

Current ECP Log

ECP DATE	ECP NUMBER	MIS PROGRAM	REVIEW STATUS	STATUS DATE	COMMENTS	SUBMITTED BY
08-Oct-03	100820030057	SMIRF	Functional Evaluation	08-Oct-03	<p>Description of Change :</p> <p>Excel downloads need to be corrected to compensate for credit accounts which show negative on downloaded spreadsheets and which should appear as positive amounts.</p> <p>Effect on User :</p> <p>Reports based on these downloads can lead to misleading briefings and decisions. The Excel download loses functionality when users must manually convert positive numbers to negative and negatives to positives. Ability to easily prepare charts from excel is lost because numbers are not correct.</p> <p>Recommended Solution :</p> <p>Reprogram SMIRF to eliminate the issue.</p>	Maynard Hines

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02-Oct-03	100220030056	SNACS	Functional Evaluation	06-Oct-03	<p>Description of Change :</p> <p>In PRISM to issue a BPA call record the form number is the same as for issuing a Purchase Order, DD FORM 1155. The BPA is a simplified method of purchasing. Having to use DDFORM 1155 is unreasonable for a BPA Call Number.</p> <p>Effect on User : It is very cumbersome and takes too long to create a BPA call record using the current method via DDFORM 1155 with the SNACS program in PRISM. This is not cost effective use of manpower to create a BPA call number as it is in SNACS today. In effort to cooperate with the consolidation process of NAF Contracting, Fort Benning NAF Contracting intended using the SNACS BPA program at the beginning of FY04 prior to its eventual transfer to the SERCCO. My plan was to setup User ID's for BPA Callers in SNACS and let them use the automated system. However, creating a BPA call number in SNACS is excessive waste of time and supplies.</p> <p>Recommended Solution : Recommend someone contact me to review the format and method used in the NAF Contracting Office, Fort Benning, GA. This Contracting Office issues BPA Call numbers, creates the call record and the reports. The format we use is very simple and effective. Developing a similiar format and incorporating into SNACS, would be a very useful method to capture additional financial data. A simplier format could encourage other Installations to use it. It will provide better controls when Installations are consolidated.</p>	Carolyn Nance

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09-Jun-03	060920030052	SNACS	Functional Recommendation	13-Jun-03	<p>Description of Change :</p> <p>The Commander's CFSC Annual Assurance Statement included input from all CFSC Directorates and field operations. A material weakness was reported (IR-02-70) by the DHL General Manager regarding a lack of security within the DHL Standard NAF Automated Contracting System (SNACS) program and the ability of the 8th Army regional users to gain unauthorized access to procurement sensitive data at other sites to include reports. In addition, users had access to procurement sensitive information that was not part of their job function. This material weakness has been addressed through the development of a new security group matrix in PRISM Web. The new matrix added security groups for each function in PRISM and forced the segregation of sites thus eliminating unauthorized viewing of documents between sites. In addition, users must be assigned to the proper security group based on their job function. The one area of the program that could not be segregated is the report section of PRISM. PRISM Web does not allow for the separation of data by site for canned or custom reports. Any individuals currently assigned to the reports group would have access to all procurement sensitive data. This is unacceptable and does it meet internal management controls required to correct the material weakness.</p> <p>Effect on User :</p> <p>The only way to secure the procurement sensitive data was to turn off the report feature of SNACS/PRISM to the all users. The loss of user reports takes a valuable information and management tool away from the all PRISM users and managers of MWR.</p> <p>Recommended Solution :</p> <p>Crystal Enterprise is the WEB based reporting, analysis and information delivery solution available to meet SNACS/PRISM web reporting requirements for NAF Contracting Offices. Crystal Web Enterprise will meet the requirement of separating the sites within a database for management information reports if it is set up with processing extensions. Crystal Reports</p>	David Allen

