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## Army Contracting Business Intelligence System (ACBIS) is Growing

The ACBIS currently contains contracting data from 97% of Army Contracting Offices. In October 2004 the percentage will increase to 99% when data from the Procurement Automated Document Data System (PADDS) is added for five Army Materiel Command (AMC) contracting offices.

As a result of the expanded system use, the ACBIS is being transitioned to new faster servers. The new servers are scheduled to be on-line in Oct 2004.

## Who is using ACBIS data?

Have you wondered who is using the data in the ACBIS? Obvious users are those accessing the standard reports or availing themselves of the inherent query capabilities. That would lead to the logical conclusion that Army contracting managers are seeking performance information or individual organizations are tracking operations thru the ACBIS.

Other ACBIS corporate data users you might not have thought of include:

- DOD Commodity Group Council for DoD Spend Analysis
- DOD Spend Analysis Pilot which implements netcentricity to access multiple data sources in a single user view in real time.
- Other agencies such as AAA with custom reports to

support audits

- Reconciliation of data from ASFI, DFAS or EDA with the Army's contracting data to determine compliance with requirements in FAR, Paperless Contracting Goals or other directives.

Valid data is the key to ensuring that management has the correct tools to facilitate decision making.

Assistance is needed from all Army contracting offices to ensure that the ACBIS provides accurate information.

All Army contracting offices should make certain PD<sup>2</sup> users are familiar with the Army SPS CONOPS and other guidelines that implement procedures to resolve problems with data integrity.

## Changes to Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)



### FPDS Data Fiscal Year 2004

To facilitate fiscal year end closeout of DD350s, FPDS data is being downloaded daily from the DA collection point – Procurement Information Management System (PRMIS).

### Find Actions without FPDS Report

Use the report *Army Award Action Missing FPDS* located under the report category *Workload Management* → *WMM FY2004* to identify award actions that do not have either a DD350 or a DD1057 Feeder Sheet.

### FPDS Exempt

If an award is exempt from FPDS reporting and it appears on the report *Army Award Action Missing FPDS*, use the Army SPS Bulletin *FY03-15 FPDS Exemptions* to annotate the award as exempt. Awards marked as exempt using this work solution will not appear as unreported in the ACBIS report.

## ACBIS Training

During fiscal year 2004, 74 users from ACA, AMC, MEDCOM and USACE received training for the ACBIS. More classes will be available during fiscal year 2005 for CONUS and OCONUS users. The class schedule will be provided in the near future. Abbreviated training can be obtained

### Find DD350s Not Accepted by PRMIS

Use the report *Obligations Summary Fy2004* → *DD350 Source* located under the report category *Workload Management* → *WMM FY2004* to determine if DD350s have been accepted by PRMIS. The PIINS for DD350s that have not been accepted by PRMIS can be found using the drill capability in BusinessObjects. Refer to User Bulletin FY04-001 located under the category *Library* → *Bulletins* for more information on using drills in reports.

### Transition to FPDS-NG

DOD is transitioning to the use of FPDS-NG in fiscal year 2005. The DD350 and DD1057 will be replaced by the Contract Action Report (CAR). After the transition is complete, PD<sup>2</sup> will no longer store the FPDS data. All FPDS data will be stored in FPDS-NG. The ACBIS will receive data from FPDS-NG when the transition is complete and will continue to provide statistical and analytical data from FPDS. All reports that currently use DD350 data will be revised to display FPDS-NG data.

by attending the ACBIS Breakout sessions at the E-Business/SPS Joint Users' Conference in Houston 15-19 November 2004.

Learn more about ACBIS at the E-Business/SPS Joint Users' Conference in Houston 15-19 Nov 2004

<http://corpcomm-inc.com/sps/spsconfagenda.htm>

## ACBIS User Bulletins

### Drilling, Filters and Report Structure

ACBIS Bulletin FY04-001 contains guidance for the use of drilling, filters and hierarchies in reports. The bulletin is located in the ACBIS Library under *Bulletins*.

### New Bulletins under Development

New bulletins will be available in October that provide guidance for report creation, adding filters and adding prompts.



