ASTRA - January 4, 2012, SMART Update -

Implementation of Bundles #24 – 35 or Maintenance Packs 11 – 15 is on-going. The Team has identified 812 incidents to be tested. Progress to date – 17.8% of testing is complete leaving 82.2% either in progress or not yet started. Because several staff have been working on another priority item over the last several weeks progress on implementation has stalled. The new target for bundles implementation completion is March 2012.

During testing so far we have identified 43 defects during our UAT – User Acceptance Testing process.

Here are a few examples of the expected benefits we should see from the implementation:

- E-Procurement module

1) The time needed to open the "Requisition Approval" page has been improved.

2) Currently, the "Requisition Approval" page [eProcurement > Approve Requisitions] is automatically populated with those Requisitions in Pending status. In the future when you navigate to this page you will need to enter your search criteria and select the "Search" button before any requisitions will be displayed.

- Asset Management module

1) The Transaction Loader process has been modified to allow adjustments from AP on suspended assets. This affects all agencies that use integration. KDWP&T has specifically had this issue.

- Grants module

1) The delivered Federal Financial Report now matches the current Federal government layout. A custom report was created during the implementation project until the formatting changes were made in the PeopleSoft product. This report is only valid for agencies using Grants functionality.

- Travel and Expenses module

1) Expense reports sent back for revisions get stuck in "pending" when resubmitted. End users will be able to use the "send back" feature and the resubmitted expense report should process properly.

- Accounts Payable module

1) Currently, users cannot use the look up for the vendor address when creating a new vendor and entering withholding information. The vendor ID is defaulting to NEXT in the Withholding Vendor address search page. PeopleCode has been modified to pass the newly assigned Vendor ID to the Vendor Address Search page. This action is necessary when the Vendor ID is generated by the AutoNumbering feature.

- Accounts Receivable

1) Changes to Direct Journal logic to ensure that correct information are always sent to the General Ledger; additional logic to prevent incomplete journals and to ensure that when corrections are made to journals in error the journal is updated such that it is picked up by the journal generator process and sent to the GL.

- Global changes

 There are several incidents related to processing performance issues. The PeopleSoft release notes indicate improved performance in these areas.
However, until we are able to test end-to-end processes, daily and nightly batch processing we will not know the extent of those performance improvements.

Other SMART Items -

Reminder to agencies using the INF50, Voucher Spreadsheet Upload: Please do not attempt to alter the spreadsheet in any way. The upload will not process correctly if you do. Please do not submit a file more than once. This causes the entire process to error and creates a labor intensive cleanup effort for the SMART development team. This causes delay for all agencies processing during the daily batch processing.

We have tested the 1099 tax update for CY2011. No significant changes to the 1099 forms. We plan to add the Vendor ID to the 1099s to facilitate research of recipient questions.

Please review the correspondence sent yesterday afternoon regarding any last minute updates needed to correct errors in 1099 reporting on SMART payment vouchers paid during CY2011. Please submit any corrections no later than January 13.