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STRIPES Deployed at DOE Headquarters!!



We are pleased to announce that STRIPES is officially "live" at Headquarters and the first award has been issued in the newly deployed system. This communiqué marks two years since the STRIPES project restarted to get us to where we are today, but the journey has just begun. According to STRIPES Federal Project Manager, Doug Baptist, "It is never too early to begin to prepare for STRIPES. Deploying STRIPES is a major step for the Department but we still have more work to do as we learn and grow this system." The Department of Energy joins the ranks of more than 70 Federal Departments and Agencies that use the software that powers STRIPES.

To date, Headquarters has been active with more than 560 registered users, 100 requisitions have been generated as well as a number of purchase orders, purchase card orders, and milestone plans. All of this activity means that Headquarters has impressively used every STRIPES interface in a week's time. The initial use may not be easy as some legacy systems since STRIPES is an integrated system and kinks are being worked out. STRIPES IBM Project Manager Jim Catalano commented, "The deployment of STRIPES will help the Department keep a clean audit, and improve communications between Program Offices and internal departments. Also, as an integrated iManage system, the use of STRIPES will improve the data quality for DOE in the long-term."

The STRIPES Project Team is busy applying lessons from Headquarters and getting the next 11 Sites to be deployed between now and early July.

STRIPES Web-site Updated with Deployment Guide

The STRIPES web-site has been updated with new project information and a useful Deployment Guide. Once you are on the STRIPES web-site, click *Deployment Guide* to view this section which provides links and useful document attachments. This guide is divided in to 4 categories which are described below:

- I. *Introduction to STRIPES* – This section gives a brief overview of STRIPES for new staff or those who are not familiar with the project.
- II. *Getting Started in STRIPES* – Provides guidance and tips on completing key steps prior to your Site's Deployment. Topics include information on User Access, Training and Reconstruction.
- III. *"Earning Your STRIPES"* – Covers other modules in STRIPES such as Purchase Card, Financial Assistance and Reporting.
- IV. *Working with STRIPES* – Lists resources and tips for on-going STRIPES support like STRIPES Documentation, Help Desk information, and Regular System Maintenance.

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The STRIPES Deployment Guide replaces the previous FAQs, which are incorporated throughout the guide. Additional information can be found on the web-site such as STRIPES communiqués, project timeline and more. To view the STRIPES web-site, please go to: <http://cfohome.doe.gov/cf40/i-manage/STRIPES.htm>.

Which Computer-Based Training (CBT) is Right for You!?

Last month, the STRIPES Project Team announced that the CBTs were available on the OLC2 at <https://olc2.energy.gov>. Many of you have asked, “Which CBT should I take?” The STRIPES Team has provided a recommended list of who should take which CBT course. While these are recommendations, CBTs are available to any interested STRIPES user. The table below lists the intended audience for each CBT:

CBTs for STRIPES Users	
CBT Course Title	Recommended User Audience
CBT Tutorial	Everyone using STRIPES CBTs.
STRIPES Navigation	DOE Project Managers, Program Office Administration (non-budget), Business Clearance, Procurement Policy, Legal / Hearings & Appeals, HQ Budget, Program Office Budget, Energy Finance and Accounting Service Center (EFASC), Field Accounting / Budget Offices, Purchase Card Holders, and Purchase Card Approving Officials.
Initiating Procurement	DOE Project Managers, Program Office Administration (non-budget), and anyone who drafts Procurement Requests.
STRIPES Reviewers and Approvers	Business Clearance, Procurement Policy, and Legal / Hearings & Appeals, HQ Budget, Program Office Budget, Energy Finance and Accounting Service Center (EFASC), Field Accounting / Budget Offices, and PCard Approving Official.
Using PCards in STRIPES	Purchase Card (PCard) Holders.

STRIPES Welcomes New Deputy Project Manager

The STRIPES Team welcomes Matthew Sparks as its new Deputy Project Manager. Matt joins STRIPES with years of iManage experience from the STARS project team. Matt is replacing Bryan Long who was recently named Director of the Application Hosting Environment Division (AHE) with the Office of the Chief Information Officer in Germantown, MD. Bryan has worked tirelessly during his tenure with STRIPES, particularly during the last month as he transitioned into his new role and supported Headquarters’ deployment. Bryan’s arrival to the STRIPES Project was just in time to bring his financial expertise as we refined integration designs and conducted interface testing. Matt already has proven he is a valuable asset as he has rolled up his sleeves for the next round of STRIPES deployments.

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