

Subcommittee Teleconference on FMIS 5.0 Notes

Thursday 4 November 2014 / 3:00 pm EST

Present on Call - SOFMA Leadership/FHWA/AASHTO

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Present on Call - Member Departments

Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Virginia

Notes

Elissa Konove, Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Highway Administration, pointed everyone to the e-mail passed on by AASHTO staff earlier in the day with attachments detailing the items FHWA is working on for the initial implementation of FMIS 5.0.

The first of the attachments is a list of pre-implementation changes FHWA is working on that were identified through feedback and the User Acceptance Testing. These are changes that need to be made in order to have an effective business process and have obligations/authorizations/expenditures be functional when the system is active. FHWA is working hard on the requirements/specifics for those items, and as soon as those are finalized, they will be included for where they impact the state guidance.

The second is a list of critical defects. These are necessary fixes in order to continue the workflow (e.g., not being able to go to the next step) and will be made before implementation.

The last includes other pending items that are possible for future updates of the system, after the initial implementation. The weekly webinars have been helpful to determine the level of impact of these items among all users.

Q&A

Q: Will training and a manual be provided?

A: Yes. FHWA has been working on a training plan and materials related to that. The training will be provided by module. They have identified volunteers from division offices that will deliver training.

Q: Is there an estimate of the Go Live date for FMIS 5?

A: They are aiming for February or March 2015, to provide time to put in core functionalities while keeping in mind the windows for the federal and state fiscal years.

Q: Not finding the conversion of Advance Construction in the list of pre-implementation changes. Is that not going to be addressed pre-implementation?

A: They identified it as a defect, and thus it's not in compliance with the requirements and is taking a different track to getting fixed. It will still be addressed before implementation.

Q: Will the file size upload issue for Current Bill be addressed? (Multiple states expressed this is an issue for them)

A: FHWA will follow up regarding this topic.

Q: Is there going to be a comment period? For states that have an issue that is very important for them, but on the post-implementation list, what recourse do they have?

A: FHWA is hoping to work in conjunction with the division offices to manage state-and/or-region-specific issues. State DOTs should contact their division office to work out a time. If an issue on the post-implementation list is a more pressing issue for a number of states, it may be moved to one of the other lists.

Q: When can the revised state guidance document be expected?

A: As soon as FHWA is able to complete...staff has been pulled from many other tasks for work related to that.

Q: Will there be an individualized outreach to the states pre-implementation that upload and capabilities to core functions would be rolled out to each state to ensure they would be ready?

A: One of the activities included in the training will be a readiness assessment with those core functionalities included.

There will be another FMIS call in the coming weeks.

The teleconference was adjourned.