## Enhancements for Fiscal Year 2005

Many enhancements are under consideration for the ACBIS:

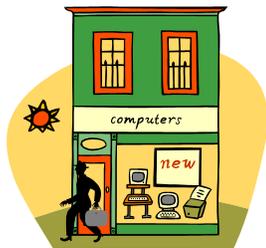
- More reports are planned, e.g., closeout, trend reports, Operating Agency, reports by vendor name/CAGE, performance-based service acquisition, FY05 reports, etc. MACOMs may request additional reports via the [ABCAS Help Desk](#).
- Enhancements will be made to the socioeconomic goals to store MACOM goals and provide better reporting capabilities.
- Enhancements to the *End-to-End Paperless Report* will be added that will eliminate data calls and provide more detailed analysis.
- Inclusion of FPDS-NG data and the addition of all DoD FPDS data.
- Key reports will be published to Army Knowledge On-line.
- Modifications are planned to purchase request status tracking to provide more accurate status.
- A web-based application will be developed to provide status of requirements to the customer.
- Receipt and payment data from CAPS will be available.
- Additional contract closeout data from the DD1594 will be added.
- Migration to BusinessObjects Version 6.5 will provide more functionality for WebIntelligence reports.

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#### *Fy2005 Enhancements*

- *More Reports*
  - *Addition of FPDS-NG Data*
  - *Customer Service Module*
  - *Receipt and Payment Data*
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## What's New?



### **Procurement Automated Document Data System (PADDS) Available Oct 2004**

AMC PADDS data will be added for FY2003 to present. PADDS does not provide historical data; therefore, data for award actions for FY2003 and FY2004 will be based upon the current status of the award. As new data is received from PADDS, ACBIS will track changes as they occur to the award actions. The new data will be available in ACBIS by the end of October 2004.

### **Advance Acquisition Planning Module Enhancements**

Enhancements are underway to the Advance Acquisition Planning Module that will include customer, execution and review modules. Look for the changes by the end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter FY 2005.

### **Current Purchase Request Status**

ACBIS maintains a history of purchase request statuses. As a result, it was difficult to obtain the current status of the purchase request. To resolve this problem, two new objects have been added to the ACBIS Universe to enable you to obtain the current status of the purchase

request. The new objects are named *Current Status CD* and *Current Status Desc* and can be located in the PR→Data PR objects in the ACBIS Universe. You can obtain the current status of the purchase request by including either of these objects in your report.

### **PRWeb Data**

The ACBIS will contain PRWeb usage data in Oct 2004. Reports will be available to provide PRWeb user information and user activity.

## New Reports Available

Report Name	Report Category	Report Description
ACBIS Reports	Library	Report provides info about all reports that have been published in the ACBIS. The information provided for each report is: Report Number, Version Number, Report Description, Category where report is published, Refresh on Open (Yes or No), Scheduled Ref
Army Dollar Ranges FY2003 Army Dollar Ranges FY2004	PMM Spend Analysis	These reports replace the ACA Dollar Ranges FY2003 and FY2004 reports. Data Source: DD350s from Procurement Desktop Defense (PD2) and Procurement Reporting Management Information System (PRMIS). This report displays the actions and dollars for various dollar ranges. The different dollar ranges are displayed using report tabs.
Army Spend Analysis FY2003 Army Spend Analysis FY2004	PMM Spend Analysis	These reports replace the ACA Spend Analysis FY2003 and FY2004 reports. Data Sources: DD350s from Procurement Desktop Defense (PD2) and Procurement Reporting Management Information System (PRMIS). This report displays obligated dollars for the Top 10 Contractors, Top 10 FSC, Total Obligated Dollars, and Obligated Dollars by Entity Type.
Max Action Date DD350s	Workload Management → Validation	Data Source: DD350s from Procurement Reporting Management Information System (PRMIS) and/or PD2. Provides the latest Action Date, for both Department of Army and PD2 FPDS report, in the Army Contracting Business Intelligence System (ACBIS) for each contracting office. The report is sectioned by MACOM and Region/Subcommand.
Missing NAICS Codes	Workload Management → Validation	This report displays award actions missing North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes. The report is filtered to display the Award PIIN Extended where Line It Unit Price and Line It Qty are not equal to 0 and the NAICS Cd is Unknown (UNK).
Socioeconomic Reports FY 2004 (six per MACOM)	Performance Management → PMM Socioeconomic → PMM Socioeconomic FY2004	Socioeconomic statistical reports were added for each Army MACOM.



