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WBSCM Go- Live Readiness: Continuing to Build WBSCM Awareness

The previous issue of the WBSCM Update featured Go-Live activities for some of the agencies' and focused on getting the WBSCM user community ready and prepared to use WBSCM. A part of that preparation includes raising and building awareness to the diverse internal and external WBSCM user community.

With the WBSCM program currently in the Test Phase, and only seven months until WBSCM goes live, the WBSCM team (USDA, USAID and SRA) continues to execute WBSCM Go-Live readiness activities focused on building WBSCM awareness. These activities entail constant campaigning and planning and focus on getting the people ready to use WBSCM.



Continuing WBSCM Awareness

The agencies are continuing WBSCM awareness through various channels including organizational communications, training readiness, participation in road shows and conferences, and stakeholder outreach. Examples of what each agency is doing to get themselves and their user communities ready for WBSCM while continuously promoting the message that **"WBSCM Is Coming Soon!"** include the following:

FNS Activities



- ❖ Participate in road shows, conferences, and regional meetings with stakeholders to promote WBSCM
- ❖ Promote internal communications and WBSCM awareness through simulations

FSA Activities



- ❖ Participate in conferences to promote WBSCM
- ❖ Develop external stakeholder outreach plan and promote internal communications and awareness through simulations

AMS Activities



- ❖ Participate in conferences to promote WBSCM
- ❖ Continue external stakeholder outreach messages including "benefits"

FAS Activities



- ❖ Participate in conferences and regional meetings to promote WBSCM
- ❖ Coordinate with USAID on external stakeholder outreach plan including a focus on training

USAID Activities



- ❖ Participate in conferences and regional meetings to promote WBSCM
- ❖ Promote internal communications and awareness through simulations

New to WBSCM



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



What's My Role?

With only seven months until WBSCM goes live, **your role** in WBSCM continues to be very important. Your role is to continue building a knowledge base of WBSCM information and functionality in preparation for training. WBSCM functionality can be viewed online through **30 simulations** (demonstrations) found on AGNISX, other 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
- ❖ Food Aid Consultative Group (FACG) Meeting June 17

Simulations from past conferences:

ACDA Board Meeting

- ❖ Create Domestic Requisition

Poultry Industry Conference

- ❖ Portal Navigation
- ❖ Displaying Purchase Orders (PO)
- ❖ Bid Invitation Response
- ❖ Create Advance Shipping Notification (ASN)
- ❖ Inspection Results

IFAC: Private Voluntary Organization (PVO)/ Freight Forwarder (FF)

- ❖ Portal Navigation
- ❖ Freight PO
- ❖ Goods Receipt for Commodity & Freight PO
- ❖ International Order Entry

Commodity Vendor

- ❖ Portal Navigation
- ❖ PO (Processed & Bulk)
- ❖ International Commodity Bidding (Processed & Bulk)
- ❖ Multiple ASN's
- ❖ Create ASN
- ❖ Create Invoice
- ❖ Inspection Lot

Ocean Carrier

- ❖ Portal Navigation
- ❖ PO (Processed Freight)
- ❖ International Freight Bidding (Processed & Bulk)
- ❖ Create Invoice

Conferences Update: ACDA, NCSFPA, Livestock, and F&V

FNS' participation in promoting WBSCM in the American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA), and the National Commodity Supplemental Food Program Association (NCSFPA) Conferences were very successful. Simulations showcased included the following:

- ❖ Multi-Food Order Entry
- ❖ Domestic Order Consolidation
- ❖ Receipt of Multi-Food Order
- ❖ Domestic Direct Ship

AMS participated in the Fruit and Vegetable (F&V) Conference and held the Livestock Conference online. Simulations showcased included the following:

- ❖ Portal Navigation-Vendor Self Service
- ❖ Domestic Bid Response
- ❖ Display Purchase Order
- ❖ Create ASN
- ❖ Create Inspection Lot
- ❖ Create Invoice

Read All About It.....



The WBSCM newsletter has been covering various topics since 2007 and can be found [here](#)*. The previous issues of the WBSCM update highlighted the following topics:

- ❖ What is WBSCM?
- ❖ The difference between COTS and ERP
- ❖ Selecting SAP
- ❖ The difference between COTS ERP SAP system vs. custom development
- ❖ WBSCM Design, Build, Test, Training, Deployment, and Go-Live Phases
- ❖ WBSCM Components: CRM, SRM, ERP, BEOS, and BI
- ❖ Key Learning from SAP Sapphire Conference
- ❖ WBSCM Go-Live Readiness Activities (What USDA, USAID, and SRA are doing)

* Or, go to www.fsa.usda.gov and select "Commodity Operations" from the left hand Browse by Subject menu, and then select "Web Based Supply Chain Management" from the right side Related Topics menu.

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❖ The following Informal Playbacks have occurred to date:

- Bid Invitation*
- Orders Sourced from Warehouses
- Swap/Re-donation Orders
- Warehouses Processing
- Master Data* & Funds Management
- Inventory Accounting, Funding of Inventory and De-obligation
- Accounts Payable & Goods Receipt*
- Funding of Long Term Contracts (LTC) & FAS Processes
- Contract & Records Management
- Quality Management
- BEOS (Bid, Evaluation, and Optimization Solution as it relates to bid invitations)
- Create Domestic Requisition
- Domestic Order Management
- Price Support Inventory Management
- Vendor Self Service*
- Invoice matching, Discounts & Approvals
- Barter, Book Closing, and Year End
- Price Support Warehouse
- International (USAID) Ordering Process*
- International (USAID) Funds Management & Payment
- Vendor Registration

**Playbacks denoted by * have associated online demonstrations in the form of simulations.*



DID YOU KNOW?

... [USDA's Food for Progress Program donated \\$27.5 Million in agricultural assistance for Pakistan and Afghanistan.](#)

... [USDA Secretary Vilsack Testifies regarding 2009-H1N1 Influenza before the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration.](#)

... [USDA Secretary Vilsack announces grants to strengthen National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.](#)



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WBSCM Terms

Common WBSCM FAR Terminology

Invoice – A contractor's bill or written request for payment under a valid contract for supplies or services. Previously known as invoice or voucher. FAR terminology is invoice.

Contract (Indefinite Delivery) – A mutually binding legal relationship obligating the seller to furnish the supplies or services and the buyer to pay for them. There are many types of contracts and the following two factors identify the type of contract:

(1) The degree and timing of the responsibility assumed by the contractor for the costs of performance

(2) The amount and nature of the profit incentive offered to the contractor for achieving or exceeding specified standards or goals. Previously known as IDIQ contract. FAR terminology is also a contract.



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.](#)