



## What is WBSCM?

USDA agencies AMS, FAS, FNS, FSA as well as USAID are joining forces to implement a modern Web Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM) using Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) technologies. WBSCM will replace PCIMS and related commodity systems and will represent one integrated, scalable and collaborative system with a common database, design and process across all agencies.

## WBSCM Go-Live Timeline

The existing WBSCM Go-Live date of December 31, 2009, is currently being re-evaluated. The tasks and milestones required to meet the WBSCM Go-Live date are presently being reviewed; there will be more information in future newsletters.

## WBSCM Training Registration

FSA would like to thank all of the external stakeholders who have already registered for WBSCM training by filling out the training request form and returning it to the WBSCM email address. FSA received a high response from our external stakeholders who provided us with names of individuals in their organizations/businesses who will be participating in the WBSCM training in the coming months. The external stakeholders who have already replied to the training request will be receiving a direct follow up email during October to confirm receipt of their training request form and to ask for additional information. External stakeholders who have not responded to the training request form may still fill out the form and return it to FSA. The form can be found 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.

At this point, FSA is still in the process of working with SRA International, the developer of WBSCM, on training curriculum and scheduling. Additional details regarding the dates and times of the training sessions will be made available shortly. Please provide your response to [WBSCM@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:WBSCM@kcc.usda.gov) as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your response and assistance.

## Treasury Offset Program

With the implementation of the WBSCM system, payments will be transmitted to the United States Department of Treasury for payment. This allows WBSCM to be compliant with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA). DCIA requires that Federal payments be processed through the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) so that any delinquent Federal debt can be offset. Internal offsets will be taken before payments are processed through TOP.

DCIA requires that all Federal payments be offset for all delinquent Federal debt. Payments to assignees will be subject to TOP offset if the assignee has a Federal debt in TOP. Treasury will notify the payment recipient of any offset taken. USDA or USAID will not receive notification of the offset.

## WBSCM Brings About Change: Real Time Integration

The transition, readiness preparation, and adoption of WBSCM not only involves the physical software replacement (retiring PCIMS and its satellite systems and deploying the WBSCM solution), it involves the process and changes of how people from USDA, USAID, and the external user community will use WBSCM to perform tasks in their daily work environment. One of the key changes is preparing for and addressing how real-time integration often changes how an organization operates internally and externally with other groups. This real-time integration involves changes in how users perform their daily work tasks (*business process changes*) and how organizations perform with changed operating procedures (*procedural changes*).

## WBSCM Minimum System Requirements: Additional Information

- For users who currently have Internet Explorer 8.0, the SAP Portal is not compatible with this version and you are advised to uninstall it and install Internet Explorer 7.0.
- Records Management requires the SAP Plug-ins which only supports Internet Explorer 6.0 and 7.0. Other browsers (Firefox 2.0) do not support Records Management.
- Due to the Records Management requirement, Mac users can use their Macs to access WBSCM by visiting an Apple store to install Windows as a second operating system.

The minimum computer requirements for accessing and using the WBSCM system are as follows.

	Minimum Requirement	Notes
<b>Hardware</b>		
<b>Processor</b>	800MHz +	
<b>Memory</b>	512 MG +	
<b>Hard Disk Drive</b>	110 MB +	
<b>Monitor Resolution</b>	1024 x 768 16K colors or better	
<b>Software</b>		
<b>Operating System</b>	Microsoft Windows XP, Microsoft Windows 2000, or Microsoft Windows Vista	
<b>Web Browser</b>	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 - Service Pack 2 or Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0	<b>WBSCM is not compatible with Internet Explorer 8.0.</b>
<b>Adobe Flasher Player</b>	Adobe Flash Player 8.0 or higher	Only needed for viewing uPerform simulations.
<b>Additional Software</b>	Internet Explorer web browser SAP Plug-in	SRA International will provide this software to users prior to "Go-Live".
<b>JavaScript Enabled</b>	Yes	
<b>Cookies Enabled</b>	Yes	

### System Requirement Questions and Answers

- Will uPerform work if the Adobe Flasher Player is version 10.0 or 11.0?**  
Yes, uPerform will work with a higher version of Adobe Flash Player. The latest version is 10.0.32.18. You can check the current version of Flash Player by going to <http://www.adobe.com/products/flash/about>. This page runs a version test that reports your currently installed version of Flash Player and lists the latest available version for the platform. At a minimum, you need to have Flash Player version 8. To install the latest version of Flash Player, visit <http://www.adobe.com/go/getflashplayer> and follow the directions.
- Under the Additional Software section, it states that SRA International will provide this software to users prior to go Live. Is this also true for external stakeholders or business partners?**  
Adobe Flash Player is free. Users can download the latest version by visiting <http://www.adobe.com/go/getflashplayer> and following the directions.
- Under additional software, the minimum requirement is "Internet Explorer web browser SAP Plug-in installed". Does this apply to all our WBSCM users?**  
Yes, the SAP Plug-in files apply to all WBSCM users and will need to be installed. The information concerning the location and the process to download these files will be provided at a later date.

# WBSCM Terminology

## Business 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
Bid Response (Offer)	Offer/Quote
Delivery Order or Commodity Request	Sales Order/Purchase Requisition
Delivery Order/Notice to Deliver	Purchase Order (Contract)
End Shipping Date – NLT(No Later Than) Date	Requested Delivery Date
Entity Code	Ship-to Party
SDA, ITO, RA, Co-op, Vendor	Business Partners

## Definitions

Some of the terms used in WBSCM are defined in the following table.

WBSCM Term	Definition
<b>Customers</b>	Approved Domestic and International food recipient organizations that do business with USDA and are considered external users of WBSCM.
<b>Invoice</b>	A contractor’s bill or written request for payment under a valid contract for supplies or services - previously known as invoice or voucher.
<b>Materials</b>	The substance, service or commodity that is bought, sold or used in production to satisfy USDA Domestic and International customer requests.
<b>System Integration Testing (SIT)</b>	The testing of the end-to-end business flows and processes including interfaces to other USDA/USAID systems and non-USDA/non-USAID systems.
<b>User Acceptance Testing (UAT)</b>	The testing of the WBSCM system in a controlled SIT environment by system users. UAT tests the business requirements, reporting capabilities and system readiness to transition to production.
<b>Vendors</b>	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.

## NEXT MONTH:

- External Stakeholders Training Information
- USDA eAuthentication
- New Terms
- Updated Project Timeline

We would appreciate receiving your feedback! Please email your WBSCM questions or suggestions to: [WBSCM@kcc.usda.gov](mailto:WBSCM@kcc.usda.gov).