

## **Welcome External Stakeholders**

Welcome! This newsletter is the first in a series that will provide information to external stakeholders, like you, so that you can become more knowledgeable about Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) and your role in the successful transition to the new system. This newsletter will also provide up-to-date information about the process that USDA/USAID is undergoing to reach our “Go Live” date of December 31, 2009.

### **What Is WBSCM?**

WBSCM is the project that will implement a modern online supply chain management system using commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) enterprise resource planning (ERP) technologies. This new system will replace the aging Processed Commodities Inventory Management System (PCIMS) and related systems, such as EBES (Electronic Bid Entry System), FBES (Freight Bid Entry System), LTCS (Long Term Contract System), and DEBES (Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System). It will also streamline USDA agency supply chain operations and USAID and FAS commodity focused missions. This system will improve the procurement, delivery, and management of more than 200 commodities, amounting to about 4.5 million tons of food yearly through domestic and foreign feeding programs operated by USDA/USAID throughout the world.

### **WBSCM Vision**

The WBSCM vision is to establish a world-class integrated, scalable, flexible, modern web based supply chain management system that increases collaboration and efficiency; improves service to customers, suppliers, and business partners; and one that provides innovative forecasting and planning, situational awareness at all points of the supply chain, and the ability to quickly respond to changes.

### **What is the benefit to you?**

#### **OVERALL BENEFITS**

- Easier and faster to do business with USDA/USAID
- Lower administrative costs
- Greener, paperless, non-duplicative processes
- Easier, transparent registering, bidding, contracting, shipping, and invoice/payment processing

#### **COOPERATING SPONSORS (Public International Organizations/United Nation World Food Program)**

- Real time order status and tracking
- Standard e-commerce shopping cart functionality (USAID)
- Improved entitlement and benefits tracking
- Easier and faster to receive U.S. government food assistance
- Lower administrative costs
- Easier, transparent, up-to-date order, delivery, and claims processes

## COMMODITY/FREIGHT SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Online submission of invoices, quality certificates, and proof of deliveries
- Online submission of Advance Shipping Notices (ASN) for commodity suppliers
- Easier access to all solicitations
- Simplified submission and visibility of bid/offer responses
- Electronic notification of purchase awards
- Real time status of invoice payments
- Online reporting and information access capabilities
- Quality management processes

## DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL WBSCM SIMULATIONS

The following WBSCM functionalities were showcased through simulations during our Domestic and International Conferences in 2009.

**Note:** The simulations that have a red asterisk ( \* ) behind the title will not be available on the [WBSCM Program Web site](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=wbs) (<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=wbs>), which can be accessed through the Commodity Operations Home Page under "Related Topics", until **mid-August**. These were simulations showcased in the Fruit and Vegetable Conference, Poultry Conference, Livestock Conference, ACDA Conference and the NCSFPA Conference.

### PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION (PVO)/ FREIGHT FORWARDER (FF)

Portal Navigation  
Freight Purchase Order (PO)  
Goods Receipt for Commodity and Freight PO  
International Order Entry

### COMMODITY VENDOR

Portal Navigation - Vendor Self Service  
PO (Processed and Bulk)  
International Commodity Bidding (Processed and Bulk)  
Domestic Direct Ship ( \* )  
Domestic Order Consolidation ( \* )  
Multi-Food Order Entry ( \* )  
Receipt of Multi-Food Order ( \* )  
Create Advanced Ship Notices (ASN)  
Multiple Advanced Ship Notices (ASN)  
Create Invoice  
Create Inspection Lot  
Inspection Results ( \* )  
Display Purchase Order ( \* )  
Domestic Bid Response ( \* )

### OCEAN CARRIER

Portal Navigation  
PO (Processed Freight)  
International Freight Bidding (Processed and Bulk)  
Create Invoice