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					<p>software has always been used to create both the canned and custom reports in SNACS. The separation of sites for reports is necessary to complete the effort to fix the material weakness reported in FY 02.</p> <p>Crystal Enterprise will also allow for the publication and distribution of custom reports of data mined from the PRISM Web database. Custom reports will provide management the ability to obtain integrated and meaningful information to perform a complete and comprehensive analysis.</p>	
02-Jun-03	060220030051	FMBS	Functional Evaluation	12-Jun-03	<p>Description of Change : Bad Aibling (NB) and Menwith Hill (NA) databases for FY03 have been added to the IMA-E FMBS. They are temporarily assigned to IMA-E and prior year databases have not been input.</p> <p>Effect on User : For IMA-E to do a Region / MACOM prior year comparative analysis, these new garrison additions will create a considerable amount of hand massaging to produce the desired data.</p> <p>Recommended Solution : Provide in IMA-E FMBS a print level that produces a region rollup excluding the Bid Aibling and Menwith Hill garrisons or provide for all FMBS users a print level that allows selection of the desired garrisons. Either of these options would be a great time saver in a time when we are seeing wholesale personnel reductions.</p>	Charles Fortmeyer 0049-6221-57-6361

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28-May-03	052820030050	FMBS	Functional Evaluation	12-Jun-03	<p>Need to remove lock on changing funding data in CPMC area of FMBS.</p> <p>Example, if I budget an APF authorized project as being paid for with NAF and later APF funds become available I need to be able to change the code from N for NAF to A for APF.</p> <p>However currently we are unable to change this once the project has been created and saved.</p> <p>Effect on User :</p> <p>We are not capturing correctly what support is being paid for with APF and NAF</p> <p>Recommended Solution :</p> <p>Remove the lock on that data field so we are able to change funding codes as with project status code</p>	Mike Heffernan

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13-May-03	051320030048	Rectrac 9.5a1g	Functional Evaluation	12-Jun-03	<p>Currently we are using Rec Trac Version 9.5a1g.</p> <p>Needed Enhancements:</p> <p>Front nine and back nine starts are only an available option in Course File Maintenance. They need to be an option in Tee Time Generator, to allow single tee start without back nine option or split tee tee start with back option. Currently you can either see the back nine tee times or not, regardless of 18 hole or crossover.</p> <p>In reservations, one must toggle off the "reserve tee time on #1 or #10 tee". This should be only optional for a nine hole golf course where the tee needs to be blocked or where nine hole rounds are played. It should be an option to always have this off. If this not toggled off, a tee time is "created" on the other nine or filled if already created, creating confusion for starters and non-golf staff (many of whom are senior citizens).</p> <p>The tee sheet printout does not differentiate #1 or #10 tee.</p> <p>In Pattern Tee time reservation, there is no option for #10 tee starts for groups on days when this would apply.</p> <p>Shotgun Starts? Which would allow up to 36 groups at the same time on the same day, more like a list reservation than time reservations.</p> <p>Effect on User :</p> <p>Enhanced experience when playing at the course</p>	Tom Green 410-278-5486

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06-Mar-03	030620030008	HEAT	Implemented	14-May-03	<p>Description of Change :</p> <p>There is a requirement to have a " Cust ID " for the CWF/PRF HQs at Hoffman Blding.</p> <p>Effect on User :</p> <p>This is needed for better accounting of actions, rather than keep putting them on the ASP IDs.</p> <p>Recommended Solution :</p> <p>They are not in a MACOM or REGION code. There " Cust ID " code could be any not used for " NA?? ".</p> <p>I might suggest a Name like " CWF/PRF - HQ - Hoffman ".</p>	Sherri Malace

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06-Mar-03	030620030009	HEAT	Development	14-May-03	<p>Description of Change :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the HEAT Ticket, under the " Software " PickList, there is listed both FMBS & FMBS v2.0, only one of these is needed. 2. If the " Quick Call " is not used, why not delete the field. 3. In the SOP HEAT Sections a4a a4c a4f , it says to Select from the " Cause Block ", but this block is empty, you can add a new Cause, but it will not be there the next time, this needs to be fixed. 4. In the SOP HEAT Section b, it says to Submit an ECP to change HEAT Tables, I might suggest that it be worded as, Complete a Problem Report using the ECP-S Form O-nLine. <p>Effect on User : The effect of these suggestions is for better reporting and use of the HEAT system.</p> <p>Recommended Solution :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I would suggest use FMBS v2.0 only, as we only support this version. 2. Not Needed ? 3. We can supply our own causes, but that will be meaningless trash in notime. 4. These are adding data Problems, not really ECP Requests. 	Georgette Cornio

