WBSCM 2.2.12.0 Release Notes

WBSCM Release 2.2.12.0 was deployed on July 19, 2012. Key changes in WBSCM functionality are described in these release notes.

Vendor and other External User Impacts

The following changes will impact USDA Suppliers or Freight Forwarders:

PRO - Validation Logic has been added to the "Create Bid Response" transactions to ensure that users enter bids in the correct Currency and Unit Price

Previously, vendors could enter any number in their Bid Response. The system would allow the entry to go through, without errors or warnings. This had downstream impacts and would cause incorrect results during bid evaluation in BEOS. Now, validation logic has been added to the Bid Entry transactions to confirm that if the Currency is in USDN, the Price Unit is 1, and if the Currency is in USD, the Price Unit is 1 or 100. (#10121) For more information, see work instructions: “Create International Freight Bid Response – Bulk,” “Create International Freight Bid Response – Packaged,” “Create Domestic Commodity Bid Response,” “Create International Commodity Bid Response – Bulk,” and “Create International Commodity Bid Response – Packaged.”

PRO - Adjust Price functionality for bid entry is now available at the header and line item levels

Previously, the Adjust Price functionality for bid entry was only available at the header level for International commodity invitations. Now, the Adjust Price option is available at both the header level and item level for DOM Commodity, Intl Commodity and Intl Freight. This functionality allows users to increase or decrease the price. When entered at the header level, it will increase the price of all line items on the offer. When entered at the line item level, it will only increase the price for the respective item hierarchy levels. If the adjustment drives the price over a certain threshold, the system will throw an error message, showing that the line cannot be updated. For international freight, only the ocean price will be updated. (#10132) For more information, see work instructions: “Create International Freight Bid Response – Bulk,” “Create International Freight Bid Response – Packaged,” “Create Domestic Commodity Bid Response,” “Create International Commodity Bid Response – Bulk,” and “Create International Commodity Bid Response – Packaged.” Also see job aid series: “Offer – Copy, Adjust, and Delete Features.”

PRO - Freight Agency will default to the Agency associated with that User ID

Previously, when a Freight Agent would enter an offer, the user would need to manually select their agency. Now, the Agency field will automatically default to the Agency associated with that User ID. For Authorized Changes, USDA can search for the freight agent. (#10133)

PRO - Values on Offers were updating incorrectly

Previously, values on an offer were not reflected correctly when certain entries were made. For example:

- When user changed Bid Price Conditions to $1 or $0, or blanked out the field, the loadpoints on the International Freight Bid Response, and the loadpoints and scales on the International Commodity Bid Response, were not updating correctly.
- For Long Term Contracts, when user navigated to the Attributes tab, the entered prices would not display correctly.
- For Domestic Commodity Bid Responses, when pricing conditions were entered, the price would not update correctly.
- For International Commodity Bid Response, when users copy from their Preferences and place the offer in Change mode, if the price conditions were not previously viewed, the loadpoint conditions are copied but the scale prices are updated to 1, 2, 3, etc.

Now, these issues have been fixed and values will update correctly. (#10233)

PRO - Vendors now have access to an expanded list of free characteristics when customizing the ASN Report and Invoice Report

Previously, USDA personnel had certain free characteristic values (possible fields) that could be added to their personalized versions of the ASN Report and Invoice Report. Vendors did not have the option of adding these free characteristics. Now, Vendors have this option. (#10262) For more information, see job aid: “Advance Shipping Notification (ASN) Report.”

PRO – Option to not automatically send email notifications for a restricted solicitation

Previously, an email was automatically sent to a vendor added to a Restricted Solicitation. Now, emails will continue to be automatically sent to all vendors added to a restricted solicitation unless USDA selects the checkbox to disable this functionality. (#10365)

PRO - Vendors can access ASN Report without issue

Previously, certain vendors (those with the Corporate Vendor Admin role) were unable to access the ASN Report, due to a transformation mapping of the security variable that was inactive for the SUS ASN Data-modeling. Now, the data-modeling issue has been fixed and these vendors can access this report. (#10319)

BASIS - Country value will be corrected in vendor master records for production environment

