



GFEBs Approved to Move Forward

Release 1.2 Analyze Phase completed, Design Phase to begin May 1

Congress approves the Army's request for additional funding for GFEBs in FY2007 after a review of GFEBs' progress, plans and schedules by various committees. The Executive Steering Committee (ESC), chaired by LTG Melcher, Military Deputy for Budget, ASA (FM&C), formally approved the results of the Analyze phase for Release 1.2. Prior to the ESC, a rigorous, multi-day System Requirements and Preliminary Design

Review considered the current system requirements, preliminary design and flow diagrams, available technology, and plans for upcoming activities. This technical review concluded that the GFEBs team prepared a solid basis for proceeding into further design activities. Next, the Change Control Board, with representation from across the Army, reviewed Analysis results and recommended continuing of the solution design to the ESC.

Recommendations to the Commander

How GFEBs can help you and your organization

"XO—I JUST GOT A WARNING ORDER, WE'RE MOVING. WE NEED TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR MOVING OUR UNITS, TAKING CARE OF OUR PEOPLE AT BOTH ENDS AND ENSURING THAT WE GET AND MANAGE THE RESOURCES WE NEED TO DO THE JOB."

“Got it, sir! We can use GFEBs for planning and managing the move. It'll help us estimate costs and submit budget requirements and we'll set up a project code to track progress as well as expenditures. We can share the project code with the supporting organizations here and across the ocean to flesh-out their costs and track their progress, too.

One of the first things that we need to do is nail down facility requirements. We can use GFEBs to identify what we currently have, and the staff at Ft Apache can use it to see what's available and identify any shortfalls. I recommend having the S-3 and S-4 use GFEBs to compare our operational budget data with the operational budget data for similar units at Ft Apache. It's critical to make sure we identify all our budget requirements to meet our readiness level and ARFORGEN status as quickly as possible after the move.

As we identify our needs, we'll work with the IMCOM and post staff at Ft. Apache, and the Defense Travel Agency and TRANSCOM. The project code in GFEBs will help us in dealing with all of these organizations. For example, IMCOM and Ft. Apache can use GFEBs to estimate costs and their specific budgets for supporting the battalion. They need

to cover both one-time costs to get ready for us as well as annual operating costs to support us. GFEBs will enable them, and maybe us, to track construction and other facilities improvement projects through the use of work orders or job orders so we'll be less likely to face surprises when we get there.

GFEBs can also help all of the staff in estimating and planning for the additional support to meet our everyday requirements. GFEBs can also help management track budget execution and progress! ”

The best Army in the world is continually implementing force multipliers to do more and better with less; GFEBs is a force multiplier. GFEBs will provide accurate and timely cost and progress data to decision-makers. GFEBs will provide a single point of entry for transactional data and reduces the number of cross-system reconciliations, and it will eliminate the need and costs of maintaining multiple systems.

The Army and the Army's GFEBs team need your support in making this a reality with an enterprise resource system.

GFEBs Project Team Now Co-located

Honorable Guests Speak at Dedication Ceremony



From the left: LTG David F. Melcher, Representative Jim Moran, Mr. Eric Stange, and Mr. Nelson Ford.



From the left: Mr. Chuck Harris—Accenture Project Director, Ms. Cherie Smith—GFEBs Project Director, Mr. John Miller, and Mr. Kevin Carroll.

Our guest speakers at the February 26th GFEBs Dedication Ceremony included the Honorable Jim Moran—Congressman of Virginia's Eighth District, Mr. Nelson Ford—Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Mr. Eric Stange—Managing Director of Accenture's Defense Practice. The speakers emphasized the importance of GFEBs as a major advancement for Army financials and reconfirmed that they were extremely proud of the fact GFEBs has met all major milestones both on time and on budget.

In addition to our guest speakers we had approximately 40 guests attend the event including LTG Melcher, Mr. John Argodale, and Mr. John Miller—from Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management, Mr. Kevin Carroll—Program Executive Officer of PEO-EIS, and Ms. Cathy Doolos—Deputy PEO at PEO-EIS. Our guests liked the idea of having one central headquarters for GFEBs and bringing our technical and operational teams together to increase synergy and teamwork.

ON THE ROAD WITH GFEBs

Representatives from GFEBs will be attending several roadshows and conferences to provide overview briefings of the program and offer technology demonstrations:

25 April ASMC Professional Development Institute at Ft. Hood, TX

8 May IMCOM Ft. Sill Roadshow at Ft. Sill, OK

29 May ASMC Professional Development Institute in Kansas City, MO

The GFEBST Program Profile

— BACKGROUND, CONTEXT AND APPROACH —

The General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBST), a Web-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution, is the Army's principal financial transformation initiative. ERP systems integrate data and processes from across an organization into a unified system. The GFEBST system will integrate and process financial and related non-financial data for the Army. GFEBST uses SAPs off-the-shelf ERP software.

