



WBSCM

January 2010 WBSCM Update

Happy New Year!

Representatives from each of the agencies met in November and December to establish the new detailed project schedule that will include timelines for testing and training along with other deployment activities. The new schedule has been approved and some of the detailed information is provided later in this newsletter. The go-live date is June 30, 2010. The detailed schedule is updated and reviewed weekly by FNS, AMS, FSA, FAS, and USAID to identify any schedule issues or changes.

Preparation Activities

- **System Preparation**

Reminder: Access to WBSCM will be through the Internet similar to how ECOS is accessed today. It is highly recommended that you use Internet Explorer (IE) version 6 or 7 as your browser. At this time, SAP (the software that WBSCM is built on) does not support IE 8.0. Both JavaScript and Cookies need to be enabled.

- **User Preparation**

Reminder: Access to WBSCM will be through USDA's eAuthentication application. An eAuth username/password is a requirement for accessing the WBSCM portal. Customers and vendors need at least a level 1 for WBSCM. Information on eAuthentication for customers and vendors is available on the USDA web site at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>. Please note that the email address and last name used to register for your eAuth account MUST match the last name and email address used when your WBSCM account is created. Current ECOS users will be created in WBSCM using the name and email information in ECOS. Please review your existing information and update as necessary. You will also need to complete all the eAuth registration steps for your account to be active.

It is suggested that you not register for your new USDA eAuth account more than 6 months in advance of the WBSCM go-live date in order to avoid resetting your password prior to accessing WBSCM. Passwords in eAuth expire every 6 months.

Testing

WBSCM is currently in the Internal System Integration Testing (SIT) testing phase of the project which is being performed by the contractor and representatives from each of the agencies for functionality that has been completed. SIT testing is planned to be completed in mid-March.

New timelines for Interface testing and User Acceptance Testing (UAT) have been determined based on the new go-live date. UAT is currently scheduled to begin in mid-March at the completion of SIT.

External Users who will be involved in User Acceptance Testing (UAT) will be contacted in the near future.

Training

SDA Region Training schedules have been reviewed and adjustments made in conjunction with each region. The new schedule is as follows:

April

Week of 4/5: WRO, MWRO
Week of 4/12: SERO, SWRO
Week of 4/19: None
Week of 4/26: MARO, NERO

May

Week of 5/3: MPRO
Week of 5/10: NERO
Week of 5/17: SERO, SWRO
Week of 5/24: MARO
Week of 5/31: MWRO, WRO

We will be providing schedules for vendor and warehouse training in the near future.

Contact your regional office if you have any questions regarding your specific State training. States will determine the training schedule for their recipients.

What's Next?

As WBSCM is developed and more information becomes available, FNS will be posting information on our web sites:

ECOS: <https://ecos.usda.gov>

FDD: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/wbscm>

To register to receive email notifications when the WBSCM homepage on the FNS website has been updated, click the link "Email Updates" from the webpage above.

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