Previously, vendor users created in the production environment with an incorrect or invalid entry (such as "USA" instead of "US") in the ZCOUNTRY field were experiencing issues. Now, this parameter will default to "US" and a mass update will be applied to all existing users with this incorrect value. (#10421)

Domestic Customer Impacts (SDAs/ITOs/Co-ops/RAs)

The following changes will impact Domestic Customers including State Distribution Agencies (SDAs), Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs), Co-ops, and Recipient Agencies (RAs):

Consolidation Workbench

FUL - SDAs can now make changes to ship-to destinations via the Consolidation Workbench

Previously, on the Consolidation Workbench, SDAs were unable to change the ship-to destinations at the header level if there were two or more different sold-to's within the aggregated group. Now, if there are two or more different sold-to-parties within a group, the Consolidation Workbench (CWB) will display ship-to's in the following ways:

- SDA Consolidation Workbench

o Show the list of ship-to's assigned to the SDA
o For multi-stop aggregated lines, also show the list of ship-to's assigned to the SDA

- Co-op Consolidation Workbench - Show the list of ship-to's assigned to the Co-op. (#10113)

For more information, see job aid: "The Rules of Order Consolidation" and work instruction: "Consolidate Requisitions to Create Standard Domestic Sales Order."

FUL - More delivery date options are available in the dropdown field for the aggregated line items on the Consolidation Workbench
Previously, if an aggregated line was comprised of requisition lines belonging to different programs, no values besides the current delivery period would be displayed in the delivery dropdown field at the aggregated line. Also, the process to change the delivery date was very time-consuming. Now, the delivery date dropdown at the aggregate level will allow you to change the delivery period to any of the delivery dates that the line items have in common simply by selecting it from the dropdown. (#10216) For more information, see job aid: "The Rules of Order Consolidation" and work instruction: "Consolidate Requisitions to Create Standard Domestic Sales Order."

Miscellaneous

FUL - Improved performance for Complaint Processing Interface
Previously, when attaching documents to a complaint, the document would be saved to a file system on the application server instead of a document repository on the ADS servers. Now, a new document repository on the ADS servers has been set up to save and store the attachments, which will result in improved performance. (#4517)

FUL – Users can search by Actual Received Date for the Order Status Report, Value of Materials Received – Multi-food, Multi-food Requisition Report, Material Outlays Report, and Requisition Status Report
Previously, when a user queried WBSCM to find items receipted in a particular time frame, the system would only present the user with information in a "Requested Delivery Date" range which may not be the Shipment Receipted Date. So if an item is receipted in July, but had a Requested Delivery Date in August, it would not show up in the results when querying for the month of August. Now, this functionality has been enhanced, and users can search by Actual Delivery Date. In addition, an order with multiple receipts should display the Date Received value from the most recent receipt entry entered into the system. The total quantity receipted should display. Enhancements applied to the Order Status Report, Value of Materials Received – Multi-food, Multi-food Requisition Report, Material Outlays Report, and Requisition Status Report. (#9589) For more information, see job aids: "Order Status Report," "Value of Materials Received – Multi-food," "Multi-food Requisition Report," "Material Outlays Report," and "Requisition Status Report."

FUL - Receipting status issues have been resolved
Previously, when receipting multiple line items of the same sales order in succession without anytime between the two Goods Receipts (GRs), the user status would not update. Instead of changing the status to "Order Received," it would remain as "Purchased." Now, an error message and validation system has been put in place so the user is notified if he or she receipted a line item and the status did not change. In addition, users will no longer experience locking issues during the Goods Receipt process. (#9670)

FUL - Corrections were made to the RA Entitlement Detail Report
Previously, the PDF version of the RA Entitlement Detail Report was incorrectly decrementing entitlements for redistribution credit (ZRCR) transactions when it should have been incrementing. This was causing the header end balance to display incorrectly. Now, this transaction will cause an increment instead of a decrement so that the entitlement end balance displays correctly on the report. (#9785)

FUL - Sales Order Download functionality will transfer line item numbers to the XML file without truncation
Previously, the Sales Order Download functionality that produces an XML file was truncating the line item number values inside the <ReqLineNo> tag. Only the last three digits of the line item number were being transferred to the XML file. Now, this has been fixed and codes up to six digits will transfer to the XML file without truncation. (#10323)

Receipts

FUL - Goods Receipt process now includes XML and CSV file types
Previously, the Upload Goods Receipt transaction, utilized by warehouse personnel, was only compatible with XML files. Now, anyone can use the Upload Goods Receipt transaction using both XML and CSV file types. (#9543) For more information, see work instruction: "Upload Goods Receipt."