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06-Mar-03	030620030010	HEAT	Functional Recommendation	10-May-03	<p>Description of Change : There are Some Duplications/Confusions in the Use of the " Cust ID " field.</p> <p>See IDs NETE & NETX, they are listed as : NETE - NE Region Single Fund NETX - NE Region Oversight Fund These are descriptions for MWR FMD Funding sources, not Physical Installations.</p> <p>See also the IDs/Descriptions for : EURZH / EURZU KORKH / KORKP NALA / NAUA NWEP / NWET PACQA / PACQT SEFA SWHA</p> <p>Effect on User : To eliminate confusion and better reporting of tickets.</p> <p>Recommended Solution : I would suggest descriptions more like :</p> <p>NE Region Headquarters Korea Region Headquarters DLA Headquarters</p> <p>and use only one of the Cust ID Codes, your pick.</p>	Georgette Cornio

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05-Feb-03	020520030005	RecTrac	Vendor Review	20-May-03	Multiple Posting	Elsie Anderson

Description of Change :
 RecTrac/GolfTrac/CYMS v9.4 allows separation of cash reporting/balancing with use of Military DAR II and EOS Cash out report. Cashiers can count the cash blindly, and input what they have into the system as many times as needed, as long as they don't "post". Once the "post", the system retains that information. There is no way to stop the users from posting multiple times.

Effect on User :
 When there are multiple posting, it really messes up the end of day financial reports.

Recommended Solution :
 Realize this is a training issue, but the system should be able to restrict users from multiple posting, and where it isn't restricted, at least put in a warning screen that the drawer has already been posted. Restriction from multiple posting should be a default setting when users are created. If we are going to electronic transfer of these reports, we need to minimize where errors can occur.

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05-Feb-03	020520030006	RecTrac	Vendor Review	12-Jun-03	Detail Screen on Reports	Elsie Anderson

Description of Change :

When a user prints a financial report (Military DAR II, Cash Journal, GL distribution), the "detail" screen is available to them. This screen allows us to exclude transactions from certain modules and pay methods. On the report itself, it will look like the transactions never occurred.

Effect on User :

Users will make changes on the detail screen and forget about it, submitting reports to NFS that causes a lot of confusion because the information that is on one report does not appear on another. Worse yet, the user will intentionally exclude certain things to pocket cash.

Recommended Solution :

Do not make the detail screen available to anyone except the ISO and/or RecTrac System Administrator. Also, when the settings of these financial reports are approved as a standard, have the settings "locked in" for the user, or have it as a default that it would always return to if the settings are changed for a one time report.

Also, have the settings "linked" for the Military DAR II, GL Distribution and Cash Journal, so it always reports the same ranges (i.e. date, begin/end user, drawer, receipt#, etc).

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05-Feb-03	020520030007	Rectrac	Implemented	13-Feb-03	Closing Open Tickets	Elsie Anderson

Description of Change :
 For Rectrac/Golfrac v9.4 POS module - Golf course snack bar at the Zama GC found that open tickets work well. However, there is a problem if the waiter/waitress who created the ticket is not the cashier. As it stands, only the person who created the ticket can close it.

Effect on User :
 The Cashier has to log in as the waiter/waitress to close the ticket.

Recommended Solution :
 Request a security file setting that will allow a user (such as a cashier) to close open tickets that they did not create, so they can ring up the sale and collect the payment.

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20-Jan-03	012020030047	TLMS	Pending CCB Evaluation	14-May-03	<p data-bbox="1066 159 1346 178">Description of Change :</p> <p data-bbox="1066 188 1688 699">With upgrade to TLMS vendor has stated that the new ethernet time clocks MUST communicate at 10mps or data may not transfer properly when polled. This has to be done by locking a port on a hub to 10 or by using an older 10mps hub. This 10mps restriction is old technology most installation have gone fast-ethernet (10/100) and some are even going to giga-bit networks. This will pose a problem at installations where they are unable to lock the setting of a hub to the slower rate, or there DOIM will not allow data communication slower the 100mps. Vendor has suggested that daisy-chaining the clock to a 10 hub then to the regular switch will "probably" work but doing it this way is not guaranteed and is just another work around for devices that many installations spent lots of money to upgrade to not knowing this was an issue.</p> <p data-bbox="1066 732 1247 751">Effect on User :</p> <p data-bbox="1066 761 1688 878">If the installation is unable to set the clock up with the proper data transfer setting the time clock will not poll properly and employees punches can not be recorded using these clocks.</p> <p data-bbox="1066 911 1360 930">Recommended Solution :</p> <p data-bbox="1066 940 1688 1209">Emphasize to Ceridian that these clocks need to be upgraded so that was they can be plugged into a 10/100 network without any special setup or fix. For many years we struggled with having to have 2400bps modems attached to remote clocks, which were hard to find and a security violation with the modem. Now if not corrected we will struggle with another "special" setup in order to make the devices work.</p>	Paul Burk

