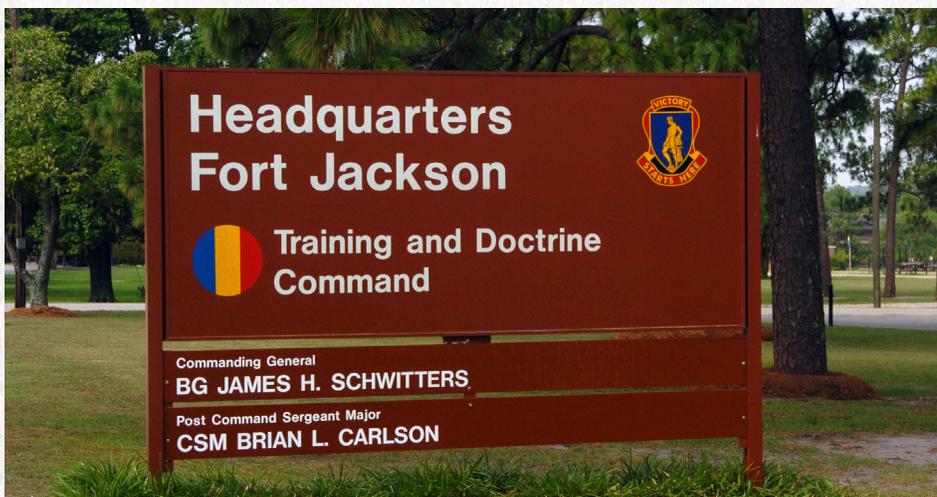




## Site Visit to Ft. Jackson a Huge Success!



Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Information Management), discussed the strategic importance of GFEBs to the Army.

The day concluded with a live demonstration of the GFEBs system, which gave end users the chance to see what it will be like to work within GFEBs.

“For some people, this was the first time they heard about GFEBs,” said Jerry Weidner, Ft. Jackson Director of Resource Management. “The GFEBs Team gave an informative and comprehensive presentation that helped end users understand GFEBs better.”

The following days of the visit consisted of targeted workshops for key process areas impacted at Ft. Jackson, and gave supervisors an opportunity to see a demonstration of business activities for each process area. Testing and data conversion workshops were also held at the site visit. End users with concerns about the viability of the system had their minds eased as they learned about the thorough testing and data cleansing processes.

The GFEBs Team conducted similar  
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### GFEBs prepares users for deployment of new system

FT. JACKSON, S.C. — The GFEBs Program conducted its first site visit at Ft. Jackson, and left an excellent impression over its three day visit this January.

“The GFEBs site visit to Ft. Jackson was a huge success,” said Len Cayer, GFEBs Global Implementation Lead. “GFEBs end users got to see first-hand how their business processes and daily jobs will be impacted when GFEBs is

deployed.”

End users from Ft. Jackson were invited to an overview presentation of GFEBs, including key functional areas, testing process, user account creation and access processes, and deployment plan. Garrison Commander Col. Lillian Dixon opened the general session, highlighting Ft. Jackson’s commitment to the GFEBs project and Col. Leon I. Smith, Acting

### GFEBs Participates in IMI Conference

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The GFEBs program was featured at the 2008 Installation Management Institute (IMI) Conference from January 14-18, with key speaking engagements at the plenary session, two workshops, and a booth in the general session room, reaching over 1,600 attendees from the Installation Management Command (IMCOM).

“GFEBs is transforming the business of the Army from a quagmire of financial information into a standardized 21st century enterprise resource planning system,” said Mr. Steve Barth, Chief, Cost and Performance Measurement, ASA, FM&C, during the opening session of the conference.

On the second day of the conference, GFEBs held a three hour workshop which focused on Property, Plant & Equipment (PP&E), Training and Deployment.

The GFEBs Team finished the conference with a workshop in the Resource Management track that focused on cost management, funds management and budget formulation. The audience left with an understanding of how funds management will be made easier and more efficient with GFEBs and how cost management functionality will allow users to analyze data real-time in one system.

Throughout the week, the GFEBs program hosted a booth located in the general session room. Between workshops, conference attendees visited the GFEBs booth in the general session room to learn more about the program, sign up for distribution lists, and ask site-specific questions, including questions about the GFEBs system evolution, the release schedule, and overall GFEBs functionality.

### Budget Distribution Decision Will Ease GFEBs Transition

The Army Budget Office (ABO) has decided to modify the budget distribution process for GFEBs Release 1.2, announced Mr. William Campbell, Deputy Director for Army Budget. This budget distribution decision will allow Ft. Jackson to focus on the full functionality of GFEBs, and lower the potential workload on IMCOM personnel by preventing a problematic process where they would need to work in two systems for Ft. Jackson.

Currently, when Congress appropriates funds for the Army, funds are pushed through several systems before reaching the 24 major commands of the Army. Once the commands receive the appropriate

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### 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:

<b>12 Mar</b>	Quarterly IMCOM - PBAC Crystal City, VA	<b>16-18 Apr</b>	AFCEA-Belvoir Industry Days, Oxen Hill, MD	<b>20-25 Apr</b>	National Guard ASMC PDI, Orlando, FL
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# Budget Distribution Decision

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ated funds, they are still required to transfer their data to DFAS after execution.

