



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New software development contractor
- Schedule impact and revision
- Implementation approach
- I-Suite Version 13 Release Update

TIP OF THE DAY

Don't forget to upload the Repository copy of your database. This is required for all Type 1 and 2 incidents, and should be done at team transition and incident closeout.

UPDATES/CURRENT INFORMATION:

I-Suite:
<http://isuite.nwcg.gov>

e-ISuite:
<http://iba.nwcg.gov/eISuite/eISuite.htm>

Helpdesk:
Helpdesk@dms.nwcg.gov
1-866-224-7677

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e-ISuite Implementation Update



New Software Development Contractor: Shortly after publishing the last newsletter, the contract expired and was re-solicited. The new contract was awarded to Innovative Systems Solution Corporation (ISSC). ISSC is an 8(a) company headquartered near Washington, DC and their federal clients. ISSC was established in 2003 to work with clients to solve real business problems. In 2012, ISSC expanded to include Salt Lake City, UT to support the IBA contract. Their staff includes Project Managers, Business Analysts, Web and Application Developers, Database Developers and Administrators, Network Administrators, Quality Assurance and Test personnel, and IT Security personnel. Some of their major

clients include the Forest Service (F&AM, R&D, CIO), the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Veterans Affairs, and the USDA National Agricultural Library.

We have concluded the transition phase with ISSC and are continuing on with Phase 2 of the project.

Schedule Impact: As a result of the contract change, the project experienced a delay in the original schedule. The new timeframes are as follows:

- ◆ Field testing in early 2014
- ◆ Training materials and schedules are being developed, and training is anticipated to begin in March/April 2014

- ◆ **Deployment of e-ISuite in May/June 2014**

- ◆ I-Suite decommissioned at an appropriate time—approximately December 2015

Agency Implementation Approach: We continue to work with the Agencies in planning their implementation of e-ISuite. We realize that the Agencies will need to give direction to use e-ISuite individually, but training and implementation can be done in a variety of ways. An interagency approach in each Geographic Area would provide for consistency in training and use of the application. The IBA Project team will be available to assist in whatever way best fits the needs of our user community.



Version 13 Release Update

New for this Release

Tentative release for Version 13 is early April, 2013. Some of the updates in this version include:

- A new cell phone field will be available on the Resources common data screen and included in most custom report views
- Two new report views that will allow the user to generate reports based on finalized/exported invoice data

Upcoming Changes

- NWCG memorandum on Single Point Interstate Billing will mean that incident jurisdictional agency will be responsible for payment of out-of-State resources. Accrual codes will need to be manually changed and locked for each affected resource. A Tip Sheet will be available soon on how to properly code the accruals. It will be posted at: <http://isuite.nwcg.gov>

- Future changes include replacing the SSN with the Employee Common Identifier; and removal of the TIN from the contractor screen
- A patch may be released in October to address these changes, and the user community will be advised when it's available

Please read the Release Notes for all of the details of Version 13