



PSFIN V8 Project

PeopleSoft Financials Version 8.9

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Newsletter

And now, a Message from Our Sponsor



*William R. Bowes,
Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs*

The PeopleSoft Financials V8 project is just past the halfway mark on our project timeline. This is a time to celebrate the successes of the past ten months and to gear up as we enter the homestretch. Among the project milestones that have been successfully completed are fit/gap, design, and development. The project team is now immersed in system testing, and soon each campus will come to Athens to complete its own User Acceptance Testing.

As we move into these final phases of the PSFIN V8 project, it is more important than ever that each institution participate fully and commit to completing tasks in a timely manner. Your successes are ultimately the project's successes. The tool that we've chosen to use to measure these project successes is the PSFIN V8 Project Scorecard, and as you know, the Project team carefully monitors how each campus is progressing toward meeting its criteria. It is important, though, not to lose sight of the purpose of the scorecard: to give the entire team visibility to how well we are doing and how prepared we are to do our jobs in the 8.9 world.

Thanks to each of you for your ongoing support and commitment to the success of the Financials V8 Project.

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Save the Date!

August Quarterly Update Meeting

Where: Macon State College, Auditorium K

When: Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Who: Campus Coordinator, Technical Representative, and up to two other attendees from each institution

What: Proposed agenda posted on the GeorgiaFIRST Financials web site:
<http://www.usg.edu/gafirst/fin/project/v8/news/events/>

The focus of this Quarterly Update Meeting is to provide information about the technical impact of the PSFIN V8 project. Technical Representatives from each campus are encouraged to attend. Contact your Campus Coordinator if you are interested in attending.

Stay in the Know

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, contact the PSFIN V8 Project Team at:
psfin_upgrade@usg.edu

Information and documents related to the project can be found at:

<http://www.usg.edu/gafirst/fin/project/v8/>



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Georgia Summit and the PSFIN V8 Project

The Georgia Summit Conference will be held in Augusta, Georgia on September 19 - 21, 2007. This year's Financials track features important sessions and workshops that focus on the Financials V8 Project. These sessions include

- PSFIN V8 Project Update
- Query Basics for PeopleSoft Financials V8
- PeopleSoft Financials – How Will It Change?
- Overview of Procurement in 8.9

A complete conference agenda is located at <http://www.usg.edu/oijt/summit/2007/agenda/>. To register for the conference, please go to the Georgia Summit 2007 website at <http://www.usg.edu/oijt/summit/2007/registration/>.

In addition, the Financials Project team will conduct the following workshops:

- Security and Workflow
- Development
- Training Plans

Contact your Campus Coordinator to register for these workshops.

The PSFIN V8 project team will also be holding institutional interviews during Georgia Summit this year. Chelle Stringer, your Institutional Readiness advocate and representative, will be contacting each Campus Coordinator to schedule time for a face-to-face meeting to discuss your concerns, successes, and any barriers that may require OIIT assistance in removing.

The September Institutional Readiness meeting will be held during the Summit conference on Wednesday afternoon September 19th.

See you in Augusta!

The 5 Ws of UAT

Who? Each institution will send one super user per module.

What? UAT (User Acceptance Testing) is the first opportunity each institution has to see an upgraded version of its database. During UAT, each institution is responsible for testing specific business processes in these pre-production copies of their data.

When? Group 1 will be in UAT from November 12 through December 7. Group 2 UAT is scheduled from December 17

through January 18. Please refer to the chart below for dates and modules for each UAT group.

Where? OIIT, Athens, Georgia. For directions, please see the following URL: <http://www.usg.edu/oijt/directions.phtml>.

Why? You are responsible for reviewing and executing core business processes in your own data as one of our key project milestones.

UAT Group	Week	Module	Number of Days	New Dates
Group 1	1	Training	1	November 12
		Budget Prep	1	November 13
		eProcurement and Purchasing	3	November 14 - 16
	2	Training	1	November 26
		Accounts Payable and Expenses	4	November 27 - 30
	3	Training	1	December 3
		Asset Management	1	December 4
		General Ledger	3	December 5 - 7
Group 2	1	Training	1	December 17
		Budget Prep	1	December 18
		eProcurement and Purchasing	3	December 19 - 21
	2	Training	1	January 7
		Accounts Payable and Expenses	4	January 8 - 11
	3	Training	1	January 14
		Asset Management	1	January 15
		General Ledger	3	January 16 - 18

Go-Live!

Now that you know what group you'll be in for the Financials Project Go-Live!, what does this mean? Institutions will be scheduled for UAT, Training, and Implementation tasks based on which group it is assigned to.

Dates for Training and UAT have been determined, and in the months ahead, you can look forward to more information re-

garding the tasks you'll be engaged in the month before your first day in production in Financials 8.9.

The complete listing of institutions by Go-Live! group and date is available at: <http://www.usg.edu/gafirst/fin/project/v8/news/golive/golive.pdf>.

Development Subteam



Back Row, L to R: Bill Green, Lee Bailey, Rod Reynolds, Michael Campbell, and Steve Liquori

Front Row, L to R: Cindy Zeng, Alice Bray, Susan Hartman, Lina Brennan, Ben Khuwatsamrit, and Karen Dykstra (subteam lead)

The Development subteam is leading the technical development for modifications to PeopleSoft Financials 8.9-delivered objects and BOR-added customizations to eliminate gaps in required functionality. Modifications and customizations will be completed only to the extent necessary to support BOR institutional business processes.

They will enhance and modify the PSFIN V8 release process, create a business process that will govern how changes will be documented within objects and other components that have been BOR-modified or created, and create a tracking submodule that will track all changes made to the PeopleSoft-delivered Financials application.

They will also perform unit testing to ensure adherence to design specifications, develop a workstation installation process for PeopleTools 8.48, and develop secure interfaces between internal and external systems using the optimum integration tools.

Look Ahead!

Quarterly Update Meetings

08/29/2007 (Technical Update)

Institutional Readiness (IR) Web Conferences

- August meeting at August Quarterly Update meeting on 08/29/2007
- September Meeting at Georgia Summit in Augusta on 09/19/2007
- October meeting on 10/24/2007

User Acceptance Testing

11/12/2007 – 01/18/2008

Training

12/10/2007 – 02/27/2008

You Spoke

You requested that more than two users per module be able to attend the Super User training, yet still have the training flexible enough to meet the needs of those who must be trained in more than one module.

We Listened

After careful planning, we can announce that each institution can send up to three users per module to the Super User training.

