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Statewide Systems Survey

The annual survey of Statewide Systems users is now underway, and for the first time includes MMB's budget systems. Administered by Management Analysis Division of MMB, the survey includes users of BPAS and FNTS, as well as the other statewide systems SWIFT, SEMA4, the Data Warehouse, and ELM (CBS will be added next year).

Users will be asked to rate their satisfaction with each application, as well as training, instructional materials, and help desk assistance. The survey also includes open-ended questions for users to suggest improvements. Budget Planning and Operations will review the survey results to inform future system development and enhancements. The survey is a structured random sampling of system users. We value your feedback, so please respond if you are selected!

System Browser Compatibility

Although the three budget systems—BPAS, CBS, and FNTS—are accessed through the SWIFT Administrative Portal, each is an independent application and their internet browser compatibility differs, as shown in the table below:

Browser	BPAS	CBS	FNTS
IE-9	✓	✓	✓
IE-10	in test	in test	✓
IE-11	in test*	in test	in test
Chrome		✓	✓
Mozilla		✓	✓

MMB is currently testing the systems' compatibility with IE versions 10 and 11 and will update users as test results are known. *The current version of BPAS (Oracle Hyperion 11.1.2.3.5) is not compatible with IE11; however, an application upgrade that's being tested may be.

Budget Planning and Operations Staff

Jackie Miller has joined the Budget Planning and Operations section as Biennial Budget Coordinator. Jackie comes to MMB from MNsure and previously worked for the Department of Health. She will be

coordinating the state budget, fiscal notes and legislative initiative processes and serve as the primary functional expert on BPAS.

FNTS project manager Lisa DeRemee has moved into the position of Budget Systems Business Manager. In her new role she will coordinate the operation, maintenance and development of the three budget systems.

CBS Capital Budget System

CBS Is Launched

The new web-based Capital Budget System's Phase 1 (data collection) went live on May 4. State agencies and, for the first time, local governments have access to the new system and are entering their preliminary capital requests. If users encounter system issues, please direct them to the SWIFT help desk at (651) 201-8100, option 2, or SWIFTHelpDesk.MMB@state.mn.us.

Preliminary capital budget requests must be entered in CBS by June 12, after which date MMB will close the system to produce the preliminary capital budget request documents (Phase 2) to be submitted to the legislature on July 15.

Construction will continue over the coming months on Phases 3 through 5 of the project, which will complete system features for MMB's review of capital requests, production of the Governor's capital budget submission, and tracking of legislative action.

FNTS Completes First Session
The new web-based Fiscal Note Tracking System successfully handled more than 1,000 fiscal note requests during the 2015 legislative session. The application itself experienced no unscheduled down-time (a network server issue interrupted service for all statewide systems late April). State agencies, including constitutional offices and the public higher education systems, entered and completed 1,366 fiscal notes in the new system—exceeding the total completed in the last biennial budget session, in 2013.

System Maintenance and Enhancements
MMB has assembled a list of system issues to be resolved for the 2016 legislative session. Enhancements to FNTS under consideration include expanding the capacity of the fiscal note narrative text boxes. Now that FNTS is no longer in project stage, MMB will be initiating a system user group to provide input and recommendations for system and/or process changes that will benefit all statewide users. Look for further information about the FNTS User Group in future editions of the Budget Systems Newsletter.

BPAS Budget Planning and Analysis System

Oracle Hyperion Upgrade
Over the summer, MMB will be testing an upgrade to BPAS. Hyperion version 11.1.2.4 includes fixes to several application defects as well as internet browser compatibility enhancements. Agencies will be notified when the upgrade has been fully tested and migrated to production.