

Questions and Answers: 2/17/2006 Financials Change Management Sessions

9:00 AM Session:

DHR is currently using ORG codes. Should we restructure with program?

No, but will now have program value to track – the relevance of having additional ORGs once in 8.8 goes away. Agencies are still encouraged to keep old structure in case we stay on 7.02.

Does having a program budget eliminate need to load at ORG level?

No – Still need lower org level at agency. You will still have traditional load for ORG budget into PeopleSoft – what you load in BudgetNet for Program budgets you do not have to load in PeopleSoft – SAO will get feed from OPB.

When is training for 8.8?

A communication was sent out last week regarding Train the Trainer. These people will go back to train their staff. Other agencies that do not have trainers will have training at the end of May through June.

It the account value list being reduced?

Yes – there will be a discussion about that at the March 2nd Change Management Session on Chart of Account Changes.

Will SAO have budget experts for each agency?

SAO has not considered this.

Can agencies use Interunit functionality to pay withholding?

This has come up before but it is not in scope at this time and current functionality will be used. This is an evolving area – as Streamlined Banking is rolled out it will reduce the need for this.

When will we load FY07 budgets?

We will actually load in upgrade – loading based on 8.8 version – but also load in 7.02 for contingency plan.

Must two budgets be prepared?

Yes as part of our contingency plan if for some reason we can not go live in 8.8 you will need your FY07 budgets in 7.02.

SAO will load the budgets – but each Agency prepares spreadsheets.

Will the budget that is prepared for 7.02 be based on old class structure and the budget for 8.8 on the new structure?

The new Fund and account values will be available in 7.02 for FY07 budgets. The only difference between the 7.02 and 8.8 budget will be the use of the program value – unless the agency decides to restructure. This is why agencies are encouraged to keep their old structure for FY07.

Regarding open payables and encumbrances from previous years – will they convert to the new structure or do we have to re-enter?

Neither – program will only be on new transactions. Old Chartfields will flow through without conversion. These will, however, be on the balance sheet and agencies may want to reclassify to the new structure. FY06 budgets and before will not change.

Regarding the numbering system in BudgetNet vs. the roll up in PeopleSoft – where do we stand in making these more comparable? 000 parent in PeopleSoft – not vision in PeopleSoft

Since BudgetNet does not require a roll up we are using same scheme. SAO assumes there is that 00 – even if OPB sends subprogram we will create at higher level in PeopleSoft.

1:00 PM Session:

Will we close budget 2006 is PS 8.8?

Yes

Negotiation time with contracts in November, what is contingency plan with contracts (i.e., P-cards). As a group, we need to think about year end contracts. We'll need to come up with a contingency plan. **Entering P.O. and get that approved**

Under current system, report of org. program tree, why do we have to load twice? Why can't we force feed the same budget twice?

- There is no mapping within org. structures.
- Keep structure in 7.02 for easier structuring in 8.8.
- Just in case we have to revert back to 7.02 on July 10th.

FY going forward will have 'program' values that we'll need. Will not be a "1 to 1" from 7.02 to 8.8.

Will there be a field that shows 'prgm' budget so they can skip over it?

Yes

Budget uploads capability....same process in 8.8. 8.8 formats will be available by 23rd session.

How will re-doing budget affect the HCM side?

Will impact account codes. Program chartfields must be reflected. Session on March 2nd will cover this topic.

Budget Year disappears. Where will we capture this?

Budget date will be translated in budget year. When hitting prior year, you can affect the budget date. Acctg date/budget date (header/distribution) will default as the dates on PO.

Once Accounting date is entered, users will have to go back into system and change the date throughout if it's wrong. (AP/PO).

Track at sub-program and controlled at program level. Will we also control at the allotment level?

Ledgers – you can control or track.

We will control at State funding source. Exception at funding source.

State funds by **program/funding source** - Just like in appropriations.

Will upload for 2007 are needed for both 7.02 and 8.8 for technical colleges?

How will we handle all of these uploads from technical schools.

SAO will meet with DTAE and come up with approach.

Colleges are exempt from allotment process.

Will we have ability to over ride the fund source?

Allotment/program ledger = **NO**

Program budget = should not be an issue.

Fund source - Are we changing allotment ledger to new fund sources?

We will allot at fund level.

Audit to program and fund source. Will track budget at appropriation level