



***Will the presentation be available on the Internet?***

Yes, it can be found on the [FI\\$Cal Forum page](#).

***In regards to the budget templates for non-Wave 1 departments, we will have to fill out those templates for the next Governor's Budget cycle?***

Yes. The proposed budget for 2015-16 will be developed in FI\$Cal.

***Many departments have to have agency approval on Budget Change Proposals. Is that worked into the functionality?***

Agency approval on BCPs is being included in the functionality of FI\$Cal. However, there will be an interim process for that approval during Waves 1-3 until the Agency Secretaries have licenses to directly approve proposals in FI\$Cal.

***In the transition to FI\$Cal, if we have prior Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) that have multiple year or one-time costs, do we have to build that in for the transition?***

Yes. If you have a BCP that is going to be multi-year, in the first year you could go ahead and enter the dollar change in each year so that costs will back out correctly.

***Would an exemption be required to procure a contracts management database that would be used internally?***

Yes. For any system that a department wants to procure that may duplicate the functionality of FI\$Cal, an exemption request will be required. Please refer to Budget letter 08-05 for information on the exemption process.

***Will the CALSTARS Employee Master Table be available in FI\$Cal?***

Yes. FI\$Cal will have something similar to an Employee Master Table for Labor Distribution. Employees can be established as individuals, groups or a combination of the two.

***Are the new wave assignments posted on the Internet?***

Yes. The wave assignment list is pending final approval, but it can be found on our Internet by clicking [here](#).

***I work in a small procurement section of three people. Will moving to FI\$Cal require adding an additional position? Do you know of any agencies adding positions for FI\$Cal?***

We will not be providing additional positions for FI\$Cal from the Project. We are looking at creative ideas to help our smaller departments in the future. The Health and Human Services Agency has developed a SWAT team to work with its departments to assist in developing

expertise. FI\$Cal is encouraging other agencies to take a look at this approach as an option. Recognizing the need for support to complete all of the required tasks, FI\$Cal is offering support sessions to help departments complete their tasks.

***When will departments with special requirements be able to test requirements from CalRecycle?***

We have involved departments in all of our Business Process Reengineering sessions and a big cross section of the State so we think we have captured all of the special needs of departments. In Pre-Wave and Wave 1 we have some departments that have special needs and we are bringing them in to test those requirements. We will take that same approach with each wave to bring in departments as appropriate for testing. When your wave arrives, you will have the option of being involved in the testing.

***When will Central UCM actual coding be provided to Wave 1 departments? Can it be provided in Excel format?***

The new Chart of Accounts (COA) has been rolled out to Wave 1 departments. There are several tasks that departments need to do to fill out their new structures. For example, the Program Code and the Reporting Structure Code. We've created the Account Code, and most of the Fund Codes and Org Codes stay the same. In instances where there are differences between the State Controller's Office and the Department of Finance, there are two different codes for the Budget Act and from an Accounting perspective. We will go through UCM approval before it can be rolled out to the rest of the departments. We will be able to provide it in Excel format.

***You said that the Budget Act will be based on the new Chart of Accounts and all appropriations will be assigned to a Program? Departments are short staffed and need time to implement these changes. Will this be something we will be expected to do?***

Yes. There are very few departments that don't have Programs, but there are a few. They will be given a Program or more than one if they want more. Even today when you prepare your Governor's Budget spreadsheets every dollar is in those and it's all assigned to a Program. This is something that you could start doing now. You don't need to know your new Program Number. When we get to the fall and we are doing our pass through Schedule 10s, it's in that timeframe that we will need everything to be scheduled to a program.

***What will the licensing availability and cost to departments be?***

Our project costs include estimates that were provided by departments a few years ago on what they would need for licensing. As each wave is rolled out, you will be doing role mapping. Part of role mapping is identifying what kinds of licenses you will need based on the roles of individuals. That is when we will be working with departments to figure out how many and what kind of licenses are needed. Also, part of Special Project Report 5 is to look at some enterprise licenses. There are some places where it may make more sense for the State to purchase an enterprise license versus individual licenses.

***Will the data field for Project include alpha characters or will it be strictly numerical?***

You can use both alpha and numerical characters in any of the chart fields.

***For Wave 2 you mentioned "Department of Recycling." Did you mean CalRecycle?***

Yes. CalRecycle is in Wave 2.

***Is there a limitation to the number of programs that a cost can be charged to?***

From a System perspective there is no limitation. However, your programs are governed by statutory authority and that authority tells you what you can and cannot spend against that Program.