

SBS NEWS *In Brief*

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SBS Spotlight

Evaluation Team Selects Cognos

After detailed reviews of three vendor proposals and six days of live test demonstrations, the SBS Evaluation Team has selected Cognos with partner EMC Documentum. Cognos Planning and Performance Manager will be used for formulation, distribution and performance management while Documentum will be used for publication.

The SBS Team compiled the evaluation results and presented them to the I-MANAGE Executive Steering Committee (ESC) on November 5th. The ESC, which includes the CFO, the CIO and several Program Office executives, approved the methodology used to evaluate vendors during the Acquisition Phase and agreed that the SBS Project could continue on to the Product Validation Phase.

New SBS Project Management Team

Our SBS Project Manager, Jo Buxton, has retired, but we are fortunate that she assembled an excellent Federal Team to take her place:

- **SBS Project Manager:** Rob Briede, former SBS Deputy, has assumed the role of Project Manager. Rob has been an instrumental part of the SBS project success thus far and we look forward to many future successes under his leadership.
- **SBS Deputy Project Manager:** Chip Wilson has accepted the role of Deputy. Prior to joining SBS, Chip was the Federal Reporting Team Lead on the STARS project.

Rob and Chip are both committed to providing our stakeholders with an exemplary budget and performance management system.

Success through Teamwork: Interview with Jo Buxton

Jo Buxton brought extensive experience to the SBS Project based on her work with corporate financial systems including BTS, MARS, DISCAS, BARRS, and the FDW. Her parting advice for SBS was on the importance of teamwork:

“Good teamwork is critical for project success. A system requires so much effort that it needs experts in all areas from users and subject matter experts to IT, architecture, and documentation. SBS cannot afford not to have representation from all areas, especially users, since they are the ones that will have to live with the system.”

SBS Timeline Update

SBS currently has two implementation tracks: Track 1 (formulation, publication and performance management) begins deployment in October 2008, and Track 2 (distribution) begins deployment in March 2010.

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Track 1 Budget Formulation, Publication & Performance Management		Design	Configuration & Testing Deployment	Operations
Track 2 Budget Distribution		Design	Configuration & Testing Detail Design	Deployment Operations
Integration of Tracks 1&2			Integrate Formulation with Distribution	

There has been interest in accelerating the Track 2 implementation. To do this, additional funds would have to be secured by March 1st.