

GFEBs reaches major milestone: Global Solution blueprint complete

Submitted by Molly Ketcham
GFEBs Team

The General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBs) team recently completed the analysis and blueprinting activities for the Army's new financial management system.

These activities occurred during the Analyze phase which focused on the current business processes and meeting the Army's needs with the GFEBs solution.

The Analyze phase involved four months of workshops with subject matter experts from many Army organizations and culminated in a successful Systems Requirement Review and Preliminary Design Review (SRR/PDR).

The SRR/PDR confirms that GFEBs system requirements, system solution, system preliminary design, available technology, and program resources and plans for upcoming activities form a satisfactory basis for proceeding into GFEBs detailed design efforts.

Over the two full days of the SRR/PDR, the wealth of information shared with attendees covered many areas of the GFEBs solution including:

- Accenture Delivery Methods (ADM) Overview: the methodology being used for the system implementation.
- Requirements Management
- Functional (Property, Plant & Equipment, Spending Chain, Budget Formulation, Funds Management, Cost Management, Reimburables, Financials)
- Enterprise Architecture (BEA Compliance, GFEBs Architecture Products, SALE/SAFE Integration)
- Change Management
- Project Management Office (included Project Metrics, i.e. Risks; Issues and Controls)
- Technical Integration (included Information Assurance, Application Security, NetWeaver, Hosting, and MOA status)

“The SRR/PDR drew leadership from across the Army to review the program’s progress and to validate the direction ahead for GFEBS,” Cherie Smith, GFEBS project manager said.

Many of the SRR/PDR attendees also participated in the Analyze phase activities, including blueprinting workshops, and represented a wide cross-section of Army organizations in as well as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

“The successful SRR/PDR and subsequent Executive Steering Committee meeting provided an opportunity to bring the functional community together to understand what GFEBS accomplished in the Analyze phase. The end result was an approval to move forward with the GFEBS solution,” Jerry Mowery, GFEBS Change Management lead said.

GFEBS Release 1.2 business process design phase

With the Executive Steering Committee’s approval of the preliminary business process designs, the GFEBS team will now begin detailed design efforts that include developing functional system designs.

“The GFEBS team is entering a critical stage in the program where they will further refine the business process designs to the detailed level, design applicable interfaces and solution components, and develop an application prototype to validate the designs of the complete GFEBS solution,” Krystal Ange, GFEBS Functional Program director for Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA) for Financial Information Management said.

The Design phase should take approximately five months, after which the GFEBS team will configure and build the entire GFEBS solution.

Through GFEBS’ features and functionality, it will provide real-time execution data, cost management data, integration of outcomes, outputs and performance, reliable data, substantially reduce the need for multiple reconciliations, direct charge for intra-Army payments, integration of program, budget and execution data, internal controls and a single repository for real property inventory.

GFEBS Release 1.2 moves forward

Beginning in FY09, GFEBS will go-live to support General Fund financial processes and Real Property Inventory functionality at Fort Jackson and the supporting directorates of **DFAS, IMCOM, ACSIM, and ABO**. A phased-in

deployment strategy for the remainder of the Army functions and organizations will follow the Release 1.2 implementation at Fort Jackson.

GFEBs, a product under the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information System, is the way forward for the Army's financial and real property operations. For more information about GFEBs see the link below.

www.gfebs.army.mil