase request for awards. Prior to this change, a problem occurred when a general schedule (GS) employee converted to an NSPS (National Security Personnel System) position, but the award was for his service as a GS employee.

H. We modified the accounting system to no longer allow transactions to be entered into the database prior to midnight but after backups have posted general ledger accounts for the current business day. Previously, system did not prevent users from committing transactions during this short period of time, causing report, general ledger, and audit universe imbalances.

I. We made a change to the CFO general ledger accounts with abnormal balances report (cfoabgls). General ledger account 4620% will be excluded from this report for the revolving fund appropriation.

J. We modified the Customer Order Advance Account screen for foreign funded accounts. The management structure cannot be changed for foreign funded accounts. In addition, appropriation remit data cannot be changed once the advance account has been created. The foreign funded advance account is linked to a budget rate once the account has been created. The information entered on the advance account updates the budget rate, and therefore cannot be changed once the advance account is created. To update the foreign funded advance account, the foreign fund id must be removed from the record and then any change can be made.

K. We adjusted the print form DA9353 Contractual to allow for differences in foreign currency amounts. The form allows for two decimal places for Euros and only prints whole numbers for Korean Won and Japanese Yen. The print form picks up the currencies differently due to the different business practices for each currency form.

L. We are currently redesigning FCSTAT.1, Foreign Currency Obligation Status Screen, to be more user friendly. The redesign allows the information to be presented using pages set up in tab format. An obligation can be queried into these screens and then the user can click through the header tabs to obtain additional information. The new screens will be released at the end of March.

M. We are in the final testing phase for increasing the column size of the collection voucher number, the creation of the automatic

sequence generator for the collection voucher number and receiving office voucher number; and elimination of the collection voucher number control table.

N. We are currently testing the conversion of the receipt voucher processing program from COBOL. The program should be released at the end of March.

O. We modified the funding account/purchase request authorization assignments screens to disallow the use of the revolving fund insurance work item RF9500. This work item was set up as a header record for insurance accounts and has a cost type of expense. The work item should not be used on purchase request, since the cost type necessary for tracking these expenses is INS (insurance). The work item can no longer be cited on a purchase request and users cannot add authorizations for purchase requests.

P. We have made several modifications to the Process Contract Disbursement Program. One was to modify the cost type to 'EXP' if the contract was funded by a work item that had a cost type of 'INS' (Insurance). The other was to properly handle an email address that had a single quote in it. This single quote in the employee's name was causing a program abort. An email notice is sent to the owner of the funding account when an interest penalty is applied due to a late payment.

Q. We are continuing to test the PKI Functionality in the CEFMS Disbursement Module. We are using three test data bases, one of which is designated as a 'disbursing' data base. We have created numerous PKI Signatures on several different forms. We are still running into some configuration problems as some data manager information is missing. We are populating that data as we come across it.

R. We researched a problem with the IPAC Report at a site this month. The report had about 150 variances between the amount of the customer order bill and the extracted costs for those bills. We found that the site had done a labor distribution on the morning of the billing and it was included in the bill. We later found that the UFC has made a change to the billing process and will bill current costs with all future billings. We have created a problem report to modify the IPAC Report.

S. We provided a property listing to ACE-IT that contained acquisition dates, bar code numbers, serial numbers, descriptions and locations of our CEFC Workstations.

T. We added the increase/decrease amount of the last amendment, the remaining balance on the charge code, and the active/inactive status of a charge code to cross charge labor emails.

U. We made a change to the Invoices With No Matching Receiving Report. The appropriation symbol data was added to this report to assist USACE activities in working this report.

V. We made a change to the manpower military funded end strength report. Employee data on report was not matching properly against the UIC. Problem was corrected to enable USACE activities to review and use report for accurately.

W. We added new capability to the reports menu for reports generated using Oracle Reports writer. Converted reports no longer displayed report parameters, therefore users could not determine contents of report unless individually queried and viewed in the browser. Now, users have a link to view parameter information, such as the obligation number, delivery order number, bill number, receiving report, etc.

X. We continue to work on current priorities of conversion of COBOL programs and year-end code changes. The travel disbursing program conversion is nearly complete and testing will begin prior to month end. The receipt voucher program testing has already begun and code should be ready for release soon.

Y. We are currently in the process of making menu changes to the Disbursing Functions menu, removing menu options no longer required by the UFC, creating a report menu option, and adding new options related to requesting SF1034's. Changes to code will be implemented while print programs are being converted from COBOL to Oracle Reports, as the reports are not used in their current format.

IV. PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

A. Open problem report inventory:

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Total Problems	707	741
Priority #1 Problems	84	112

We received 178 new problem reports and completed 212 problem reports.

B. Database Imbalances on our 59 Production Activities:

<u># of Imbalances</u>	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
None	57	55
One	1	3
Eleven	0	1
Nineteen	1	0