

SBS NEWS

In Brief

iManage Standard Budget System

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SBS Spotlight

Design Team Presentations

The SBS Design Teams will be presenting their design plans and prototypes to the DOE budget community in July in three functional areas:

- Budget Formulation
- Budget Volume Publication
- Performance Management

The design presentations will be your opportunity to learn more about SBS and discuss the changes with your peers and the SBS Team. We welcome you to attend one of two sessions:

- Forrester: Tuesday, July 8th, 9:30 to 11:30 am
- Germantown: Wednesday, July 9th, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Look for invitations to the design presentations later this month. If you do not currently receive the SBS Newsletter and would like to receive an invitation, please email the SBS mailbox to subscribe.

SBS Impact on Budgeting: Interview with Adrienne Moss

Adrienne Moss, Deputy Director for Operations in the Office of Budget, has been an active guide for the SBS Team during the Design Phase. In a recent interview, we asked Adrienne to discuss how she sees SBS impacting budgeting at DOE.

How will SBS impact Office of Budget activities?

“Development of SBS is going to force us to reevaluate how we do business. I believe that the ease of relating data in SBS is going to really improve the way we do business in ways we probably cannot anticipate now. It will surely allow us to be more flexible and responsive to the preferences of our management, such as being more focused on the content in the budget and not letting the logistics of preparation get in the way. The real challenge is for us to look at our processes and continually review them for improvement.”

How will Program Offices benefit from using SBS?

“Through SBS, the Program Offices will have real-time communication with the Office of Budget on budget formulation activities. They will be able to handle discrepancies more directly. The system itself should allow us to better respond to last minute requests or changes. The Program Offices will have the ability to slice and dice their data just as we can. And, since we will all have one set of data to work with, SBS may also save them from having to answer questions from us.”

Design Phase Update

Over the course of more than 100 meetings since February, the SBS Design Teams have worked hard with Cognos and Documentum software experts to capture budget operations at DOE and design a system that will best meet the needs of the entire DOE business community. We have had excellent participation from across the Department with design team members from Office of Budget, PA&E and the Program Offices of EERE, EM, FE, LM, NE, NNSA, and SC.

When the SBS Design Phase concludes at the end of June, the resulting design plans and system prototypes will outline the steps for the SBS Team to follow during software configuration. The Configuration Phase for Formulation, Publication and Performance Management is scheduled to begin in July. Configuration for Distribution will be done separately in FY2009.