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### **WBSCM Go- Live Readiness: What the Agencies are Doing**

The previous issue of the WBSCM Update featured the WBSCM Human Capital Transition (HCT) Go-Live Readiness Approach. The HCT approach addresses organizational changes required to get the agencies and external user communities ready to use WBSCM. These organizational changes are addressed through activities focused on getting agency users of FSA, FNS, FAS, AMS, USAID, and the external user community ready and prepared to use WBSCM.

With the WBSCM program currently in the Test Phase, and only eight months until WBSCM goes live, the WBSCM team, comprised of USDA, USAID and SRA, is diligently working on testing activities and planning readiness activities focused on getting the people ready to use WBSCM.



**WBSCM Agencies**

### **USDA & USAID Readiness Activities**

The agencies are executing readiness activities focused on organizational communications, educating stakeholders, transition to WBSCM, and ongoing execution and monitoring. Examples of what each agency is doing to get ready for WBSCM include the following:

### **FNS Activities**



- ❖ Anticipate and assess FNS' internal and external training needs
- ❖ Communicate WBSCM messages to external user community
- ❖ Understand and assess data visibility and information access capabilities

### **FSA Activities**



- ❖ Identify and assess the business process changes
- ❖ Support stakeholder buy-in through continuous communications
- ❖ Anticipate and assess FSA's internal and external training needs

### **AMS Activities**



- ❖ Anticipate and assess AMS' internal and external training needs
- ❖ Understand and assess data visibility and information access capabilities
- ❖ Develop "benefits" outreach messages

### **FAS Activities**



- ❖ Anticipate and assess FAS' internal and external training needs and coordinate with USAID to develop a training schedule
- ❖ Understand and assess data visibility and information access capabilities
- ❖ Promote external user buy-in through regular updates about the status of WBSCM development and deployment activities

### **USAID Activities**



- ❖ Identify changes and implications to job roles & responsibilities
- ❖ Assess USAID's internal and external training needs
- ❖ Understand and assess data visibility and information access capabilities



## What's My Role?

With only eight months until WBSCM goes live, **your role** in WBSCM includes understanding the WBSCM functionality and the possible impact it may have on you and the organization; WBSCM functionality can be viewed online through demonstrations (simulations) and access to other valuable information found on AGNISX or other agency specified sites.

## On The Road with WBSCM

The WBSCM team on the road is promoting, communicating, and educating stakeholders (internal and external) on WBSCM. Reaching out to this large WBSCM user group is critical for the successful adoption of WBSCM, and is a key readiness activity. Conferences are a great forum to address user questions and present opportunities to learn and discuss the WBSCM functionality. All conference materials are available on AGNISX or other agency specified sites.

Over the next few months, the team will be on the road with the following conferences:

- ❖ American Commodity Distribution Association Conference (ACDA) May 2–6
- ❖ Nat. Commodity Supplemental Food Program Association (NCSFPA) May 5–8
- ❖ School Nutrition Association Conference (SNA) June 29–July 2
- ❖ National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations Conference (NAFDPIR) June 29–July 2

Simulations from past conferences include the following:

### ACDA Board Meeting

- ❖ Create Domestic Requisition

### Poultry Industry Conference

- ❖ Portal Navigation
- ❖ Displaying Purchase Orders (PO)
- ❖ Bid Invitation Response
- ❖ Create Advance Shipping Notification (ASN)
- ❖ Inspection Results

## Update on IFAC

On April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the WBSCM team participated in the International Food Aid Conference (IFAC) and showcased the following WBSCM functionality through simulations:

### Private Voluntary Organization (PVO)/ Freight Forwarder (FF)

- ❖ Portal Navigation
- ❖ Freight PO
- ❖ Goods Receipt for Commodity & Freight PO
- ❖ International Order Entry

### Commodity Vendor

- ❖ Portal Navigation
- ❖ PO (Processed & Bulk)
- ❖ International Commodity Bidding (Processed & Bulk)
- ❖ Multiple Advanced Shipping Notification (ASN)
- ❖ Create ASN
- ❖ Create Invoice
- ❖ Inspection Lot

### Ocean Carrier

- ❖ Portal Navigation
- ❖ PO (Processed Freight)
- ❖ International Freight Bidding (Processed & Bulk)
- ❖ Create Invoice

## Read All About It.....



The WBSCM Update has been covering various topics since the winter of 2007 and can be found [here](#)\*. The previous issues of the WBSCM Update highlighted the following topics:

- ❖ What is WBSCM?
- ❖ The difference between COTS and ERP
- ❖ Selecting SAP
- ❖ The difference between COTS ERP SAP system vs. custom development
- ❖ WBSCM Design, Build, Test, Training, Deployment, and Go-Live Phases
- ❖ WBSCM Components: CRM, SRM, ERP, BEOS, and BI
- ❖ Key Learning from SAP Sapphire Conference
- ❖ WBSCM Go-Live Readiness Activities

\* Or, go to [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) and select "Commodity Operations" from the left hand Browse by Subject menu, and then select "Web Based Supply Chain Management" from the right side Related Topics menu.

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❖ The following Informal Playbacks have occurred to date:

- Bid Invitation\*
- Orders Sourced from Warehouses
- Swap/Re-donation Orders
- Warehouses Processing
- Master Data\* & Funds Management
- Inventory Accounting, Funding of Inventory and De-obligation
- Accounts Payable & Goods Receipt\*
- Funding of Long Term Contracts (LTC) & FAS Processes
- Contract & Records Management
- Quality Management
- BEOS (Bid, Evaluation, and Optimization Solution as it relates to bid invitations)
- Create Domestic Requisition
- Domestic Order Management
- Price Support Inventory Management
- Vendor Self Service\*
- Invoice matching, Discounts & Approvals
- Barter, Book Closing, and Year End
- International (USAID) Ordering Process\*
- Funds Status & Management
- Price Support Warehouse

\*Playbacks denoted by \* have associated online demonstrations in the form of simulations.



### DID YOU KNOW?

...USDA's FSIS branch launches a program to enhance food safety awareness

... USDA developed parasite-resistant honey bees are donated to the White House Garden to continue the support and advocacy of healthy eating.

... USDA Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announces \$45 Million for Rehabilitating Flood Control Structures.



## ED CORNER

### WBSCM Terms

#### *Common WBSCM FAR Terminology*

**Sales Order** - Government agency fulfillment requirement for a supply or service to be acquired. Previously known as Delivery Order/Commodity Request. FAR terminology is supply or service needed.

**Purchase Requisition** – Government agency procurement requirement for a supply or service to be acquired. Previously known as Delivery Order/Commodity Request. FAR terminology is supply or service needed.

**Bid Invitation** – Any request to submit offers or quotations to the Government. Previously known as a Solicitation.

**Purchase Order** - An order for supplies or services placed against an established contract or with Government sources. Previously an order for services was known as a Task Order. Previously an order for supplies was known as Delivery Order.



### NEXT MONTH

We will feature the various agencies' activities focused on "WBSCM Go-Live Readiness".



### ASK US

We'd appreciate your thoughts and feedback! Please email any WBSCM questions or suggestions you have to:

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You can find more WBSCM information on the [WBSCM Program Web site](#).