

# iBudget News

The iManage Budget Solution

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## **iBudget Celebrates Launch**

We are excited to announce the Release 1 launch of iBudget. The week of November 17<sup>th</sup>, iBudget went live for the Office of Budget including Budget Tables, Control Model, Formulator and Cost of Work. This milestone marks the beginning of our roll-out to the DOE budget community.

Thank you to all who have helped make this launch a success!



## ***Spotlight On: Release 1***

The models launched during Release 1 help lay the foundation for key functionality including developing the master budget structure, producing the internal Statistical Table (Stat Table) and managing control numbers.

The Control Model, which will be available to the Program Offices in Release 2, allows budget analysts to review and share the most recent budget numbers as well as run variance checks. Soon, the Office of Budget and the Program Offices will be able to access a single set of budget numbers.

## **PALS Beta Training**

During the week of Release 1 launch, the iBudget team conducted PALS Beta training for users from the Program and Staff Offices. These sessions provided orientation to PALS, training on Cognos, and opportunity to give feedback. Insight gained from the training will be used to improve the model prior to full release.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the PALS user acceptance testing and to all those who attended the beta training. So far we are hearing good things from users:

*“The system was easy to use and it will definitely save me time in my job.”*

*The training was “nicely organized and easy to understand.”*

## **Publication Pilot Update**

The iBudget team held several publication training sessions for NNSA, NE, EE, and the Office of Budget. The training covered folder structure, document storage, workflow and templates including Overview, Program, Sub-Program and Program Direction. Feedback from the pilot will be used to enhance the publication process.

The iBudget pilot team is currently scheduling one-on-one training sessions. If you participated in the Pilot and are interested in scheduling a session, please contact Amy Joseph at [Amy.Joseph@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Amy.Joseph@hq.doe.gov).

## **Release 2 Activities**

In Release 2, models for Program Detail, Program Direction, Control and PALS will be launched to the Program Offices. To prepare for this release, the iBudget team will conduct end user training and User Acceptance Testing (UAT). UAT is a valuable way for the iBudget team to gain feedback which will be used to modify and improve the models.

As part of the Release 2 launch, the Program Office models will be aligned with the Office of Budget models to create one single point for data entry. For DOE budget analysts, this will mean significantly less time spent tracking down numbers, double checking information and waiting for reports.

***Happy Holidays from iBudget!***

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