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WBSCM Readiness: Benefits of WBSCM

The previous issues of the WBSCM update featured the agencies' Go-Live collaborative activities focused on getting the WBSCM user community ready and prepared for WBSCM.

The WBSCM team (USDA, USAID and SRA) continues to execute WBSCM development, testing, training, data maintenance, and governance activities.

This issue of the WBSCM update focuses on the financial benefits of the WBSCM system and provides information on a new function, Vendor Self Service.

Financial Benefits

With the implementation of WBSCM, financial functionality within USDA will be improved. The most important improvement is in the area of funds management. WBSCM will interface to the FSA's Financial Management Modernization Initiative – Readiness (FMMI-R) systems until the Department's FMMI is ready. The FMMI-R systems include:

- Electronic Funds Management System (eFMS) for funds controls
- National Payment Service (NPS) for centralized payments
- National Receipts and Receivables System (NRRS) for debt management and accounts receivable
- Financial Services (FS) for vendor and customer financial information.

Other financial systems that WBSCM will interface to are:

- Core Accounting System (CORE) for general ledger updates
- Federal Web Application Data Mart (FWADM) for actual payment documentation
- Inspection Data Warehouse (IDW) for inspection certificates

See Figure 1 to see the WBSCM interfaces.

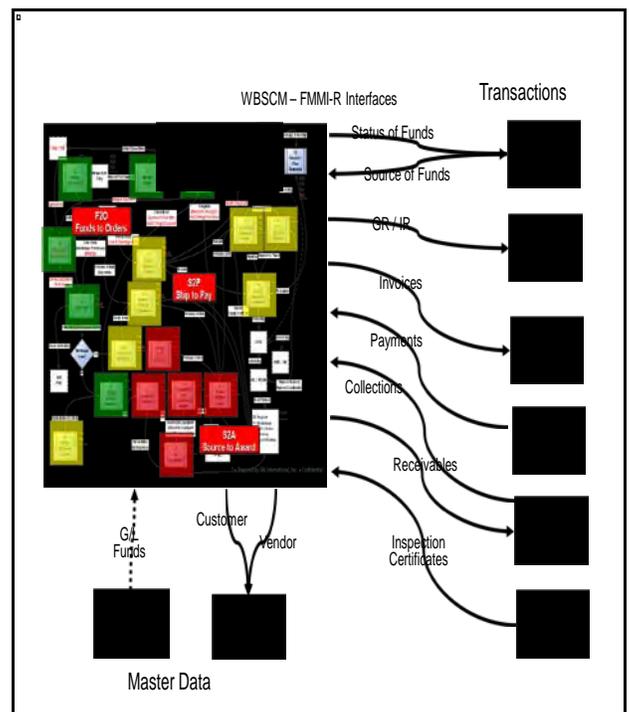


Figure 1

Funds Management

WBSCM uses funds management to ensure funds are not overspent. Funding is entered into WBSCM either by an inbound interface from eFMS or direct manual entry into WBSCM for advances from other agencies.

After funding is entered into WBSCM, contracting officers are allowed to create purchase orders that will automatically reduce the budget available and increase obligations. Although not interfaced with the FMMI-R systems, WBSCM will commit the money when purchase requisitions are approved and will not allow the commitment to exceed the budget. The obligation documents interfaces to eFMS.

eFMS is the system of record for funds control. All funds relevant activities that include establishing an obligation, increasing an obligation, decreasing an obligation, and de-obligating an obligation will be interfaced to eFMS. eFMS will then provide the data to CORE.

Funds are tracked in WBSCM from purchase requisitions through final payment.

WBSCM provides the following benefits in relation to eFMS:

- Allows eFMS to establish a new obligation, increase the amount of an obligation, decrease the amount of an obligation or de-obligate the obligation
- Allows eFMS to control fund budgets and record the proper budgetary accounting entries in the Commodity Credit Corporation's CORE Accounting System

eFMS provides the following benefits in relation to WBSCM:

- Allows the entry of budget information into WBSCM as a Funds Management Allocation and Allotment.
- Allows WBSCM to process Procurement and Sales transactions utilizing those budgetary allotments

Accounts Payable

Approved invoices are interfaced to NPS for standard invoice processing. After the contracting officer approves the invoice by use of a 2, 3, or 4 way match the invoice is sent to NPS for processing.

NPS will warehouse the payment until close to the due date and then generate a work list that will be certified and signed by a government official. Prior to making the payment, NPS will check with eFMS to determine if an obligation exists. NPS will be responsible for sending the payment data to CORE for general ledger updates. NPS will also produce a disbursement statement for the vendors.

After the payments are disbursed, the data is sent to FWADM. WBSCM queries FWADM to clear the invoice in WBSCM.

