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FI$Cal Focus

FI$CAL: TRANSPARENCY. ACCURACY. INTEGRITY.

FI$CAL PRE-WAVE GOES LIVE!

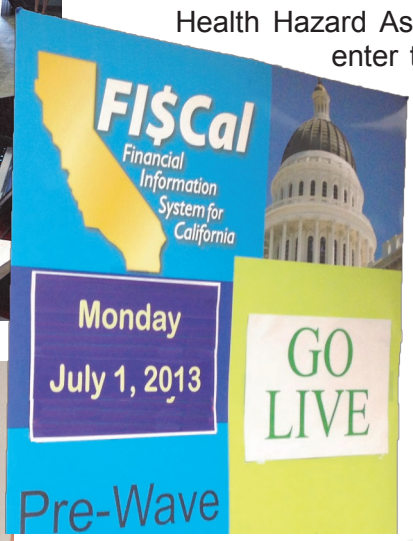
On July 1, 2013, FI$Cal has accomplished the first go live of the integrated financial management application for the State of California! This Pre-Wave deployment was realized through the hard work and dedication of many people.

First, we recognize the effort of our seven departments and commissions who are first to transact in FI$Cal.

- Agricultural Labor Relations Board
- California Arts Council (including the California State Summer School for the Arts)
- California Department of Aging (including the Commission on Aging)
- Department of Fair Employment and Housing
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Our Pre-Wave departments have worked in unison with the FI$Cal Project to prepare for the first wave of FI$Cal. Thank you!

Hannah Tefera from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment was on-site to enter the first requisition in the new System. This was a true milestone for all involved.



Our FI$Cal Steering Committee and FI$Cal Leadership Team have cleared the path for this pioneering endeavor. Their support and encouragement, and watchful engagement are deeply appreciated. Thank you!

FI$Cal Forum

Tuesday · July 30 · 9:30—10:30 a.m.
for State Employees Only

For more information or questions please contact the Change Management Office at: cmo@fiscal.ca.gov

BARBARA'S PERSPECTIVE

A Message From FI$Cal Project Leadership

With the start of a new Fiscal Year comes the beginning of a new era for the State of California. Today, July 1, 2013, the FI$Cal System officially went "live" for Pre-Wave departments and marks the start of a whole new way of doing business for the State. After years of planning and hard work, the first official requisition was posted in the new System.

While Pre-Wave deployment is lean, both in functionality and department involvement, its importance is significant. It has allowed us the opportunity to:

1) Set up our chart of accounts and vendor maintenance process;
2) Work through the cycles of designing, building, and testing functionality; and
3) Experience change management activities.

> *"From this day forward we are changing the way the State does business."*

The completion of these activities has allowed us to build in lessons learned for future waves and to build a strong foundation as we embark on the next phase of the Project.

We would like to say thank you to our Pre-Wave departments, Partner Agencies, and the FI$Cal staff for all of the time and effort that they have put in to bring us to this historic day. From this day forward we are changing the way the State does business. We look forward to working more closely with our Wave 1 departments in this new fiscal year as we continue to further develop this enterprise system. Together, with the help of all of the departments, we continue on our journey to improved accuracy and efficiency in financial management for California.

Barbara Taylor is FI$Cal's Project Executive

INTERFACES AND CONVERSIONS UPDATE

On June 4 the FI$Cal Project held an Interfaces and Conversion Kickoff meeting to introduce upcoming workshops to Wave 1 departments. Throughout the interfaces and Conversion activities, FI$Cal staff and departments will work closely with one another to ensure success.

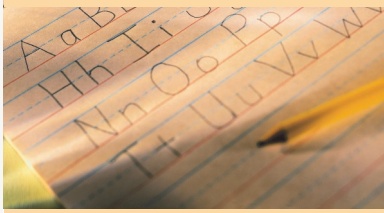
The Interfaces and Conversions process illustrates how data will flow between departments and the FI$Cal System. As part of the management of Interface and Conversion activities, departments are responsible for mapping their current legacy data to FI$Cal based on the layouts provided. FI$Cal staff will provide support to departments throughout the completion of these activities.

Interface and Conversion Workshops covering the Accounts Payable, Project Costing, Accounts Receivable, Asset Management, Purchasing, and General Ledger modules are underway and conclude August 8.

We appreciate all of the feedback that we have received from departments regarding the workshops that have been conducted thus far. This is a partnership. Should your Department require more support than is being provided, please contact the Change Management Office at fiscal.cmo@fiscal.ca.gov. We are here to help.

GLOSSARY

This section features acronyms or definitions for the FI$Cal Project. For a list of additional terms, please visit our website at www.fiscal.ca.gov.



Conversion: Process of moving data, information, and programs from the current system to the new, or target system.

Design Phase: The Design phase converts the business requirements and the software application into a system design for FI$Cal, which we validate against the State's defined requirements.

FI$Cal Service Center (FSC): FI$Cal's help desk that will support Pre-Wave departments after go live with questions or issues regarding the FI$Cal application.

Go Live: When end users will begin using the FI$Cal system.

Legacy System: A system is defined as an electronic or manual tool owned, maintained or utilized by your organization whose main or sub purpose is in support of accounting, budgeting and/or contracting/procurement processes.

Lessons Learned: Documented information, usually collected through meetings, discussions, or written reports, to show how both common and uncommon project events were addressed. This information can be used as a reference for subsequent project efforts.

Readiness: The state of being prepared for the implementation of FI$Cal, both as departments and end users.