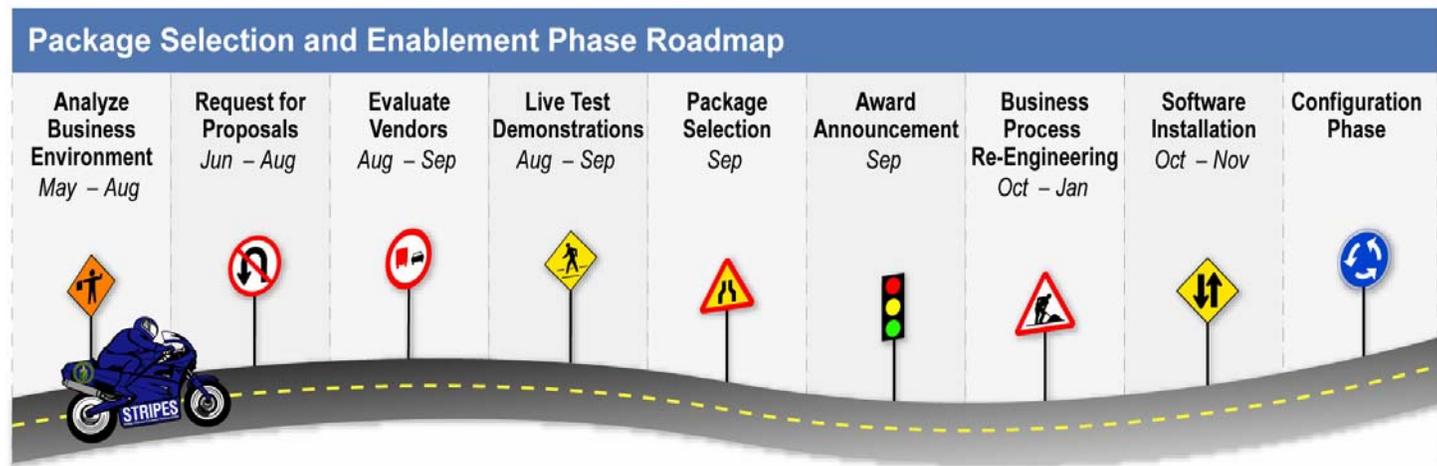




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The Road Ahead

Have you ever tried to get somewhere and wished you had a map? Having the right map enables you to get from where you are to where you want to be. The last roadmap we showed you was for the Requirements Re-validation Phase, which ended May 10. The next phase is Package Selection and Enablement which runs through January 2007. Below you will find a roadmap highlighting major processes in the Package Selection and Enablement Phase. This information provides insight into the level of detail, depth of planning and degree of effort DOE is expending to identify and deploy the best possible solution to meet the Department's current and future business needs.



Requirements Re-validation

During the last Phase, Requirements Re-Validation, the STRIPES Team worked with Procurement Directors and members of the financial community to document the needs for our new system. The Project Management Team reviewed and updated the STRIPES *Functional Requirements* (those criteria that reference specific system capabilities supporting business needs) and *Non-functional Requirements* (those criteria that reference specific technical capabilities supporting the system itself). This process produced clearly established Future Process/Function Attributes and Non-functional Requirements documents for STRIPES. The purpose of the review was to incorporate any policy/regulatory changes occurring in the previous 14 months and to ensure the documents were complete and accurate. All DOE Procurement Directors provided their concurrence on the update. We encourage you to review the functional requirements and get a better understanding of the future capabilities of our new system. The functional requirements can be found at <http://www.cfo.doe.gov/corpsyst/manage/STRIPESReqsDocs.htm>.

For security reasons, technical requirements cannot be posted on the web. If you'd like to see the complete list, please send a request to the STRIPES Project e-mail address at: STRIPES@hq.doe.gov.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Requirements Re-validation Phase finished ahead of schedule and we are making great strides in the Package Selection and Enablement Phase. This has not been by accident but by the combined efforts of many dedicated people. Below are some examples of recent project accomplishments indicating our progress toward the STRIPES Go-Live scheduled in January 2008:

- Functional requirements re-validation and reprioritization was completed for both Acquisition and Financial Assistance
- The "Decision Model" was recently completed. The model set forth the evaluation process and establishes the roles and responsibilities of those involved and includes:
 - the purpose of the model,
 - the evaluation criteria to be used, as well as, each criterion's relative importance,
 - an explanation of the two step evaluation process to be used, and
 - the composition of the evaluation teams.

The Decision Model provides a structure for summarizing the opinions and interpretations . . . Solution providers will be required to demonstrate, through a live test, how their solution can meet DOE's need.

- A group from DOE met with the Department of Education and is currently assessing the requirements for Education's Grants Management (GM) Line of Business (LoB) to determine if it will integrate into our solution. GM is one of many LoB initiatives outlined by OMB to create efficiencies across the Federal government by leveraging the consortium system.

The I-MANAGE Website has moved!!

The I-MANAGE Website has been consolidated under the Office of the CFO. You can now find the I-MANAGE Website at:

<http://www.cfo.doe.gov/corpsyst/i-manage/>

CURRENT and UPCOMING EVENTS

No time to rest on laurels -- much work remains.

Expanding electronic government is essential if we are to meet ever growing challenges. Here are just a few of the current and near term activities that will move us forward toward STRIPES implementation:

- Functional Area
 - Update of the functional scripts for use in the Live Test Demonstration
 - Preparation of the STRIPES solicitation / Preparation of the scoring documentation
- Technical Area
 - Survey and assessment of DOE procurement systems in use across the department
 - Development of the Request For Proposal (RFP) and prepping the evaluation instrument for the coming proposal evaluation for STRIPES
- Financial Assistance (FA)
 - Working on the scripts for FA that will be used in the Live Test Demonstrations
 - Analysis of current business processes leading to the development of process maps detailing the FA process and how reports are used to facilitate the processes

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