WBSCM provides the following benefits in relation to NPS:

- Allows NPS to issue, payments for WBSCM Invoices
- Allows NPS to generate the correct accounting entries in the Commodity Credit Corporation's CORE Accounting System

Accounts Receivable

Once it is determined that a receivable is due, the information is interfaced to NRRS for tracking. Once a receivable is settled or partially settled through off-sets, collections, or write-offs, NRRS provides that information to WBSCM for updating the receivables.

WBSCM provides the following benefits in relation to NRRS:

- Allows NRRS to create, reverse or cancel a WBSCM receivable
- Allows NRRS to generate the correct accounting entries in the Commodity Credit Corporation's CORE Accounting System (CORE)

NRRS provides the following benefits in relation to WBSCM:

- Allows WBSCM to record paid collection, write-off and other AP related data

Financial Services (FS)

WBSCM will use FS as the repository for vendors, customers, and banking information for WBSCM by either direct input for non-CCR vendors or by an interface to CCR for the CCR vendors. Unlike PCIMS, WBSCM will not maintain the banking information. FS will also be used to handle assignments and multiple bank accounts by vendors.

WBSCM will be required to send vendor entity information to FS using the FS Web Service.

WBSCM provides the following benefits in relation to FS:

- Allows FS to establish a new vendor record for approved vendors in WBSCM.
- Allows FS to update vendor entity information

Inspection Data Warehouse (IDW)

IDW will send inspection certificate information to WBSCM. WBSCM uses this data for invoicing activities. IDW provides the following benefits in relation to WBSCM:

- Provides Federal Grain Inspection Services (FGIS) inspection certificate results at the time of invoicing.
- Facilitate electronic receipt of FGIS inspection certificate(s) results.

Financial Web Applications Data Mart (FWADM)

WBSCM obtains payment information from FWADM. WBSCM uses this data for payment reconciliation processing. FWADM provides the following benefits in relation to WBSCM:

- Provides Accounts Payable (AP) information to WBSCM.

New Functionality in WBSCM Vendor Self-Service

Vendor Self-Service is a streamlined self service functionality that enables vendors to manage bidding, purchase order management, and shipment notifications online with all agencies.

Benefits of Vendor Self-Service include:

- Vendor activities can be performed anytime, anywhere

Figure 2 displays the Vendor Self-Service start page.



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The Vendor Self-Service (aka Supplier Self-Service) start page allows vendors to manage a variety of tasks. Figure 3 shows the tasks a vendor can take from the Supplier Self Service start page. Actions include:

- Purchase Order Response
- Create ASN
- Display Goods Receipt
- Create Invoice

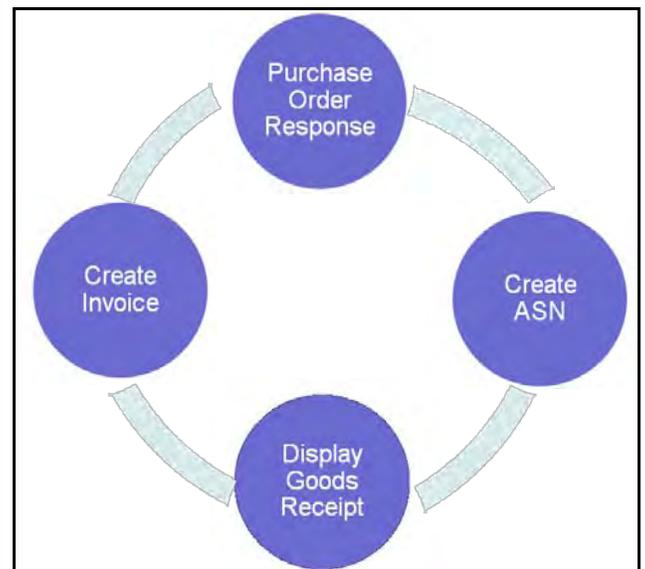


Figure 3

Before the vendor can start on these tasks, the vendor must be awarded a Purchase Order (PO) based upon the action of the USDA Contracting Officer. The vendor will be alerted of the award via an email or they can view the PO on the Supplier Self Service Start Page in the WBSCM portal

Purchase Order Response

When necessary, a contracting agency may request a Purchase Order Response (POR). A POR is a confirmation of receipt of PO and Acceptance.

