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FISCAL Focus

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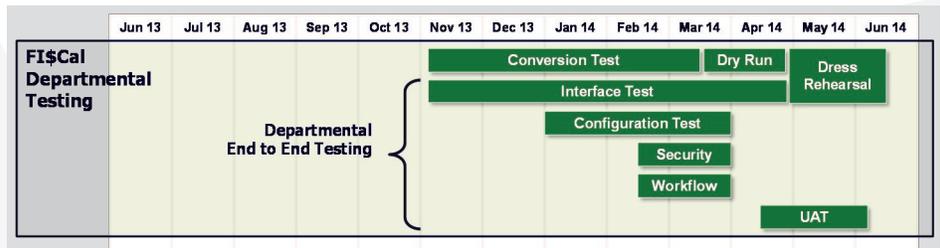
For Wave 1, we are quickly approaching the most exciting and challenging phase – the Test phase. During the Test phase, we will finally get to test the FISCAL application that we have been designing and building over the past year! We will rely on our FISCAL Project staff, Partner staff, and Departmental Subject Matter Experts to confirm the application meets the System Requirements of the Project as well as the business needs of the users.

During the Wave 1 Test phase, which runs from November 2013 until April 2014, there will be several concurrent testing phases happening. Each test phase is broken out into either Departmental Testing or Application Testing. All of our test phases are critical to the success of the Project, and we appreciate everyone’s participation over the coming months.

Departmental Testing

Departmental testing includes all phases in which we are expecting departments to participate. For example, we will have departments participate in User Acceptance Testing (UAT), where they will come to the Project and test whether the application meets their business needs. This will include scripted and unscripted testing, and will occur beginning in April 2014, after the application has been functionally tested by the FISCAL Project team.

Each of these testing tasks will be further defined as part of the Master Department Workplan (MDW). Information related to each testing phase will be shared well in advance of beginning test-related activities. The primary objective of departmental testing is to confirm that the departmental needs are met using the FISCAL System. (See Example A)



Example A. FISCAL Departmental Testing Timeline

Application Testing

Application testing includes all of the testing phases that will be executed by the FISCAL staff. For example, the FISCAL Business Team will perform Functional Testing, where they will be expected to test each of the Wave 1 System Requirements.

Each of these test phases will be executed by various teams on the FISCAL Project, including our Development Team, Business Team, and Tech Arch Team. Each test phase has a different objective. However, all of our testing has one common goal – to meet the requirements of the Project and to provide a quality product to the State of California. As we enter into the Test phase, please expect communications from us on what to expect and how you can help contribute to the overall success of FISCAL!

SUE'S PERSPECTIVE

A Message From FI\$Cal Project Leadership

Accepting the challenge to become the Executive Partner of the FI\$Cal Project was an easy decision for me. Having been involved in the implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning System at the Department of General Services, I understand that a project of this magnitude requires a lot of time, dedication, and sacrifice but I also know the tremendous benefits that it will bring to the State of California.

Imagine a future where information will flow seamlessly not only throughout a department but across departments without many of the manual processes that we have today. That's FI\$Cal! One of the main objectives of FI\$Cal is to move away from the numerous disparate systems among State agencies to one,

unified system, making this type of flow of information possible. All of this, while giving management the information that they need at their fingertips to make more informed decisions as they manage their programs.

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We are in the middle of a historic partnership with all of you that will transform the way business is done in California. All good things take hard work and this Project is no exception.

This Project would not be possible without all of the talented resources that departments have devoted to it. We appreciate the time and dedication that you have committed to this Project to ensure its success and we look forward to our continued partnership with you as we go forward.

Sue Johnsrud is FI\$Cal's Executive Partner

ARE YOU READY?

READINESS COORDINATORS ARE HERE TO HELP!

The objective of Department Readiness is for the departments to be prepared for the new FI\$Cal functionality and business processes. To support departments with their readiness efforts, the FI\$Cal Change Management Office (CMO) has a Readiness Coordinator (RC) assigned to each department who will meet regularly with department representatives to work through the activities and tasks the department needs to complete to prepare for FI\$Cal, including:

Chart of Accounts/Budget Structure – FI\$Cal RCs are working closely with Department Liaisons to ensure they have the required documents to help facilitate the working sessions and to ensure they have the data necessary to complete each of the required workbooks.

Interfaces & Conversion Workshops – CMO staff are assisting departments in deciding whether to participate in manual or automated interfaces and conversions for the various FI\$Cal modules by explaining the scope of these modules.

Configuration – RCs are working with departments to confirm the tasks are directed to the correct Subject Matter Experts, ensuring they maintain awareness of the upcoming tasks and their due dates, and facilitating resolutions to questions that departments have throughout the process.

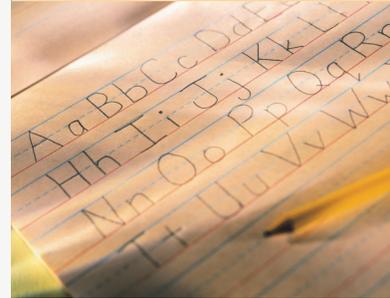
Business Process Workshops (BPWs) – In these upcoming workshops, the RCs role is to assist the departments with tasks assigned in the workshops, to help departments get the answers they need, and to escalate issues if necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wave 1 Interfaces & Conversions Workshop — 9/10
- Wave 1 Business Process Workshop — 9/26

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.



Business Liaison: The department staff person, part of the DIT, who helps identify impacts to department business processes.

Change Management Champion: The department staff person or persons, part of the DIT, who acts as a catalyst for change at their department by inspiring involvement and buy-in to FI\$Cal.

Department Implementation Team (DIT): The department staff persons who will provide direct support to the department in their preparations for FI\$Cal.

Department Liaison: The department staff person who is the focal point of communication and interaction between the FI\$Cal Project and the department staff.

Department Readiness Coordinator: The FI\$Cal CMO staff person who will meet regularly with the department to work through the activities and tasks the department needs to complete to prepare for FI\$Cal.

Technical Liaison: The department staff person, part of the DIT, who coordinates system remediation, interface, data conversion, and security activities.

Training Liaison: The department staff person, part of the DIT, who supports and implements the FI\$Cal Project's training program at their department.