Budget Systems

BPAS Budget Planning and Analysis System

FNTS Fiscal Note Tracking System

CBS Capital Budget System

Newsletter

Summer 2015

BPAS and FNTS User Groups to Be Formed

MMB is establishing user groups for the Fiscal Note and Budget Planning and Analysis systems. The two groups will advise and make recommendations to MMB's Statewide Enterprise Resource and Planning Customer Advisory Group (CAG) on systems or process changes to FNTS and BPAS.

Membership is open to any agency or legislative personnel who regularly work with FNTS or BPAS and have sufficient knowledge of the systems and an interest in assessing needs from a statewide perspective. If you would like to serve on the BPAS or FNTS user group, contact Lisa DeRemee at lisa.deremee@state.mn.us for more information.

Statewide Systems Survey Action Plans

MMB is preparing action plans to address findings from the second annual Statewide Systems Survey conducted in June by MMB's Management Analysis Division. The plans to be published in September will identify action steps to raise overall user satisfaction and increase user expertise.

Budget systems users expressed a neutral level of satisfaction with BPAS and a neutral to positive level of overall satisfaction with FNTS; detailed results are shown in the table below:

Response	BPAS Users	FNTS Users
5 – Very Satisfied	1%	8%
4	20%	33%
3 – Neutral	53%	42%
2	23%	18%
1 – Very Unsatisfied	3%	0%

FNTS users found the new system intuitive; BPAS users noted improvements made since the system's initial launch. The survey action plans will target the system features that users said they were least satisfied with—reporting for BPAS users, rich text editor fields for FNTS users. Watch for updates in the next newsletter.

Browser Compatibility Update

MMB has set a goal of making all three budget systems compatible with Internet Explorer version 11. Currently, both BPAS (Oracle Hyperion 11.1.2.3.500) and FNTS are compatible with Internet Explorer 9 and 10. CBS can be used with IE9, but has some navigation issues with IE10. IE11 compatibility has been added to the requirements of the CBS project and to the FNTS system's Phase 2, which is targeted to be completed before the start of the 2016 legislative session.

Oracle's latest upgrade to Hyperion (version 11.1.2.4) is not certified IE-11 compatible, but MMB has successfully tested it while running IE-11 in Enterprise Mode. This setting is not the default in IE-11; websites have to be added to the "Use the Enterprise Mode IE website list" by an administrator. MMB will provide instructions for browser settings when the BPAS upgrade is installed in production later this year.

CBS Capital Budget System

Capital Budget System Reopened to Users

The capital budget system will be reopened on Friday, August 7 for all users to resume work on 2016 capital budget requests. Final requests are due on October 16; a notification with a checklist of "To Dos" was sent to users on August 3.

If users encounter system issues with CBS, please direct them to the SWIFT help desk at (651) 201-0100, option 2, or SWIFTHelpDesk.MMB@state.mn.us.

CBS Reopened, cont.
Please note that while the Reports screen is now available, agency users will not yet be able to run the Agency Project Detail report, which includes funding and project cost information. The report, along with updates to the Statutory Requirements screen, is scheduled to be installed the week of August 10.

CBS Project Update: Phases I and II Completed
The CBS project has successfully completed building its first two phases. The success is seen in the entry of 271 capital budget requests by 70 political subdivisions and 25 state agencies, and the on-time delivery of the July 15 Preliminary Capital Budget to the legislature. Phase 3 is now underway to build features to support MMB's review of capital requests. Phases 4 and 5 of the project will construct system modules to produce the Governor's January 15 capital budget submission and track legislative action.

FY 2015 year-end actual data will be loaded from SWIFT to BPAS after hard close on August 15. In preparation, MMB has updated appropriations and other metadata and will be monitoring SWIFT to ensure that any additional account changes agencies make are also captured in BPAS metadata before the data load.

Update - Oracle Hyperion Upgrade
Testing of Hyperion version 11.1.2.4 has been interrupted to perform necessary infrastructure maintenance on the BPAS development environment. Testing is expected to resume this fall, with the goal of installing the upgrade in production before the end of the calendar year. The upgrade includes fixes to several application defects as well as internet browser compatibility enhancements.

FNTS Fiscal Note Tracking System

FNTS Improvements to Be Made
Work is expected to begin in late summer on upgrades to FNTS. At the top of the list is fine-tuning and completing features included in the system's original design requirements, including email notifications, companion bill assignment, and fiscal note status. Also to be completed are updates so the system is compatible with IE-11 and modifications to select features, including the rich text editor fields.

BPAS Budget Planning and Analysis System

Enacted FY 2016-2017 Budget, FY 2015 Close
MMB Budget Planning and Operations has decided not to prepare an enacted FY 2016-2017 budget in BPAS. Agencies will not be required to enter and distribute enacted change items from the 2016 legislative session in BPAS.