



IDW Communiqué



I-MANAGE Data Warehouse: *Your link to DOE's Corporate Business Systems*

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Welcome to the IDW Communiqué!

This newsletter introduces you to the I-MANAGE Data Warehouse (IDW) project, the central core of the I-MANAGE vision. The IDW is an easy-to-use reporting and analysis tool that will provide managers with timely, meaningful information for business decision making.

I-MANAGE Data Warehouse prepares for January 31 Go-Live

The I-MANAGE Data Warehouse (IDW) is going live on January 31st to a limited number of ME users, current FDW report users, program managers and STARS team members. In this initial release, the IDW will provide STARS pre-deployment data and other financial reports to new users. The new IDW users are being asked to provide feedback about the application in order to make improvements and enhancements before the IDW rolls out to a larger audience in May 2005.

For the January go-live, initial capabilities will include an integrated warehouse for enterprise-wide systems data, HQ & Field Office access through a common Portal, and an "Executive Dashboard" that can be tailored to an organization's management reporting requirements including interfaces to existing systems and ad-hoc reports. Available reports will include information on STARS accounting values, called accounting flexfields, the reporting hierarchy for these accounting values, and STARS general ledger and reconciliation reports. Additionally, the IDW Portal will provide access to Financial Data Warehouse (FDW) reports that are contained in the Financial Reports Center. New IDW users that currently have a login for the FDW will be able to access the FDW (and Business Objects) directly via the IDW Portal.

New IDW Users were invited to attend 2-hour training sessions that occurred from January 11 to January 21 in Germantown and Forrestal. The training sessions prepared users to use the IDW Portal standard reports and to better understand STARS accounting data. "Several end users commented on how easy the IDW Portal is to use. They really seemed to like it," said Steve Baker, the current FDW Project Manager and one of the IDW trainers. Additional IDW training classes will be offered in April and May 2005.

After the initial January 31 go-live, the I-MANAGE Data Warehouse will continue to evolve and integrate new I-MANAGE systems and existing DOE enterprise systems. Furthermore, as users become more familiar with system's capabilities and potential, new requirements will be identified and business solutions developed.

IDW Team receives praise in project-wide review

Oracle Corporation, the developers of Discoverer and Oracle Federal Financials software, recently conducted a 15-day assessment of the I-MANAGE Data Warehouse (IDW) project and application design. The final report, which was released on January 5, 2005, was very positive in reviewing the IDW Team's accomplishments to date and made suggestions for future system architecture so that the IDW could support even more users as it grows across the Department.

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On the functional side, the IDW was commended for its easy-to-use Portal, a web-interface on the DOE Intranet. The IDW Portal has been designed to be easy for users to navigate and understand. The Oracle report stated, “They have demonstrated a high degree of interest in resolving issues and been generous in providing access in terms of time and documentation. The technical architecture of the IDW, given the limitations of hardware, demonstrates considerable sophistication and experience.”

In addition to several positive comments about the system design and scalability, the IDW Team also received accolades for conducting an early Cyber-Security review for the January 31 rollout. Cyber-Security reviews are a major part of any systems implementation and require the system to be certified for several different security, data integrity and disaster recovery criteria. The positive feedback from the Oracle review is an important endorsement of the IDW, which will go live on January 31 and will begin carrying production STARS data in May.

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