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Reporting

FUL - The PDF Output of the Received Shipment Report will now display the Date Entered
Previously, on the PDF output of the Received Shipment Report the "Date Entered" column would display "??" instead of the date. Now, this

defect has been fixed so that the PDF, Excel, and ALV outputs display the document date for the Goods Receipt in both the Date Entered field on the PDF and in a field of the same name on the Received Shipment Report. The new field "Date Entered" is an option on the ALV and NOT included on the standard screen; the field is initially hidden, but users can manually add the field by selecting Settings > Hidden Columns. If multiple receipts exist, the most recent GR information will be displayed. (#9087)

FUL - The fields have changed on the Received Shipment Report and timeout issues have been fixed
Previously, users were experiencing timeout issues when running the Received Shipment Report for a 4-month delivery period (NSLP, 7/1/2011 - 12/1/2011). Now, report has been optimized to perform more efficiently. (#9730)

FUL - The Order Status Report will now display an accurate output when the user is using "exclusions"
Previously, the Order Status Report was providing incorrect results when the user selected more than one status value and when the user excluded certain status values from the results. Now, the following has been updated:
1) When the operator, 'unequal to', is used in two or more values to generate a report, system will display the standard warning message " 'Excluding two values can lead to an incorrect selection on the report – Please press execute again – or Modify your Selection.' "
2) Reports shall correctly display results when only one 'unequal to' operator value is used from a search criteria field for many fields and reports
3) For the search criteria fields, when the operator 'unequal to', is not possible and generates an error message on the back-end, the front-end shall generate one of two error messages: "Exclusions are not valid for insert field name" or "Your query returned no results! Please check your input and try again." This will apply to fields like "Region Code." (#9328)

International Customer Impacts
The following changes will impact International Customers including Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and International Organizations (IOs):

FUL - Improved performance for Complaint Processing Interface
Previously, when attaching documents to a complaint, the document would be saved to a file system on the application server instead of a document repository on the ADS servers. Now, the SRA Team has set up a new document repository on the ADS servers and directed the attachments to be saved there, which will result in improved performance. (#4517)

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USDA-Internal Impacts

The following changes will impact internal users from FNS, FSA, AMS, FAS, & USAID:

Bid Evaluation Optimization System (BEOS)

BEOS - File Transfer settings have been restored to "Automatic," and BEOS Admins can upload XML event files without issue
Previously, BEOS Administrators were unable to upload XML event files when the file transfer setting was changed to "Manual." Administrators were also unable to rollback to the "Automatic" setting. Now, the original settings have been restored, and the file transfer setting will automatically be "Manual" and users will be unable to change them.
(#10384)

Complaints

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Finance

FIN - FAS Invoices now pull the document date instead of the posting date
Previously, FAS Invoices were failing in the NPS Interface due to Budget Fiscal Year issues. The NPS Outbound Interface was picking up the posting date instead of the document date on the FAS earmarked document. Now, the Budget Fiscal Year issue has been fixed, and the NPS Outbound Interface will pull the correct date. (#10184) For more information, see work instruction: "Create FAS Invoice."

FIN - BL Postings have been corrected
Previously, there were incorrect postings in the budgetary ledger (BL). Now, these have been adjusted, and the finance postings have been validated with the FSA Finance Team to confirm the changes. (#10194)

FIN - Invoices cannot be approved with a different unit price than the invoice submission price in self-service
Previously, Invoice Approvers had the ability to make changes to the Invoice Price, even if the invoice price differed from the Purchase Order (PO) Price. Now, Invoice Approvers cannot make changes, but are still able to apply discounts/premiums and perform QM discount adjustments to the invoice, as necessary. When an Invoice Approver presses the Approve button, the system will provide "visibility" and throw a hard error if the invoice price differs from the PO price. Invoice Approvers are not allowed to accept the automatic invoice price update.

