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EPM Quick Tip

Updating Cost Periods for the Next FY

Once a project is created in ePM, the cost periods may need to be updated. Depending on how far the cost periods extend. The best practice is to ensure that the project has 3-4 years of cost periods.

1. From within the project, open Project Properties
2. Click Edit
3. Click on the Periods page
4. Under Cost Periods, click Add Line for each month you are adding (we recommend adding one entire FY)
5. Enter the Description as (AUG 20), start and finish date, Accounting Code = FY20
6. Click Exit Edit Mode to Save.

EPM Replacement Update

In June, GSA released an RFQ for the replacement of ePM. After receiving strong vendor interest and moving through a full evaluation process, GSA decided to cancel the RFQ effective 9/5/19. GSA will be refining the RFQ documentation, and reissuing the RFQ package in the coming months. Due to the procurement delay, GSA’s ePM Replacement will not be available for use until FY21. In the interim, ePM/ePMXpress remains the PBS enterprise project management system.

Newly Funded Projects

At the beginning of August GSA received the FY18 & FY19 Senate resolutions for the Consolidation Activities program. Four projects on the FY18 spend plan were approved by both the House and Senate and cleared to move forward.

A communication was sent out with guidance and deadlines to perform project execution actions. The four approved projects on the FY18 Spend Plan are as follows:

1. IRS Edith Green Wendall Wyatt Federal Building. Portland OR. Owned Contraction. $550K (small project region 10)
2. VA VBA 201 Varick Federal Building NY, NY Owned Contraction $6,457,324 (large project region 2)
3. GAO 536 S. Clark St. Federal Building Chicago, IL, Leased to Owned Consolidation $3,081,201 (small project region 5)
4. HUD MLK Federal Building Atlanta, GA Leased to Owned Consolidation $9,022,059 (large project region 4)

Additional federal buildings with Congressionally approved projects in FY19 include:

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**MEET THE TEAM: HOPE BROWN**

Hope Brown joined the ePM team as a CIO Project Manager in Central Office. She has worked in various technical positions during her career including DoD, USDA, and as an independent web consultant. Her experience ranges from server admin, development to managing IT projects. She’s passionate about delivering value added solutions to her customers which harnesses the power of web technology.

Hope received her BS in Information System/Business Management from Park University and a MSA in Organizational Management with a dual concentration in Federal Government Management and Organization Development from Trinity University.

Outside of work Hope always enjoys traveling and is always ready for a good road trip whenever possible.

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**ePM Recertification**

Whoo-hoo!! We made it!! Another ePM Recertification period has successfully come to an end. We especially want to thank all regional and zonal administrators. We couldn’t have done it without you. We also want to thank everyone for your time and participation in making this a success. Over the years, we have tried to improve the recertification process to include communication with end users, regular updates on the process and outcomes and also documentation support. If you have any suggestions on how the recertification process can be improved, please send it to ePM support at epmsupport@gsa.gov.

Recertification closed on August 22nd with the following statistics:

- Programs 100%; 24 out of 24
- Projects 99.74%; 8505 out of 8513
- Users 73%; 2923 out of 4000

**End User Recertification**

- Number of Users Recertified: 2923
- Number of Users Not Recertified: 777

**Dashboard Updates**

If you find yourself looking up project information in multiple source systems, you might want to try one of the ODC Dashboards. Found on the D2D Portal, ODC has several dashboards available based on project types: Capital Projects, Small Projects, Courthouse Projects, Sustainability Projects, and RWAs. Depending on which dashboard you use, data from ePM, CPA, FMIS, IRIS, RETA, EASI, and gBuild are combined into visualizations and crosstab reports resulting in better insights into our projects and programs.

Major revisions are currently underway for the Capital Projects Dashboard and RWA Dashboard. Both dashboards will get a ‘new look’ similar to the Small Projects Dashboard making them easier to navigate. Updates to the Capital Projects Dashboard include a revised National Summary view with national measures and KPI results, exclusive views for the Project Delivery Measure and Timely Award KPI reports, an Executive Summary view and an updated Project Details view with location, financials, schedule milestones and project narratives. New information planned for the RWA Dashboard include visualizations for amendments, direct labor costs, overtime utilities and RWA details. Plans are to launch the CPD revisions by the end of the fiscal year and to roll out the revised RWA Dashboard in the first quarter.

For more information on the ODC Dashboards, contact tina.atkins@gsa.gov.