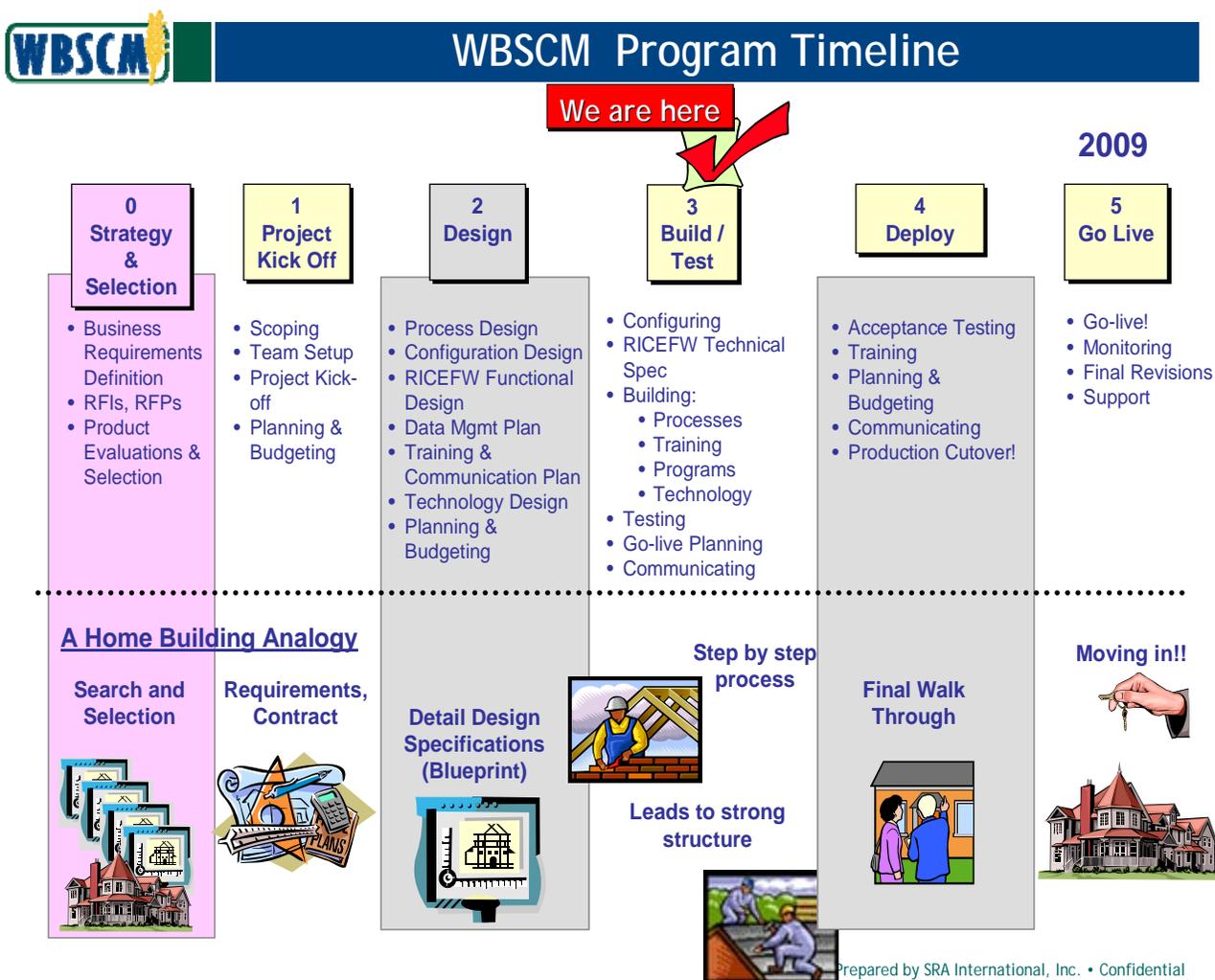
# DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL WBSCM SIMULATIONS (continued)

**Note:** Simulations are self running, computer based, step-by-step guided business procedures for stand alone use.

If you are interested in viewing any of the simulations listed on the previous page, go to the **WBSCM Program Web site** (<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=wbs>) which can also be accessed through the Commodity Operations Home Page under "Related Topics".

**Important:** Please read and follow the directions in the "Read Me" file first.

## WBSCM TIMELINE



## AGENCIES INVOLVED:



United States Agency International Development



Foreign Agricultural Service

## WBSCM Terminology

Common business terminology will change with the implementation of WBSCM. One of the challenges of transitioning to WBSCM will be learning the new and different “language”.

Below are just a few examples of the changes:

WBSCM TERMINOLOGY	
“Old Term”	“New Term”
Approved Commodity Request	Purchase Requisition
Commodity	Material
Commodity Code	Material Number
Commodity Description	Material Description
Commodity Suppliers, Ocean Carriers, Service Providers, and Warehouses	Vendor
Destination or Organization	Ship to Party
Ordering Agency	Sales Organization
Solicitation	Bid Invitation
Warehouse, Manufacturing Location	Plant

Note: There will be additional terminology comparisons in future newsletters.

## NEXT MONTH:

- Introduction to Training formats
- Navigating SAP
- New Terms
- Project Timeline Update

## ASK US:

We would appreciate receiving your feedback! Please email your WBSCM questions or suggestions to:

[WBSCM@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:WBSCM@kcc.usda.gov)

You can find more WBSCM information on the [WBSCM Program Web site](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=wbs) (<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=wbs>) which can also be accessed through the Commodity Operations Home Page under "Related Topics".