



Issue Summary	Should USG implement row level security on the department id field?
Background	<p>Institutions have expressed interest in securing the department id field. They requested a customization to prevent departments or colleges within an institution from entering or reviewing financial transactions of another department or college. Display should be limited to only those individuals with accountability for those areas.</p> <p>Note: Not all users desire this customization</p>
Risks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintaining department security rules can be a huge task. The security administrator may be spending time on setup and maintenance of rules instead of value added tasks 2. The ability to record transactions in a timely manner could be impacted because users may not have access to the departments they need to charge 3. The v8 upgrade scope could be hugely impacted by implementing row level security. Creating panels, changing prompt records, adding PeopleCode and converting security rules is a large development effort. Not to mention that everywhere the customization is implemented has to be tested in each testing phase. The project delivery date could be changed as a result of the customization 4. Even though the information is secured within the system, any outsider can request the information via the Open Records Act.
Possible Solution(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do nothing. • Implement Budget Inquiry Security – PeopleSoft delivered security in Commitment Control can limit the roles displayed when checking available balance. It does not limit a users ability to enter transactions and it does not impact inquiry and reporting in other areas of the financials application • Limit row level security to reporting and inquiry. • Implement row level security on data entry, reporting and inquiry
Escalating Sub-team and Lead	Functional – Deidre Crawford
Recommended Action	Given the open records act, anyone can request the information the customization is trying to secure. The benefit of any modification to delivered PeopleSoft is far outweighed by the cost of development and the ongoing cost of maintenance. If institutions desire to limit the rows



	<p>displayed to only accountable areas, it might make sense to explore the implementation of commitment control security once the upgrade is complete.</p> <p>The functional team recommends not implementing department based security. Once the upgrade is complete the support team will consider implementing manager self service where budget inquiry can be limited to the department or college.</p>
Steering Committee Comments	<p>Due to the complexity of implementing row level security the BPSC decided not to secure the department field in the Financials modules.</p> <p>Further, they requested that the issue be escalated to our Project Sponsor for ongoing procedural directives regarding this issue.</p>