

**USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 7 Nov 2008**

III. CEFMS:

A. Teresa Brown, Sandy Eckley and Linda Brooks participated in a briefing and demonstration of the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) in HQS on 26-27 Nov 2008. Representatives from each RBC and separate activity were represented along with HQS RM and CECI staffs. The existing capabilities of the warehouse reports and software were demonstrated. The field representatives were tasked to back to their sites and do the following: 1. Submit their priorities for future development, 2. Submit names of the users that need access to the EDW, and 3. Determine their training requirements. Teresa Brown and Walt Garman will be working together to address these issues and resolve problems encountered by lack of standardization throughout USACE as it relates to EDW reporting capabilities. Overall, the field representatives were pleased with the capabilities and potential of the EDW.

B. The implementation of CAC-enabled CEFMS continues. Six sites we deployed the last two weeks and nine more are scheduled to be deployed in the next two weeks. This only leaves three sites: SPL, SPK and UFC for full deployment to be achieved. SPK and SPL were having issues with deploying the required software. They will notify the CEFMS office when they are ready. We are hopeful that by mid-November, those sites will be deployed and then UFC can be converted. UFC must be last due to the requirement to have disbursing functions that operate with both CAC and esig. CAC-enabled CEFMS is a major success and will result in cost-savings and improved security throughout USACE. Many positive comments have been received from almost every converted site.

C. We participated in WinIATS 6.0.11 release at the Finance Center. DFAS, IATS Office personnel were also no site for the period 19-31 Oct 2008. This release had 56 SCRs (source code revisions). There were 33 problems reported during the SAT, eight of these will be carried over to the next release. All USACE issues were addressed and the released code is working well.

D. We modified the ENG 3013 Work Order functionality to store the original maximum quantity available for disposal and the unit cost rate calculated when partial retirement work orders are created for real property. This action allows users to query and print 3013 work orders by revision number with the original data retrieved from REMIS at the time the work order was created and provide as documentation to auditors.

E. We modified Travel Voucher Itinerary Create/Update to NOT allow the depart date on the first leg of a Partial Middle or Partial Final voucher to be changed from the date that is already populated. For Partial voucher computations to be correct, the 1st day on a partial voucher must be immediately following the last day on the previous partial voucher. This edit will prevent users from using Partial vouchers when claims are actually for separate trips. This has been a practice at some USACE activities to avoid use of repeated orders or creating multiple orders.

F. We revised the unpaid leave liability report (unpdlv) and the unpaid leave liability summary report (unpdlvsum) by adding a summary column. The column heading is total unpaid leave liability. This column is the total sum of the amount in the annual leave column plus the amount in the compensatory and credit time column plus the amount in the government contributions column. The change reduces the chances of potential calculation errors of those amounts.

G. We revised the cross charge labor reference report (cclref) to allow the PMBP number associated with the requesting FOA to be a selection parameter. In addition, the PMBP number will be displayed on the report. An indicator box for active, inactive or all was added to the charge code option. These changes make the cross charge labor reference report more beneficial to the end user.

H. We revised the labor distribution costs by individual organization code (ldciorg) to display the amsco name when the amsco is a part of the selection parameters. This is beneficial to the end user to identify the name associated with the number.

I. We tested the contract, travel, and miscellaneous disbursement programs related to the changes for work packet 88641, Modify API for Access ID Control. Vouchers were set up and the programs were executed via the CRON Process.

J. We researched disbursing problems on the GRD Data Base where the daily disbursing programs were running up to four hours late during the week of 27 Oct 2008. A problem ticket was opened with ACE-IT.

K. We released a new report entitled Appropriation Reimbursement Collections. This report provides collections, by month and fiscal year to date. The report is sent to HQUSACE on a monthly basis, through CEEMIS upward reporting.

L. We added the following message to the disposal 3013 work orders for real property that meets the criteria to send data to REMIS in the REMIS-CEFMS disposal integration process: "You are updating REMIS with the disposal quantity and disposal unit of measure (UOM).

Do you want to continue? Y/N" This will alert users that REMIS will be updated upon completion of the work order and give users an opportunity to discontinue the action.

M. We added the Corps activity's site code to the receiving report print option. This addition was requested to improve payment processing on receiving reports printed from each activity. Employees could not match printed receiving reports to invoices because they did not know which Corps activity sent the receiving report.

N. We added two fields to the new invoice screen for users to enter a period of performance on the invoices. This addition will allow users to input the period of performance for services or deliveries on contracts. The information can then be used to improve the accrual processing for each Corps activity.

O. We added an edit on the vendor maintenance screen to prevent users from saving a record with Euro EFT information that does not have a country code. This new edit should assist users with completing all information necessary for the vendor record. The edit should also reduce the number of disbursements that failed due to a missing country code on the vendor record.

P. The 7.ULOCRT Joint Review certification screen was modified to add a button to generate an Excel spread sheet of all adjustments requested as part of the review. This lays the foundation for producing other Excel spread sheets directly from CEFMS.

Q. We have compiled labor reconciliations pertaining to October 2008 transactions for submission to the future CFO auditors.

IV. PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

A. Open problem report inventory:

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Total Problems	677	667
Priority #1 Problems	87	91

We received 159 new problem reports and completed 149 problem reports.

B. Database Imbalances on our 59 Production Activities:

<u># of Imbalances</u>	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
None	54	52
One	3	4

Two
Four

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