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User Acceptance Test and I & II

STRIPES is currently in its Acceptance Test Phase, that's just one phase before deployment activities begin. Testing the DOE configured system began this summer and has gradually led to the User Acceptance Test (UAT). The UAT provides STRIPES management and stakeholders a clear idea that the configured system meets DOE's functional and technical requirements. This intensive testing is not limited to just testing STRIPES alone. UAT will check the data outcomes for DOE systems (e.g. STARS) and external government systems (e.g. CCR and FPDS-NG).

Nearly 20 UAT testers from Headquarters and the Field will represent their respective Procurement, Finance, Budget, Policy and Program Offices. This energized group is travelling to Germantown, MD to participate in this intensive week-long event. The UAT team has already dedicated time to prepare for this milestone event. Over the last few weeks, testers have been completing system exercises and reviewing STRIPES simulations.

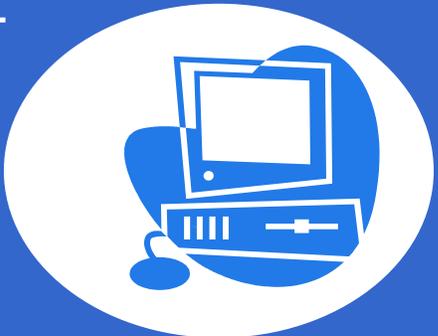
All testers will receive the same test scripts to analyze test results and any test variances. Testers will also be given opportunities throughout the week to conduct unscripted free-form testing as well. Throughout the week, testers will keep a log of their test results and also note their observations for the STRIPES team.

After the UAT I in November, the same testers will complete UAT II in December. UAT II serves as a follow-up to review and verify fixes to the issues that were identified during the November testing. The second

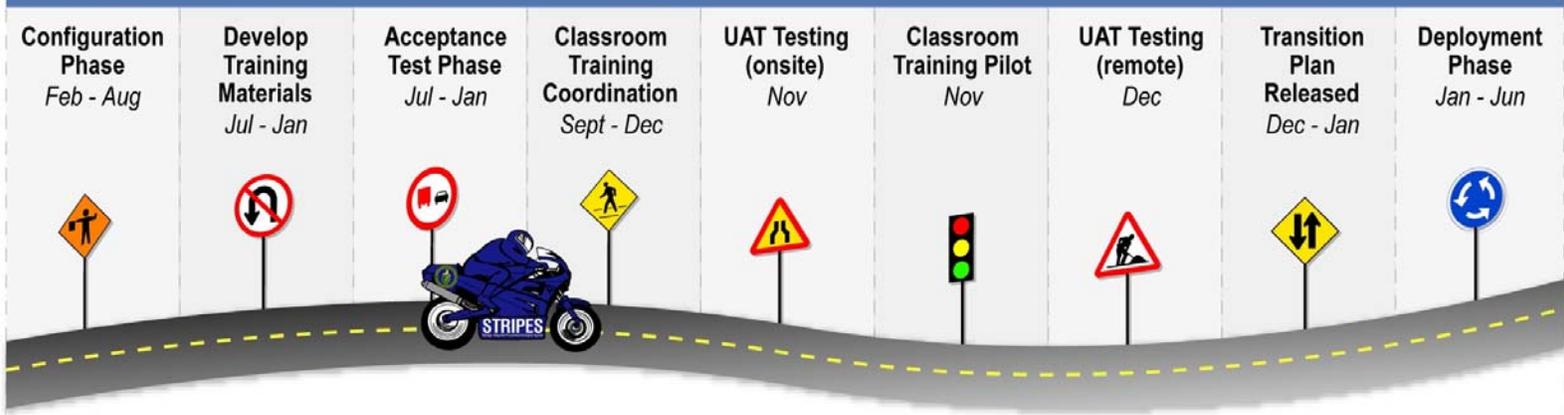
round of testing will be conducted remotely from the tester's home site. This will allow testers and their technical staff to check their connectivity and access to STRIPES across the field.

STRIPES CLASSROOM TRAINING

During the UAT, another team will evaluate a 'dry-run' of the STRIPES classroom training designed for the DOE acquisition workforce that administers contracts. Stayed tuned for more on STRIPES training!



STRIPES User Acceptance Test Roadmap



“Moving Forward”

Clause and Effect; 30 Years of DOE Contracting

The DOE Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy (Policy) continues to forge through legacy clauses. As reported last month, the Policy office has been working on Section H clauses and segmenting those clauses into categories for review. Examples of those categories include: Pensions, Government Property, Intellectual Property, and newer topics such as Cyber Security. In other words the clause consolidation process is a major undertaking in preparation for STRIPES. The review process takes a lot of institutional memory to sort through complex topics and sometimes equally complex clauses. Each clause category has been sent to subject matter experts and the Office of General Counsel for review and concurrence.

To date, approximately 130 clauses have been sent to DOE Procurement lawyers for review and recommendations. This large-scale effort will help to find a balance between general clauses that pertain to most STRIPES users and those one-of-a-kind specific or situational clauses. While the Office of General Counsel has their hands full, Policy has poured over several hundred more clauses. The challenge is that STRIPES is not designed to be an encyclopedia where all clauses ever written are stored. As an enterprise-wide system, STRIPES does not want to burden users with navigating through very discrete or unique clauses.

A major benefit of STRIPES is that the acquisition workforce will work from a baseline level of FAR and DEAR clauses for common document types. The major effort of scrubbing legacy clauses will help to give STRIPES a clean, fresh start. The newly established common clauses will create efficiencies during business clearance and provide more consistency to our customers and vendors. The DOE acquisition workforce will still have the flexibility to select or deselect clauses in the system to meet their needs. Additionally, STRIPES has the functionality to include unique clauses if needed on a case by case basis.

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