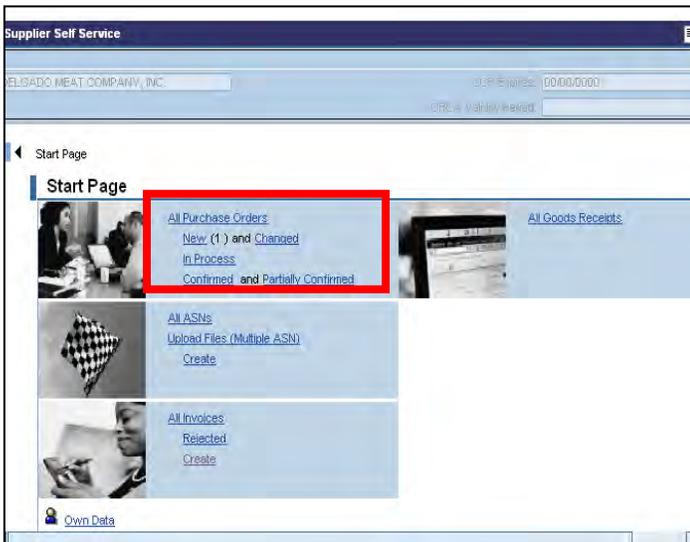


Figure 4

Figure 4 shows the area on the Supplier Self-Service start page where the vendor can check POs in various stages of status.

A Vendor can view:

- All Purchase Orders - shows all POs regardless of status
- New - shows POs that have not been confirmed or rejected
- Changed - displays modified POs that have been modified and reissued
- In Process - a PO currently in process and not yet confirmed
- Confirmed - POR has been created and sent
- Partially Confirmed - POR has been created and partially confirmed

Create ASN

Next, the vendor may be required to create an Advanced Shipping Notification (ASN). An ASN is an electronic notification of pending deliveries similar to an electronic packing list.

The ASN can be used to list the contents of a shipment of goods and additional information relating to the shipment, such as order information, product description, physical characteristics, type of packaging, marking, carrier information, and configuration of goods within the transportation equipment

Display Goods Receipt

Goods Receipt (GR) information is entered by the Recipient Agency (RA) and USDA creates the Goods Receipt documents. Vendors may view this receipt information via the Supplier Self-Service start page.

The Goods Receipt includes information such as:

- Quantity of the commodity received
- Condition of the commodity upon delivery

Create Invoice

After the required Follow on Documents are completed as outlined on the Purchase Order, the vendor can create an invoice from the Supplier Self-Service start page.

New to WBSCM?

If you are new to the WBSCM team, you can go online and view the [WBSCM Overview Course](#). This course is available by selecting the link above or on your agency specified site. Topics include WBSCM overview, technologies, basics of the SAP order process, and the program timeline.

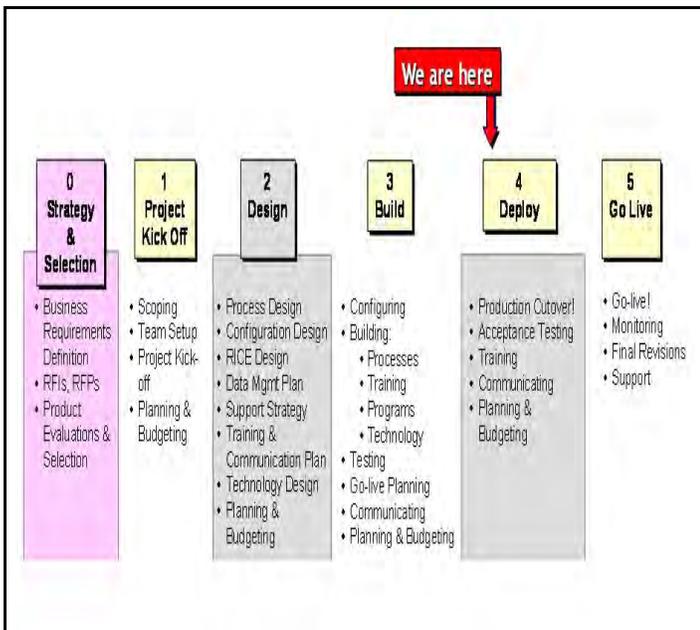


What's My Role?

You can gain more insight and awareness into WBSCM functionality through the viewing of online demonstrations (over 30 simulations are available) and general WBSCM information in preparation for training. All WBSCM information is found on AGNISX or agency-specified sites.

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The list of playbacks to date can be found in previous editions of the WBSCM Update on the [WBSCM Program Website](#).



The WBSCM team is currently in the Deploy phase.



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You can find more WBSCM information on the [WBSCM Program Web site](#).



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WBSCM Terminology

Vendor: A business or other organization from which materials or services can be procured. Examples include "Commodity Vendors" (such as food processors, meat packing plants, steamship lines, and food wholesalers), "Service Vendors" (such as chicken processors), and "One time vendors."

Purchase Order (PO): The agreement between USDA and the vendor to provide transportation, services or commodity by date and price (also called a "Contract Abstract" or "Notice to Deliver" in some agencies).



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