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WBSCM Readiness: Who Needs to Get Ready for WBSCM?

The previous issue of the WBSCM Update featured

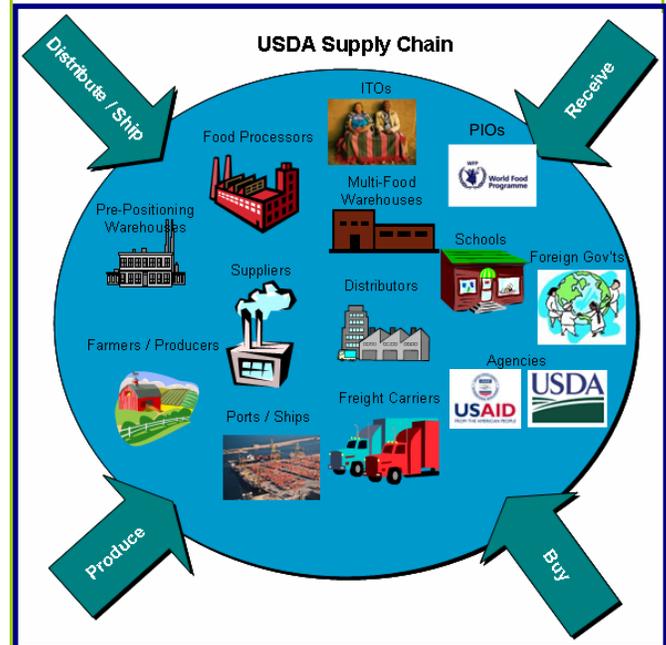
the agencies' Go-Live activities focused on getting the WBSCM internal and external user community ready and prepared to use WBSCM. Who in the WBSCM internal and external user community needs to get ready for WBSCM?

With the WBSCM program currently in the Test Phase, and only six months until WBSCM goes live, the WBSCM team (USDA, USAID and SRA) continues to execute WBSCM Go-Live readiness activities focused on getting the user community ready for WBSCM.

WBSCM Stakeholder Community

The WBSCM stakeholder community spans across the commodity supply chain from those that produce food commodities (farmers and producers), supply the commodities (commodity suppliers/vendors), purchase food commodities (government agencies such as USDA and USAID), to those that distribute and transport the food commodities (distributors, freight forwarders, warehouses), and the domestic and international food commodity recipients (i.e. schools, states, Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs), Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), World Food Program, and foreign governments). Members of the stakeholder community may be directly (users of the system) or indirectly (recipients of information from WBSCM) impacted by WBSCM.

The sub-set of the broader stakeholder community that will use WBSCM to perform specific tasks is the internal and external **user community**.



WBSCM Stakeholders

WBSCM User Community

The WBSCM user community consists of the internal government users (USDA and USAID employees), the external domestic and international customers (food recipients such as schools and PVOs) and vendors (commodity and services).

WBSCM Customers



WBSCM customers are domestic and international food recipient organizations.

Domestic and International customers can view catalogues in WBSCM for specific programs & commodities to place orders, run reports, and log complaints.

Domestic customer organizations are as follows:

- SDA - State Distributing Agencies
- ITO - Indian Tribal Organizations
- Co-op – Cooperatives
- RA - Recipient Agencies
- Non-Profit Organizations

International customer organizations are as follows:

- PIO - Public International Organizations, such as the World Food Program (WFP)
- Foreign Governments
- NGO - Non-Governmental Organizations, such as CARE and World Vision

WBSCM Vendors



WBSCM vendors are organizations approved to do business with USDA for different types of procurement activities such as commodity, freight, and services. In WBSCM vendors will be known as commodity or service vendors. Commodity vendors provide food products to USDA.

In WBSCM all Transportation personnel, warehouses, processors, freight forwarders, commodity distributors and suppliers will be known as vendors.

Domestic and international service vendors provide services to USDA and are as follows:

- Warehouse Vendor – provide warehouse related services such as food storage
- Transportation Vendor – provide freight and transportation related services such as moving food commodities between locations
- Service Vendor – provide other types of services not inclusive of freight or warehouse such as Vessel Loading Observations (VLO) and surveyors.

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Critical Design Review

The WBSCM Critical Design Review (CDR) was conducted on June 2 – 4th as an important milestone showcasing the WBSCM system functionality. The CDR provided a select group of USDA and USAID team members the opportunity to view a systems based demonstration of core domestic and international WBSCM business processes and key capabilities.

What WBSCM Functionality was Demonstrated at the CDR?

The following CDR core business processes were demonstrated:

- Domestic Direct Ship - 3rd Party Procurement
- International Direct Ship Order - 3rd Party Procurement
- Domestic Multi-Food Order with National Warehouse Replenishment Order
- RFP – Master Solicitation

Positive feedback was received from the CDR audience as this allowed the USDA and USAID audience to view key end to end processes, identify changes from how business is done today, and identify how these changes directly impact the user community organizations.

New to WBSCM

If you are new to the WBSCM team, go online and view the **WBSCM Overview Course**. This course is available on AGNISX or other agency sites. Topics include WBSCM overview, technologies, basics of the SAP order process, and the program timeline.

To date, approximately **150 people** attended this course! Course sessions were held on May 12th, 19th, 20th and June 16th.



What's My Role?

With only six months until WBSCM goes live, **your role** in WBSCM continues to be very important as you gain more insight into WBSCM functionality by viewing and accessing online information; building awareness in preparation for training and beyond is an important step in getting ready for WBSCM. WBSCM functionality can be viewed online through **30 simulations** (demonstrations) found on AGNISX, agency specified sites, or your agencies' shared drive.

On The Road with WBSCM



The WBSCM team is on the road continuing to build WBSCM awareness with both internal and external groups. All conference materials including simulations are available on AGNISX or other agency specified sites.

The team's final conferences prior to Go-Live:

- ❖ School Nutrition Association Conference (SNA) June 29–July 2
- ❖ National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations Conference (NAFDPIR) June 29–July 2

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The list of playbacks to date can be found on the WBSCM Program Website. Recent playbacks in the month of June include the following:

- ❖ Recalls
- ❖ Invoice Approval/Rejection Report
- ❖ Transactions Report



DID YOU KNOW?

...Agricultural Secretary Vilsack names Doug Caruso as [Administrator of FSA](#).

... Agricultural Secretary Vilsack names John Ferrell as [Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs](#).

... USDA along side the Food Network and Share our Strength organization plant the edible "[Good Food Garden](#)" at the SEED school in Washington DC.



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WBSCM Terms

Common WBSCM Terminology

Vendors – Approved organizations that do business with USDA for different types of procurement activities such as commodity, freight, and services. Vendors are considered external users of WBSCM.

Customers – Approved domestic and international food recipient organizations that do business with USDA and are considered external users of WBSCM.

Materials - The substance, service, or commodity that is bought, sold, used in production to satisfy USDA domestic and international customer requests.

Service Materials - During the procurement of commodities, service materials such as freight, inspection, and surveys may be required.



NEXT MONTH

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



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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](#).