

Users validate 50% of fiscal year-end patches

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The Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System is nearing the 2011 fiscal year closeout with approximately half of its “top 40” priorities fixed. Although patches exist for the other half, they either have not been validated by users in a testing environment to the point where they can be installed into DEAMS or the patches are dependent on other patches that are not ready for production.

Temporary workarounds exist for items that have not been fixed; no additional non-emergency patches will be installed until Oct. 8 so as not to interfere with closeout or the start of the new fiscal year.

September marks the second fiscal year closeout since deploying full capabilities at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., in May 2010. Operating Budget Account Numbers associated with Scott AFB will close out the fiscal year at noon on Sept. 27.

Earlier this year, Accenture, the DEAMS system integrator, transformed its series of improvement workshops at the DEAMS Functional Management Office in Fairview Heights, Ill., into eight sprints

to resolve issues directly related to the fiscal year closeout, and 32 sprints to fix defects and accelerate enhancements affecting system stability in fiscal year 2012. The goal to complete patches associated with the fiscal year closeout was Aug. 15.

Accenture developed solutions for the sprints as well as post-production sustainment patches, which end users and FMO subject matter experts review and evaluate before they enter production.

According to Nancy-Jeanne Rosenberg, acting functional manager for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for DEAMS, the DEAMS FMO is holding a series of meetings to discuss the scheduling of patches to ensure that they are loaded in the proper order and in a way that makes the best use of time with as little impact to users as possible. The goal is to load the remaining fiscal year-end patches into DEAMS by Nov. 8.

Development and testing of the remaining 32 sprints for system stabilization is on track for completion and installation into DEAMS by May.

DEAMS redesigns integrated process teams

The Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System Change Control Board is redesigning the integrated process team program to improve collaboration between the DEAMS program and functional management offices as they prepare to deploy the system beyond Scott AFB, Ill.

Appointed representatives from the FMO and PMO are working with the Air Force Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Management and Comptroller staff to develop the teams and charters. They are combining a total of 16 sometimes-redundant IPTs at the FMO and PMO into nine single program-level IPTs that will have clearly defined roles and responsibilities, expectations, constraints and requirements. They are using the Department of Defense Guide to Integrated Product and Process Development to design the teams.

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deploy DEAMS to the rest of the Air Force,” said Maj. Homero Martinez, the government lead for the DEAMS Site Activation Task Force. “We learned that we can be more efficient and effective by integrating our talent into cross-organizational teams, and we will continue to make adjustments as we find areas for improvement,” he added.

An IPT is a multidisciplinary group of people that is collectively responsible for delivering a defined product or process. The plan for DEAMS is to have IPTs for program management, deployment, sustainment, compliance, integrated testing, interfaces and conversions, business process and functional requirements, systems engineering, and development. The target date for implementation is Nov. 30.

DEAMS is scheduled to deploy to additional bases under Air Mobility Command in 2012 and 2013.

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DEAMS SATAF government lead***



DFAS planning

Jana Haynie, Randy Newcome, Joan Causey, Jonathan Witter, James McGinley, Ron Murlin, Nancy-Jeanne Rosenberg and Larry Lovette are among the participants of a Sept. 13 meeting at the DEAMS Functional Management Office to discuss DEAMS. Among the topics during the one-day conference were the end-of-year process, the life-cycle of a patch, patch testing, and transaction flows. Newcome and Causey were among the representatives from the Air Force Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Management and Comptroller; McGinley represented U.S. Transportation Command; and Haynie, Witter, Murlin, Rosenberg and Lovette were among the Defense Finance and Accounting Office attendees.

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