When user changes the header amount, the error message will be displayed as: "Gross amnt: Field was changed, cannot proceed."

When user changes the item amount, the error message will be displayed as: "Amount: Field was changed, cannot proceed further."

When user changes the quantity the error message will be displayed as: "Field was changed, cannot proceed further." (#10302)

FIN - Accounts will be balanced between WBSCM and EFMS
Previously, where discounts were applied to line items on certain Purchase Orders (POs), the EFMS Outbound Interface would send upward adjustments to EFMS. Subsequent debits were sending duplicate liability line items to CORE, when they should not have. Now, this error has been fixed and the accounts will be properly balanced between WBSCM and EFMS. (#10017)

FIN - Year End Report has been enhanced to allow users to execute it weekly and monthly, if desired
A custom report, the Year End Report, was built last year to analyze transactions in WBSCM for year-end related activities. The report provides the capability to report on data inconsistencies between Sales Orders, Purchase Requisitions and Purchase orders based on pre-defined error codes. Now, the report has been enhanced so it can be run on a weekly/monthly basis in order to identify the documents which have data inconsistencies. (#10305) For more information, see job aid: “Year End Report.”

High Seas Diversion

PRO/FUL - High Seas Diversions can be performed regardless of quantity
1. Previously, the High Seas Diversion process could not be performed on quantities in Non-10 Metric Ton (MT) multiples. Now, users can perform a High Seas Diversion regardless of the quantity involved.
2. Previously, when a follow-on document was created, the high seas diversion could not be performed. Now, high seas diversions can be performed on the remaining open quantity. (#10005)
For more information, see job aid: “High Seas Diversion.”

Procurement

PRO - Webdynpro controls for Manage Forecast Requisitions have been fixed
Previously, the webdynpro controls (Filter, Sort, Settings, Page Up, etc.) were not working for the Manage Forecast Requisitions transaction. Now, these controls have been fixed and are working properly. (#10199)

PRO - Emails will not automatically be sent to vendors for restricted solicitations and offers entered by surrogates
Previously, an email was automatically sent to a vendor added to a Restricted Solicitation. Now, internal procurement users will be able to choose not to send an email to a vendor added to a restricted solicitation, or to allow a surrogate offer to be entered for any vendor without adding them to the solicitation. (#10365)

PRO - Bid Invitations (solicitations) can now be approved on the first try
Previously, bid invitations for USAID and FAS bidding were not approving on the first try; it would take two or three tries to approve them. Now, these bid invitations can be approved immediately on the first try, without issues. (#8666)

PRO - Replenishment PRs deleted from bid invitation will no longer contain the link to the bid invitation
Previously, after a user amended a Bid Invitation to remove a Replenishment Purchase Requisition (PR), the link to the Bid Invitation would remain on the PR. Correction has been made so that once the National Warehouse PR lines are removed from Bid Invitation using Consolidation Worklist, the National Warehouse Replenishment Report will not display the Bid Invitation Link for these PRs (#9973). For more information, see job aid: “National Warehouse Replenishment Report.”

Reporting

FUL - ECC Reports will pull from PROD not XTRN
Previously, the ISA app pointed found in the External Training Environment would not function properly. Now, users in External Training will see the correct data. (#8513)

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PRO - Invoice Report now includes accurate values for the Purchasing Group field
Previously, the Master Data for the Purchasing Group values was not loaded properly into the WBSCM Production environment. This meant the Invoice Report was not comprehensive, and the Purchasing Group field was not populating. Now, the data has been loaded and this field will populate on the report. (#10004)

User Security

FUL - The "Maintain Sales Documents" screen is no longer accessible to those with the FNS Order Manager role assigned to their IDs
Previously, User IDs with the "FNS Order Manager" role had access to the "Maintain Sales Documents" screen. Now, access to this screen is part of a new role "Order Manager MSD - FNS" and no longer part of the "FNS Order Manager" role. (#9987)

Help Documentation

Want to learn more on the transactions that are changing?
A complete database of training materials is available on the Help tab, including
Work Instructions, Course Material, Job Aids, and Release Notes.