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12-Nov-02	111220020046	TLMS	Estimating	20-May-03	<p>Description of Change : To achieve our strategic goal of webifying all applications, TLMS requires a change to allow multiple installations to reside on a single database. This change deals with eliminating the Army Module which was built primarily to create the DA Form 4850. Since files are transfered electronically, there is no need to build the form as a report from the system. The primary commercial module has a time sheet that has all of the pertinent data on it, just in different spots. This change would be consistent with the IT Realignment Plan, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act and the Paperwork Reduction Act.</p> <p>Effect on User : The affect on the user of this change is that we would now be able to perform regional roll up of T & A data. With the introduction this FY of new networkable clocks that could be polled from the installation, it would make consolidation of data at the installation easier.</p> <p>Recommended Solution : Eliminate the DA Form 4850, which will eliminate the Army module and enable the greater community to consolidate T & A data via the Web.</p>	Richard Dey
04-Nov-02	110420020043	FMBS	Implemented	20-Dec-02	<p>Hoping you can provide some insight for us to be able to access all civilian fund data without entering a seperate data base for each. We have Army Installation funds under all CONUS regions, and the following DOD agencies..DLA, DFAS, DCAA, DCMA, DIA, and NIMA. For those that are not currently utilizing FMBS - they will be required to over the course of FY03. Thanks in advance for any assistance you can provide regarding this.</p> <p>Bob Maze</p>	Bob Maze

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04-Nov-02	110420020044	TLMS	Vendor Review	14-Nov-02	<p>Description of Change : Request Ceridian Time and Attendance install a decoding device in their software program so that it will read the new Army Common Access Card (CAC).</p> <p>Effect on User : Most NAF employees time and attendance is generated through a time clock. In order to use this clock, the employees are given ID badges. Each badge has a barcode that is matched by the employees pin number entered into the program by the timekeeper. At this time the program only allows numerical pins. NAF employees are also giving an ID card to access the post. For each employee that punches a time clock, two forms of identification are required on a every day.</p> <p>In an attempt to allow NAF employees to swipe in and out using the new Army CAC Card, I found that the barcode is a 18-digit figure of both alpha and numeric digits. The time clock reads the barcode, however the program does not. The way the program is setup today, it will only read numerical entries.</p> <p>Recommended Solution : We have the new version 7.1.1 of the Time and Attendance software from Ceridian. In purchasing this product, we also received new clocks. We had 3 activities get clocks that never had them before. This new software package did not include ID badges, and we are now forced to purchase them. In addition, we are not a consolidated data base. In order for our installation to become consolidated, one important criteria is that we have no duplicating pins. For this reason, we would again be forced to purchase new ID badges. I recommend that Ceridian install a device in their software that would decode the 18-digit alpha/numreric barcode on the CAC Card so the program would read it. By doing this, we can eliminate the future purchases of ID badges Army wide, to include GS employees also. In addition, we are told that in the future we will log on and off of our computers with the CAC Card. In keeping with this logic, it seems justifiable that employees have one form of identication that would be used for accessing the post, clocking in and out and logging on and off of</p>	Allison Forts

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					their work stations.	
16-Oct-02	101620020003	HEAT	Closed	16-Oct-02	<p>First there are no instructions to indicate there are drop down pages. Personally I believe when the cursor is positioned in the page the options should appear. Normal people will have difficulty with te current method.</p> <p>My first example is the first blank - select one - one what???</p> <p>Of course the MACOMs need to be changed to IMA Regions.</p> <p>When you click ? nothing comes up. I would believe something should based on where the cursor is located or some general set of instructions.</p> <p>What is the default printer?</p>	Robert Boatwright
23-Sep-02	092320020042	TLMS	On Hold	16-Oct-02	<p>IRS is requesting the following information be supplied for each tipped employee.</p> <p>Cash Sales Charge Sales Cash Tips Charge Tips</p> <p>Currently the TLMS program only captures a Total Sales figure and there isn't a field to capture charge sales.</p>	June Jarvis
28-May-02	052820020040	TLMS	On Hold	16-Oct-02	<p>Workman's comp and unemployment comp are a percentage of gross pay. In STA, however, they are input as a flat monthly dollar amount.</p>	Matthew Frank