



DEAMS by the numbers

Transactions soar, penalties drop in FY11

Fiscal year 2011 figures for the Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System reveal an expected increase in the number of transactions processed and a decrease in late payment penalties paid over the previous fiscal year.

In its first full fiscal year since deploying all financial capabilities at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and its associated units, DEAMS:

- Processed 89,871 transactions (payables, receivables, receipts, etc.) with a cumulative value of more than \$20 billion
- Processed 34,231 vendor payments with a total of more than \$4.3 billion
- Processed 14,465 Reserve Travel System vouchers worth \$16 million (ANG, AFRC and some active-duty travel)
- Identified 37,983 collections totaling ~\$15.3 billion
- Received \$23,500 in discounts

In comparison, during the final four months of fiscal year 2010 that it was fully deployed, DEAMS

processed more than 16,000 vendor payments worth more than \$1.7 billion, processed more than 9,400 RTS vouchers worth \$11.8 million, and identified 184 collections totaling roughly \$172,000.

While transactions were increasing, interest penalties were falling to substantially exceed Air Force and Department of Defense goals.

In fiscal year 2011, DEAMS paid interest penalties averaging \$16.7 per \$1 million disbursed. The DOD goal is \$110 per million and the Air Force goal is \$72 per million. Penalties in pre-DEAMS fiscal year 2010 averaged \$43.7 per million disbursed, and \$19.5 per million in fiscal 2009.

“We are beginning to see how DEAMS works to our advantage by being more efficient with funds used to support the war fighter,” said Randy Newcome, Air Force Functional Manager for DEAMS. “We can only expect these numbers to improve as more units start using DEAMS, cementing its value as the Air Force’s financial management solution.”

FMO atwitter about social media initiatives

Current and future users of the Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System have a new way to access information about the Air Force's new financial management tool – social media.

The DEAMS Change Management team at the Functional Management Office in Fairview Heights, Ill., initiated Facebook and Twitter accounts in October as another way to communicate with DEAMS users and members of the financial management community. Other communications tools include the monthly “Current Account” newsletter, frequent DEAMS User Updates that are emailed directly to all DEAMS users, and the DEAMS public website at www.transcom.mil/deams.

“We live in a mobile society where people are more apt to go online for information,” said Terri Drees, government lead for change management. “The idea behind the Facebook and Twitter accounts is to



engage more directly with users in a way that they're used to communicating. Our other communications tools are one-way communication where we simply feed information to our readers. Social media allows us to openly exchange dialogue and collect valuable feedback from people who might not normally reach out to us in other ways,” she added.

Like other organizational accounts, the DEAMS social media sites are open to anyone with access to Twitter or Facebook. You can Follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/#!/DEAMS_Govt and Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DEAMSFMO.



View from the top

Joan Causey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Management and Comptroller, points out some of DEAMS' successes during a briefing to Congressional staffers at the DEAMS Functional Management Office Oct. 17. Sitting to Causey's right is Randy Newcome, DEAMS' functional manager for the Air Force. To her left are staffers Paul Foderaro and Spencer Johnson, and Russ Mielke, DEAMS functional manager for U.S. Transportation Command.

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Quotable

"Auditability is a goal that every commander, every manager, and every functional specialist must understand and embrace to improve efficiency and accountability at the DOD."

Leon Panetta
Secretary of Defense



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"We need to transition to a modern financial system that is audit compliant, and getting DEAMS fully functional and deployed is our solution."

Dr. Jamie Morin,
Assistant Secretary of the Air
Force for Financial Management
and Comptroller



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