



Special Committee on Item Issues

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History of the Committee

NOTICE

“There is a need regarding bid histories and item list records, etc. to be a topic of discussion at the TUG. The States and Info Tech's involvement is crucial with these discussions in order to prepare for a discussion and report in detail to the group.”

History (continued)

Duties of the committee:

Two Conference calls should take place before the 1999 conference to assist the committee in preparing a preliminary report at that time.

The committee coordinator will submit a preliminary report to the Chair one-week before the conference in October 1999.

The committee coordinator will submit a preliminary report in the Business Session to the group at the conference in October 1999.

History (continued)

A final report will be due in New Mexico at the conference and an advance report to the Vice-Chair one-week before the October 2000 conference.

Minutes and report updates are to be submitted to the TUG Web-site for general review by TUG Chair and members.

Committee Members

- ❖ Jim Snyder, Indiana
- ❖ Shirley Daugherty, Nebraska
- ❖ David Bollie, Alabama
- ❖ David Mayo, Arkansas
- ❖ Robert Letourneux, Oregon
- ❖ Peggy Leight, Info Tech
- ❖ Brad Parks, Info Tech

The Issues

- 1) **ADD SCREENS:** The user "ADD" screens in SiteManager and PES display only the short description of the item from the item list.
- 2) **PRIMARY KEYS:** Primary key inconsistencies exist between SiteManager and PES/LAS.
- 3) **REFERENCE FILE SHARING:** Some states would like the ability to maintain their reference files in one location, without having to pass and import into other modules. Other states may desire to keep reference files separate across modules to accommodate existing business rules.

The Issues (continued)

- 4) **SCROLL SCREENS:** The scroll screen of items in the add item screen of SiteManager displays items from all spec years. Some states desire to limit the display (and thereby the ability to add items to a project) to the spec year defined in the project.
- 5) **BID HISTORIES:** Some states would like the ability to collapse their items for the purpose of creation of better bid histories.
- 6) **ITEMLINK:** Maintenance of the itemlink dataset in DSS is cumbersome and not conducive to current business practices (conversion back to English) in many states.

The Issues (continued)

7) OBSOLETE ITEMS: SiteManager does not allow the addition of any item to a contract that has been designated as obsolete in the item list.

8) NON-PARTICIPATING ITEMS: SiteManager does not have a non-participating fund field at the item level. Adding items to a fund other than the fund carried at the category level requires addition of a new category.

The Issues (continued)

- 9) **CONTRACT LINE NUMBERS:** Items are identified either by their item number or by the project item line number and in many places do not display the contract line number. Key structures are different between PES and SiteManager.
- 10) **HYBRID LUMP SUM ITEMS:** The underlying quantities of hybrid lump sums are not converted to the appropriate unit system when creating a view in DSS.

The Disclaimer

After identification of the key points, the committee proceeded to discuss potential solutions to the problems. The committee would like to emphasize that these are only potential solutions that need exploring. Our purpose was to bring to light the problems that exist. These suggestions are only a result of discussion and not feasibility or practicality studies. More study and discussion will be required to arrive at the appropriate solution for each of these problems.

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