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FI\$CAL WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE PARTNER

The Financial Information System for California (FI\$Cal) Project is happy to announce that Miriam Barcellona Ingenito has been appointed as the new Executive Partner for FI\$Cal. Miriam is coming to us from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) where she had been serving as Chief Deputy Director since 2013. Prior to joining DTSC, Miriam served as Deputy Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency from 2011 to 2013, Deputy Director of Legislation at the California Department of Finance from 2009 to 2011 and as a principal consultant for the California Senate Committee on Appropriations from 2001 to 2009.

She served as assistant to the secretary for policy and program analysis at the California Resources Agency from 1999 to 2001 and was a fiscal and policy analyst for the California Legislative Analyst's Office from 1997 to 1999. Miriam received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of San Francisco, and her Master's degree in Public Policy (MPP) from the Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago.

Fun facts about Miriam:

- Miriam has quite a collection of buttons. Can you guess what kind of buttons? Political buttons. She has a bulletin board filled with them in her office.
- Miriam is married and has two daughters ages nine and eleven.
- Miriam's husband works for the California State Senate and teaches part time at the University of Southern California.



- Miriam is very fond of as she puts it "very crazy about everything Disney." Can you guess who her favorite Disney character is? The one and only Jiminy Cricket. Her favorite Disney saying is "Why fly when you can soar?"
- Miriam and her family just returned from a Disney Cruise.
- Two additional fun facts that Miriam shared is that she loves to cook and that she laughs everyday.

We are very excited to have her part of the FI\$Cal team. Welcome Miriam!



FI\$CAL TRAINING UPDATES

The FI\$Cal Training Academy (FTA) is pleased to announce the ongoing FI\$Cal Instructor-Led (ILT) Training schedule for October 2015:

- Sessions will be held on October 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21
- These sessions represent a continuation of the ILT courses delivered during the Wave 2 End-User training schedule (Summer Release)
- New end users, end users with new FI\$Cal roles, and Wave 4 super users can enroll in these ILT sessions
- All learners also have the option of completing any of the ILT courses online
- The training schedule and course information can be found on the FTA Training Calendar on the Training Academy Page of the FI\$Cal website:
[FI\\$Cal Training Academy](#)

* Learners should check with their department regarding department specific approvals that may be required prior to taking FI\$Cal training

The FTA new Training Catalog is now available:

- The catalog provides learners with access to courses outside of their required role-based training giving learners the opportunity to gain additional FI\$Cal knowledge and skills
 - Learners can view the catalog, read course descriptions, and enroll directly in courses
 - In addition to providing learners with increased access to FI\$Cal training through the FTA we hope that departments will find the catalog a useful tool for incorporating FI\$Cal training into their workforce and succession planning efforts
 - The [Using the FTA Training Catalog 1.0](#) Job Aid is available to assist learners in using the catalog.
- * Learners should check with their department regarding department specific approvals that may be required prior to taking FI\$Cal training

GLOSSARY

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



End User: Individuals who will use the FI\$Cal System or will be impacted by the new FI\$Cal System or business processes, e.g., the change in a process from manual to automated.

Test Script: A set of instructions that will be performed on a system to verify that it functions as expected.

Training Liaison: The department staff person (part of the Department Implementation Team) who supports and implements the FI\$Cal Project's training program at their department.

User Acceptance Testing: A testing process to confirm that a system meets mutually agreed upon requirements.

User Productivity Kit: An Oracle tool integrated with PeopleSoft that is used to develop online simulations. Used during classroom training to demonstrate process steps to users.

User Support Labs: Training labs where users are able to bring in real-life examples and get support as they perform the transaction in the practice environment.

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For businesses: A new way to sell to the state
For state and local government buyers: A new way to buy

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and about FI\$Cal at www.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/dgsfiscal.aspx



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