

# SBS NEWS

## *In Brief*

I-MANAGE Standard Budget System

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### ***SBS Spotlight***

#### **EERE Sponsors SBS**

The SBS Team is pleased to announce the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) as a new SBS Corporate Sponsor.

EERE is providing financial and staffing resources during the early phases of the project. They have also agreed to be the first Program Office to go live with SBS during the rolling implementation beginning in October 2008.

We would like to thank the EERE Management, especially Rita Wells, Avon Meacham and Daniel Sze, for not only recognizing the benefit of SBS to the entire Department, but for realizing that through active participation they can help the SBS Team develop and deliver a system that truly adds value to DOE business.

### ***Why Get Involved? Interview with Daniel Sze***

Involvement from the budget community is critical for the success of SBS, and there are many opportunities to participate. We asked Daniel Sze, the Director of Office of Information and Business Management Systems for EERE, to elaborate on the reasons that EERE decided to contribute to the SBS Project.

#### **What compelled EERE to become a corporate sponsor?**

“Every federal agency struggles with budgeting. The rhythm of the budget cycle is such that there are never enough people, resources, and time to craft a budget that everyone is satisfied with. At the end of the day, version control becomes a tremendous effort, mistakes happen, and then the organization looks incompetent.

EERE looked at systems and flirted with building its own. We were very happy that HQ decided to take on the project since budget systems are driven by business rules that are established at the enterprise level. What better way could we acknowledge that a corporate system would be better than anything done at the program office level than by becoming a corporate sponsor.”

#### **Why should other Program and Staff Offices get involved?**

“Every PSO has something unique to contribute. EERE did not necessarily plan to be original in this collaboration. Whether you have expertise or resources to offer, make sure you are at the table so you can define what goes into SBS and make it work for you.”

### ***Requirements Sign-Off Status***

In late July, the SBS Team, with support from our champions, sent out final requirements for review and sign-off by program budget management from 24 organizations. We are happy to say that we have already received concurrence from 85% of the organizations.

We appreciate the time and effort everyone has contributed during development and review of the requirements. This time-consuming process has been important for providing vendors information as part of the system acquisition, and even more important, for helping the SBS Team and our stakeholders develop a common understanding of what SBS will be.