The new process within GFEBs will eliminate the need to distribute and execute funds through the Army's legacy financial systems, while simultaneously pulling out the appropriate funds for Ft. Jackson and distributing them through GFEBs. IMCOM-Headquarters and IMCOM-Southeast will receive Ft. Jackson funds on a quarterly basis and will push those funds down to the next level; all funds will eventually be executed at Ft. Jackson, freeing up IMCOM personnel from an additional assignment.

This budget distribution decision only impacts Release 1.2. "This decision will make the scope of Release 1.2 much cleaner, and will decrease some of the external factors that may have prevented its success," says Clayton Covey, GFEBs Funds Management Lead.

The funds execution process will change again with the full deployment of GFEBs in Releases 1.3 and 1.4 - when the entire process will occur within GFEBs. ABO will receive appropriated funds from

Congress, enter funds into GFEBs and distribute funds to each command of the Army, as well as PEO offices. At the same time, GFEBs will seamlessly interface with PBAS and DFAS, eliminating additional steps required by ABO personnel. Once each command has received funds from ABO, the command will then distribute funds down to the lower levels of their organization.

Funds management within GFEBs will comply with future Office of the Secretary of Defense funds management models, meet all legal and mandatory reporting requirements, and include all managerial data in use today. GFEBs will also create a cost accounting capability that will provide robust cost information to support leadership decisions.

"For the first time in Army history, the Army's funds management process will be an efficient streamlined process with real-time data and complete auditability," says Krystal Ange, GFEBs Functional Program Director. "GFEBs truly will change the way the Army does business and enable a 21st century Army."

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## CHANGE MANAGEMENT DEPLOYMENT NETWORK MEMBERS PROVIDE FEEDBACK

In December 2007 GFEBs conducted an online survey with the Release 1.2 Change Management Deployment (CMD) Network members to assess the effectiveness of GFEBs communications efforts. With a response rate of nearly 60%, the GFEBs program received valuable input from GFEBs change agents and end users. The survey results were used to gauge the success of current initiatives, to plan for future initiatives, and to ensure that the program is reaching its goals in preparing for deployment.

The results of the survey showed that the key areas of interest are training, deployment strategy, data conversion, and organizational impacts on personnel, workload and competing priorities. In response, the GFEBs Program will address these areas through increased communications vehicles and initiatives:

- Provide detailed information to all users during site visits
- Arrange for GFEBs experts to give functional highlights and keynote speeches, as available
- Publish detailed articles in GFEBs Publications
- Develop tools, spreadsheets and other reference materials
- Make more program information readily available on the CMD Network AKO repository
- Distribute frequent status emails containing program status to CMD Network members

The GFEBs Program will conduct a similar survey with Release 1.3 End Users in the spring of 2008. If you are a Release 1.3 End User, please look for the GFEBs survey in upcoming months. Your feedback is key to improving our communications to you and to the success of GFEBs!

*For more about the CMD Network, visit [www.gfebs.army.mil/change](http://www.gfebs.army.mil/change)*

# Systems Affected by GFEBs Release 1.4

ACQUILINE/ PRWeb	CMOS	OLRV	SCRT
AMDBES	CRP	On-Base	SEC-FMT
APVM	CT 1081	OPA2DB	SLAD
ARCS	DARTS	OPA2-SOMARDS	SOFIMS
ARMS	DASIS	PARSS	SOMARDS
ASK-FM	DSOM	RINO	SOMARDS BE
ATTCMIS	EACOBS/EABANK	RM On-line (AMC) (AWCF)	SSCOFD
AVPRAT	eSTADIS	RM Online (ATEC)	STAR-PBA
BRIX	IDSS	RM On-line (NGB)	VPIS
CAMS-ME	JR	RM On-line (USACIDC)	WIMS
CAPS	OA	RM On-line (USARPAC)	WSMIS
CAPS W	ODS	RM On-line HQA006	
GIMS YPG	OH	RSBUX	

The Army will no longer require the capabilities of the systems listed above (sorted by acronym) as they relate to the General Fund once Release 1.4 is fully fielded. Release 1.4 is slated to fully deploy by the end of 2011. These systems will be replaced, encompassed, or incorporated into GFEBs to streamline the Army's financial systems landscape.

**CORRECTION:** In the December Edition's article 'Systems affected by Release 1.3,' we said that the system EAS-IV would be subsumed in GFEBs R1.3. EAS-IV, also known as EASi, will interface with GFEBs in Release 1.3. We regret the error.

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site visits for DFAS-Indianapolis, with plans to visit IMCOM and HQDA in advance of Release 1.2. These early site visits will help the Deployment Team ensure that site visits for Releases 1.3 and 1.4, which affect many more sites and users, are as ef-

ficient and informative as possible.

"Site visits are a key event for the GFEBs Project," said Rick Butler, GFEBs Deployment Lead. "They provide users with the momentum to begin preparing for training and the eventual deployment of GFEBs."

## More Information:

*For more about GFEBs and the latest news, visit the program's website at [www.gfebs.army.mil](http://www.gfebs.army.mil).*

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