



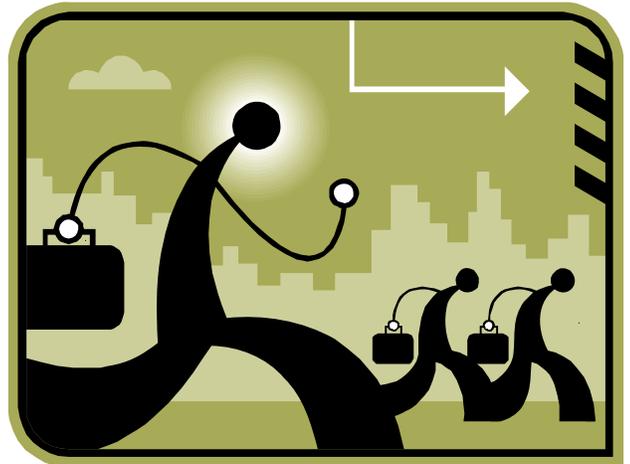
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Fiscal Year 2009 Deployment Underway

The STRIPES Fiscal Year 2009 Deployments are underway at the Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC), Idaho Operations Office (Idaho), and Oakridge Operations Office (Oakridge). On December 8, 2008 the Go Live flag waved and these Sites initiated their official transition to STRIPES. After a month the road is smoothing, but during the previous weeks a lot of work was spent ramping up.



A top priority in these implementations was to ensure the proper instruments were selected for reconstruction. Instead of reconstructing all active instruments, each Site was asked to select the instruments to be reconstructed. The STRIPES Technical and Functional Teams continuously collaborated with the Site Deployment Managers (SDMs) to identify the "correct" list of instruments. Consequently, the Sites were given more ownership to identify which instruments they wanted to include in the reconstruction process. This revised approach resulted in greater than 90% success rates for Idaho, Oak Ridge, and EMCBC when the instruments were reconstructed in STRIPES.

What to Know & What to Do

- ☑ Ensure all necessary users have usernames and passwords
- ☑ Maintain an accurate list of awards to be reconstructed
- ☑ Research issues with awards that produce errors during the mock reconstruct
- ☑ Complete paper-based actions to the maximum extent possible prior to implementation
- ☑ Involve the right people in the mock reconstructs
- ☑ Ensure continued emphasis on QA data review activities

Data quality and data cleansing remained a strong area of focus. More emphasis was placed on data cleansing in between the mock and actual reconstructs. Improving the data quality consistently over the multiple mock reconstruct efforts enabled the actual reconstruction to be accomplished more effectively and efficiently. With each Site Deployment Manager fully leveraging their workforce, more users were involved in the mock reconstruction process which expedited the review for data accuracy.

This level of collaboration on Site was mirrored between the SDMs and the STRIPES Project Team. The Functional Team kept daily records of errors and corrections in a queue and coordinated updates with the SDMs. The Deployment Team facilitated this continuous interaction and increased the level of

communication between the SDM, the local finance office, and the STRIPES Project Team members. Highlighted by daily check-in calls, weekly deployment and mock reconstruct calls, and a two-week open-phone hotline, the implementation for each of these Sites was better coordinated and had less errors resulting in a quicker transition to full operational status.

2009 PRISM Conference

On April 30, 2009, Compusearch is sponsoring a PRISM Conference to be held at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. In addition to best practices and innovative methods shared by PRISM users, the conference will provide a demonstration of PRISM's current functionalities. STRIPES users are strongly encouraged to attend this conference to learn more about the capabilities of the software.

For your convenience a pre-conference survey is available to gauge the audience of perspective participants. Click the following link to access the survey and sign up for the conference:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2fdgvrofp2df6zn/start>.

Policy Corner



STRIPES replaced the existing financial assistance face page with a new form which comports to the instructions found in the booklet called "Financial Assistance Tips for Processing Grants in STRIPES." This booklet can be found in the STRIPES library. The new "Assistance Agreement" form was made available to users in STRIPES on December 12, 2008. The new form is designed to be simple to fill out, and to more accurately distinguish and calculate the values associated with grant funding.

STRIPES training has incorporated the new form, so all Sites being implemented during the Phase II Deployment will have already been trained on the new form. The Financial Assistance User Guide on the STRIPES website will soon be updated with specific guidance on how to complete the new form. The training materials can be found on the iManage STRIPES web site. Follow this link to access the materials. <http://crinfo.doe.gov/officedocs/cf40/home/STRIPES/index.htm>.

Any awards that used the old form will still be acceptable and do not have to be changed. The new form is only required on future awards and modifications. Since the new form has been installed, the old form will no longer be available. Please make sure your personnel are informed and aware of this change. If you have any additional questions regarding the new grant form, please contact the STRIPES Help Desk at STRIPES-Helpdesk@hq.doe.gov or call 301-903-2500, option 4 and then option 3.

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