

GeorgiaFIRST Financials V8

Announcement

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SUBJECT: Banner Changes Needed for Consolidated Financials System

PURPOSE: To notify users at all institutions using GeorgiaFIRST PeopleSoft Financials Version 8.9 regarding Banner changes that will be needed to access data in the new Consolidated Financials System.

Note: This is a reiteration of the announcement posted to the Banner Functional Leaders, Banner Technical Leaders, GABEST, RACAR, and DBA listservs on May 12, 2009. This announcement was reposted to the Banner listservs on June 22, 2009.

FUNCTIONAL IMPACT: Effective July 1, 2009, the individual institutional PeopleSoft Financials databases are being consolidated into one database. This consolidation requires changes to links and related packages each institution has from their Banner database to the Financials database. These changes are necessary to access the proper data in the new consolidated instance.

Examples of Banner processing affected include Chartfield validation, direct deposit subscription, and the Non Banner Finance Interface. OIIT will be delivering a Georgia Enhancements 7.x release that includes the link and package changes for Banner.

The timing of this consolidation means that each institution will need to give thorough thought and planning to the following items prior to the July 1, 2009 "go-live" date:

1. Installation and testing of updated links and related packages in the Banner Database.
2. Timing of final feed for fiscal year from Banner to individual PSFIN instance.
3. Timing of "freezing" tables for year-end/audit preparation.
4. Installation and verification of the production version of updated links and related packages in the Banner database.

Audit requirements state that the freezing of tables should be accomplished on June 30th of each fiscal year. This requirement implies that any feed from Banner to PSFIN after June 30th is considered new fiscal year data. Therefore, any feed from Banner to PSFIN run after June 30, 2009, should be to the new PeopleSoft Financials Consolidated database. With this in mind, it is recommended that the affected offices at each institution work together in order to comply with the audit requirements while still meeting the requirement of feeding data into the newly consolidated database as of July 1, 2009.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: N/A

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