



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 Date

The WBSCM Go-Live date is June 30, 2010.

WBSCM Training Registration

Due to the revised WBSCM implementation date of June 30, 2010, we are still encouraging external stakeholders to fill out a training request form and return it to FSA. External stakeholders who have already turned in a form do not need to again unless there is a change to the information such as training recipients, contact information or any other pertinent information. All eligible partners will be contacted as to their request status, as well as the assigned times and other details of the training, by February 19, 2010.

If anyone requires special accommodations to attend any of the training, please send an email to WBSCM@kcc.usda.gov with your contact information and special requirements or include the information on the training form.

The training 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. Please provide your response to WBSCM@kcc.usda.gov as soon as possible.

Who needs WBSCM training?

All USDA/Farm Service Agency (FSA) partners, including providers of commodities and services, will be required to use WBSCM to enter bids, receive contract documents, and submit invoices. FSA will conduct training for all of our partners prior to WBSCM "Go-Live", with the actual dates occurring in the months of April, May, and June 2010. FSA will coordinate training for Commodity and Service Providers, while USAID and FAS will coordinate training for Private Voluntary Organizations, Freight Forwarders, Ocean Carriers and their Brokers.

How will the WBSCM training be presented?

The three methods of training that will be available are E-learning courses, Webinar training courses and Instructor-Led training (ILT) courses. E-learning courses and Webinar training courses should be available in the second quarter of 2010. ILT courses will also be conducted in the second quarter of 2010. Commodity and Service Providers will be permitted to send up to two representatives per organizational division to the WBSCM ILT sessions, and those individuals will be responsible for training the remaining users in their organizations.

Where will the WBSCM Instructor Led training be held?

The chart below shows the tentative location and duration of the Instructor Led training courses that have been identified up to this point. The chart is organized by the external stakeholder type. Please note that this information can be changed or modified at anytime and will be communicated to the users as it becomes available.

Instructor Led Training by External Stakeholder Type

External Stakeholder Type	Course Code	Course Name	Location	Duration
Order Manager - FF	EXT 320	PVO FF Order Management - External	WDC	4 hours
Complaints Specialist - PVO	EXT 330	SDA_PVO Complaints Administration - External	WDC	8 hours
Order Manager - PVO	EXT 320	PVO FF Order Management - External	WDC	4 hours
Transportation Specialist - PVO	EXT 370	International Transportation Management	WDC	4 hours
Commodity Plant	EXT 410	Maintain Purchase Order – External	KC	16 hours
	EXT 430	Commodity Bidding – External	KC	16 hours
Freight Forwarder & Limited Access Freight Forwarder	EXT 370	International Transportation Management	WDC	4 hours
	EXT 420	Freight Bidding - External	WDC	8 hours
	EXT 430	Commodity Bidding – External	KC	16 hours
Corporate Administrator	EXT 410	Maintain Purchase Order – External	KC	16 hours
	EXT 420	Freight Bidding - External	WDC	8 hours
	EXT 430	Commodity Bidding – External	KC	16 hours
Corporate Vendor – Commodity or Services	EXT 410	Maintain Purchase Order – External	KC	16 hours
	EXT 420	Freight Bidding - External	WDC	8 hours
	EXT 430	Commodity Bidding – External	KC	16 hours
	EXT 370	International Transportation Management	WDC	4 hours
Steamship Lines & Ship's Broker	EXT 370	International Transportation Management	WDC	4 hours
	EXT 410	Maintain Purchase Order – External	KC	16 hours
	EXT 420	Freight Bidding - External	WDC	8 hours
Port Representative	EXT 370	International Transportation Management	WDC	4 hours
	EXT 410	Maintain Purchase Order – External	KC	16 hours
	EXT 420	Freight Bidding - External	WDC	8 hours
Invoice Processor - Vendor	EXT 410	Maintain Purchase Order – External	KC	16 hours
	EXT 420	Freight Bidding - External	WDC	8 hours
	EXT 430	Commodity Bidding – External	KC	16 hours
Bidder Administration & Bidder	EXT 410	Maintain Purchase Order – External	KC	16 hours
	EXT 420	Freight Bidding - External	WDC	8 hours
	EXT 430	Commodity Bidding – External	KC	16 hours

Abbreviations: WDC – Washington DC KC – Kansas City

NEXT MONTH:

- More External Stakeholders Training Information
- Updated Minimum System Requirements
- Simulations and Course Overview
- New Terms

We encourage anyone who is currently receiving this newsletter to please distribute it to any parties who you think might be interested in learning about the current WBSCM activities.

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