## Tips and Tricks



### Naming Reports

Don't use special characters ( \ / : \* ? " ' < > | (space) % @ + ) in the file name of any report that you create and save. Special characters in file names may prevent proper maintenance of files on the BusinessObjects server. In addition, reports with an apostrophe in the file name will not be visible in BusinessObjects.

### Data Restrictions

Data restrictions have been applied for Army Material Command (AMC) at the subordinate command level for award, solicitation and purchase request data. Users in a specific subordinate command will only see award, solicitation and purchase request data for contracting offices within their subordinate command.

### Network/Browser Check

If performance is unacceptable, click on this link on the ACBIS website to check your network latency. Provide this information to your system administrator for use in troubleshooting.

The screenshot shows the U.S. Army Contracting Business Intelligence website. The page features a green header with the U.S. Army logo and the title "U.S. Army Contracting Business Intelligence". Below the header, there is a large graphic of the United States flag with a stylized "A" logo. The main content area is divided into several sections: a welcome message from the U.S. Army Contracting Business Intelligence Portal, a "Good Morning" message dated 9/24/2004, a "Please Note" section regarding database maintenance, and a list of links for various modules and reports. A red arrow points to a link labeled "Network/Browser Check" in the bottom right corner of the page content.

If you are unable to determine if the network is causing your performance problem, contact the [ACBIS Help Desk](#) for additional assistance.

## Obtain a Login to the ACBIS through your ACBIS MACOM POC

Contact your MACOM POC to obtain authorization to log into the ACBIS. Each MACOM has a limited number of licenses. It is recommended that an account be established for a top-level manager and/or an individual proficient in developing adhoc reports.

The MACOM POC should submit the following information via the ABCAS Help Desk located at <https://armysps.sdc1.lee.army.mil> :

AKO E-mail Address

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Rank/Grade

Commercial Telephone Number

DSN Telephone Number

Service (e.g. Army, DOD etc)

MACOM (if applicable)

SubCommand (If Applicable)

Region (If applicable)

Center (If applicable)

DODAAC

Office Name

Office Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Upon receipt of request for access, Ft Lee will submit the request for approval to ACA.

Please allow 2-5 days after submission for creation of ACBIS access.

E-mail notification will be sent to the user when access has been authorized and completed.





## Report issues or request enhancements to the ACBIS from the ABCAS Help Desk

Assistance is available from the Army Business Center for Acquisition Systems (ABCAS) Ft Lee Monday - Friday from 0730 - 1600 Eastern Standard Time (excluding Federal holidays).

Emergency support is available during non-duty hours if a user is unable to access the ACBIS Homepage or the ACBIS Reports Web page. Contact the SEC-Lee Customer Assistance Office at 804-734-1051 or [cao@sdcl.lee.army.mil](mailto:cao@sdcl.lee.army.mil).  
**NOTE: Please DO NOT contact SEC-Lee Customer Assistance Office for routine requests for assistance.**

Submit requests for assistance via the Army SPS Website as follows:

- From the Army SPS Website <https://armysps.sdcl.lee.army.mil>, click on [Submit a request to the ABCAS Help Desk](#)
- Login using your AKO user id.
- First time users will be required to enter contact information.
- Click on **Submit a new SDR/ER**
- Select an Application as applicable
- Complete all information on the screen as applicable
- Click Save when finished
- A tracking number will be assigned
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail that provides the ABCAS POC for this action
- Status of the issue can be tracked each time you log into the ABCAS Help Desk.

### *About Our Organizations...*

The Program Manager for the ACBIS is the Business Systems Management Directorate in the Army Contracting Agency.

ABCIS requirements and schedule are managed by the PM.

The ACBIS development, maintenance and operations are performed by the CECOM Software Engineering Center Lee's Army Business Center for Acquisition Systems (ABCAS).

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