

# PSFIN V8 Upgrade Status Report

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**Week Ending: December 22, 2006**

## **Significant Decisions Made Since Last Report**

### **Communications:**

- All communications to/from all institutions will be filtered through the Communications sub-team via the [Psfin\\_Upgrade@usg.edu](mailto:Psfin_Upgrade@usg.edu) email address.
- Weekly Update will be targeted to Campus Coordinators only. They are responsible for distributing information or assigning action items for their campus.
- Learner Characteristics survey will be distributed to customers electronically immediately following the Quarterly Upgrade Update meeting in Macon on Jan 23rd.

### **Architecture:**

- nVision, Crystal Reports, SQR, and the Oracle client software will be made available to the institutions.
- The SSH client will be used by Technical Services to administer the NT Batch servers after installation and configuration.

### **Upgrade:**

- MP5 will be included in the next Test Move in January. Only critical patches will be applied that come after MP5.
- Upgrade subteam will now own the App and Web servers that reside on the VMware machines. This is to streamline the process to reduce the number of resources required to resolve issues and complete tasks.
- Upgrade subteam members will be first point of contact for resolving issues related to functional access to upgrade environments.

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## Significant Accomplishments Since Last Report

- **Overall**
  - SOW for Design and Development phases of the upgrade have been forwarded to USO.
- **Upgrade**
  - Test Move 1 to 8.9 is 95% complete, and should be finalized by Friday, December 29, if not sooner.
- **Architecture**
  - Hardware specifications for UPK have been defined.
  - The Architecture sub team is currently going through the design process for defining the application architecture for PSFIN V8. More details and decisions will follow soon.
  - The load testing servers are currently being installed by the DBA team.
- **Security**
  - Consulting resources are being interviewed to assist with upgrade related security efforts.
- **Functional**
  - Functional design specifications are in progress. The first walk through meeting to hand off to development will be held January 4, 2007.
- **Development**
  - Completed the first round interviews for the SAIII position and have scheduled three of the candidates to come back for a second interview the first week of January.
  - First draft of the GeorgiaFirst Application Development Standards document has been completed.
- **Communications**
  - Weekly Communications Updates to campus coordinators initiated on December 18th. These communications will resume on a weekly basis as of January 8th.

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## Outstanding Issues, Possible Resolutions & Decisions Needed

- **Upgrade**
  - The upgrade subteam has identified memory/processing issues that caused delays during test move 1. One possible option to resolve is to purchase more NT servers. A final recommendation will be made in early January by the project team.
- **Functional**
  - Recommendation to leave AR configuration and functionality as is in the upgrade has been approved by the Business Process Project Manager and has been forwarded to Project Sponsor for final decision.
- **Other**
  - One Technical Representatives still needed (Georgia College).
  - Vacant FDM and PSFIN functional and development positions introduce risk to functional and technical tasks for the project and for FDM tasks. PSFIN support position posting closes 12/29/06. FDM position is open until filled. Development positions remain unfilled with a request to backfill with consultants until these positions are staffed.
- **Development**
  - OIIT is working on solution to facilitate messaging of HRMS personal data to Financials required for Expenses and eProcurement functionality. This effort will require updates in HRMS. A meeting with HRMS is schedule on 1/9/07 to further define the requirements. HRMS upgrade schedule will significantly impact the ultimate solution for transferring personal data from HR to Financials, and it could impact the timeline for development and system testing.
- **Architecture**
  - A solution for load testing is pending from the Architecture sub-team. More information will follow soon.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Overall**
    - Upgrade project will be released to all GeorgiaFIRST production instances in January of 2007. This project includes diagnostic reports and queries for institutional data clean up.
  - **Upcoming team training:**
    - PeopleCode –February 2007
    - PeopleTools – January 2007
    - PeopleSoft Integration Tools - TBD
    - PeopleSoft Server Administration – February 2007
  - **Upgrade**
    - Formal high level presentation January 9 at 3:00 p.m. conference room 160. NOTE: This date may change due to UBP being executed for first Test Move.
  - **Communication**
    - Upgrade Update Meeting to be held on 1/23/06 at Macon State College.
    - Monthly institutional readiness conference calls scheduled to begin in February of 2007.
    - Upgrade Newsletter to be released 1/8/07
  - **Architecture**
    - Initial load testing.
    - Installation of vmware environment.
    - Set-up a prototype of Integration Broker for the purposes of testing in January.
  - **Security**
    - Security Templates will be given to OIIT functional leads in early January.
  - **Development**
    - Interviews of Skybridge development consultants
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