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Reaction to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Now that President Obama's stimulus package has been signed into law, government agencies are anxiously waiting to see how their programs will be impacted. The Department of Energy will be receiving more than \$35 billion to obligate under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Act"). In response, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memorandum, the Initial Implementing Guidance for the Act (http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_fy2009/m09-10.pdf). The memo provides specific direction to federal agencies on how to effectively manage activities per the Recovery Act, with the ultimate goal of ensuring accountability, traceability, and transparency via government procurement. The memo also includes guidance on several new requirements such as; tracking performance on awarded actions (grants and cooperative agreements, contracts, and loans and loan guarantees), posting award notifications to Recovery.gov, and maintaining accurate reporting procedures.

As the Department of Energy (DOE) prepares to execute these guidelines, Compusearch has expressed its committed support in responding to the ongoing requirements under the Act. As a COTS solution, STRIPES has integrated with key government-wide systems, including FedConnect, FedBizOpps, Grants.gov, Central Contractor Registration (CCR), and FPDS-NG. These systems will be relied upon to provide data required under the Act. With open communications and continued teamwork, Compusearch and DOE will confidently develop unified solutions that address the contract and financial assistance reporting provisions of the new economic plan.

Interagency Agreements via FPDS-NG

A friendly reminder! When creating an Interagency Agreement (IA) in STRIPES, contract specialists should not complete the draft FPDS-NG report. The FPDS-NG button is not available for IAs and IAs do not get reported to FPDS-NG. If users need a report on an IA, they should access the iManage Data Warehouse (IDW) at <http://www.cfo.doe.gov/corpsyst/i-manage/IDW.htm>.

Crossword Puzzle

Test your knowledge with interesting facts and fun trivia about STRIPES, the iManage program, and the Department of Energy. Use the clues below to complete the puzzle on the next page. Answers will be available in the March edition of the Communiqué.

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1	In February, NETL deployed STRIPES at its two locations: Pittsburgh, PA and _____, WV.	1	Purchase card orders are also referred to as _____-purchases.
2	Requisitioners must verify that the Amount fields on the Item General and Ship To/_____ pages all match.	3	Mr. Ben _____ was the first Contracting Officer to make an award in STRIPES on April 23, 2008. Patricia Espinosa was the CS.
4	SPOCs and _____ are two on-Site resources who help users understand STRIPES functionally to better execute their actions.	6	The STRIPES _____ Control Board was established to enact a disciplined approach to the review, approval, and implementation of all proposed system changes.
5	First time users must log into _____ to request a STRIPES User Account.	7	Financial Assistance classroom training designed for Contract or _____ Specialists.
6	Prior to his appointment, Secretary Steven Chu was professor of Physics and Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of _____.	9	_____ determine the kinds of documents a user can receive and what a user can do with a document once received.
8	The iManage Program is comprised of _____ major Department of Energy Corporate Business Systems Initiatives.	10	A primary objective of the mock reconstruction process is to fix all source data errors from PADS, _____, and STARS.

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