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### UPDATES/CURRENT INFORMATION:

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

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

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## e-ISuite Schedule Update



Deployment of e-ISuite has been re-scheduled to October/November 2014. There were many issues that contributed to this decision; the determining factor was the lack of opportunity to conduct extensive field testing of the new application in the previous schedule.

**Field testing** will begin in May. Initially, e-ISuite will be used in parallel with I-Suite, with the goal of running e-ISuite on it's own by the end of the season. The e-ISuite Project Team will coordinate with IMTs to arrange the following:

- ◆ Arrival date and time
- ◆ Work space
- ◆ Network access
- ◆ Camping space
- ◆ Other logistical support

**Train-the-Trainer Sessions:** With the delay in implementation, the Train-the-Trainer sessions will be held in the Fall. Those sessions are currently being finalized, and are tentatively scheduled for October and November, 2014. More information will be distributed soon.

**Training Materials:** Moving deployment of e-ISuite also provides additional time to develop the training materials. Training materials will be available by November 2014 for geographic areas to use in future training sessions. Geographic Areas will be able to plan for and include e-ISuite training in their 2015 calendars.

**Schedule Impact:** Here are updated timeframes as

- a result of the schedule change:
- ◆ Field testing beginning in May 2014
  - ◆ Training materials are being developed and will be available beginning in November 2014
  - ◆ **Deployment of e-ISuite in October/November 2014**
  - ◆ I-Suite decommissioned in December 2015

**Implementation Approach:** We continue to work with the Agencies in planning their implementation of e-ISuite. While Agencies will need to give direction to use e-ISuite individually, training and implementation can be done in a variety of ways. The IBA Project team will be available to assist in whatever way best fits the needs of our users.



## Version 14 Release Update

### New for this Release

I-Suite version 14.01.00 was released on January 28, 2014. The primary focus of this release was to replace the collection of the Social Security Number (SSN) with the Employee Common Identifier (ECI) for casual (AD) employees. For more information on the transition from SSN to ECI for casual employees, download the

[NWCG Memorandum - Reference Number 014-2013](#)

A change to the ROSS Import process was also necessary due to a change in the ROSS Import file format in Cognos (ROSS reporting tool). The new process and instructions can be found in the new [ROSS Import Quick Reference Card](#).

Version 14.01.01 will be released at the beginning of April 2014 and will include updates to the I-Suite Reference data, including AD Rates.

**Please read the full Release Notes for all of the details of Version 14**

For more information on I-Suite, please visit the I-Suite webpage:

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