GFEBST will significantly improve the responsiveness of financial support operations for every organization in the Army and significantly reduce costs.

GFEBST will provide a consistent interface for recording transactions across the Army and web-based real-time access to the transactional data without the need for re-entry into numerous functional systems. GFEBST will perform all General Fund accounting for the Army, including General Ledger, Accounts Payable, and Accounts Receivable; and additionally, GFEBST will enable the Army to accomplish Funds Management, Cost Management, Financial Reporting, and Property, Plant and Equipment Inventory management in an integrated system across the Army.

The GFEBST system will deliver previously unavailable cost management and precise cost control information, increase the visibility of the value and location of property and equipment, and dramatically reduce the time required to process transactions for end-users at more than 200 Army sites around the world.

"Today we have information systems that have been around for 20 and 30 years and they don't speak to each other well or provide the type of information that the Army needs to make informed financial decisions", explained GFEBST Project Officer Chérie Smith. "In the future, we want to make sure that the solution we provide allows the Army to do the analysis needed to determine, for example, what its costing us to do training, to implement an exercise or to accomplish battlefield objectives."

Program leadership and governance

GFEBST receives leadership and guidance from key stakeholders from across Army organizations. GFEBST takes a twin peaks approach to governance and leader-

ship. The GFEBST leadership structure includes governance from the customer side (including process executives, the Executive Steering Committee with representation from ACSIM, IMCOM, USARNG, USAR, DFAS, HQDA, PEO-EIS, ASCC and ACOMS, the GFEBST Executive Sponsor, ASA (FM&C) and SEC Army/CSA and from the acquisition community including PEO-EIS Acquisition Management, AAE and USD (ATL).

The GFEBST customer organizations want a system that will work for the Army. They have supplemented GFEBST team

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and regularly interact in response to inquiries. Additionally, functional organizations participate in the Configuration Control Board and the Executive Steering Committee to review the project's approach and direction.

The GFEBST acquisition organization focuses on compliance with all IT and security regulations and that the system is released on schedule.

Release 1.2 recruits knowledge and talent from across the Army

As an integral part of the program, the GFEBST team recruited Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from across Army commands to participate in the analysis and design of the system.

Each functional process area, Funds Management, Cost Management, Spending Chain, Financials, Reimbursables, and Property, Plant and Equipment, included a team of SMEs and system integrator representatives. These teams operated in a workshop format, completing three rounds of blueprinting activities, including analysis of current business processes, development of new business processes and validation of the changes and impacts.

GFEBST Release 1.2 blueprinting activities were driven by the expertise and experience of those SMEs who brought their knowledge of the Army's current business processes to GFEBST blueprinting efforts. Working closely with Accenture, the system integrator, SMEs participated in working sessions, driving the development of new business processes to support and ensure the most comprehensive GFEBST solution, which meets Army requirements.

FEEDBACK: For questions, comments, or suggestions about articles, email us at gfbs.info@us.army.mil.

More Information:

For more about GFEBST and the latest news, visit the program's website at www.gfbs.army.mil.

GFEBST Wins Laureate Honors

GFEBST, nominated by Accenture and SAP – two companies on the Computer World Honors Program committee, has been awarded Laureate status for the Program. The Computer World Honors Program celebrates and recognizes the most outstanding user achievements in technology each year. Hundreds of nominations were submitted this year and were evaluated by an independent panel of judges in 7 categories: Short Summary, Introductory Overview of the Program, Benefits, Importance of Technology, Originality, Success, and Difficulty.

Amongst the hundreds of nominations submitted for 2007, GFEBST was selected by the Program Judges to be one of the most outstanding innovations within the information technology field for Government programs and was honored with Laureate status. The recognition process for Computer World Honors will culminate with a Laureates Medal Ceremony and Gala Awards Evening in Washington, D.C. on June 4, 2007. There, the Laureate winners may be further recognized as one of the top-five Laureates from their categories, or may win the 21st Century Achievement Award: Best of the Best 10 winners.

This award is a great honor for the GFEBST Program, PEO-EIS, and ASA FM&C, and recognizes the vision and passion of GFEBST, through its implementation of a world-class ERP solution.

Outreach at AUSA

GFEBST attends Winter Symposium



HON Claude M. Bolton visits the GFEBST booth.

GFEBST PARTICIPATED in the AUSA Institute of Land Warfare Winter Symposium in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on 7 March through 9 March in a booth hosted by PEO-EIS. GFEBST was represented by members of the GFEBST Communications and Functional teams, providing overview information and functional demonstrations to conference participants. The conference was excellent exposure for the GFEBST program, reaching a diverse audience of conference participants.