



NEWSBYTE



News from Team Business and Enterprise Systems

Milestone B Approved for DEAMS

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The Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) approved the Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System's entry into the engineering and manufacturing development phase, otherwise known in acquisition terms as Milestone B on Jan. 10.

DEAMS is an integrated financial management system designed to provide accurate, reliable and timely business information to support effective business decision making for the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Transportation Command, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and other agencies within the Department of Defense.

The Milestone B decision enables DEAMS to execute the acquisition strategy following system stabilization at Scott AFB in April 2012. Once a successful Operational Assessment is accomplished, the DEAMS capability will be deployed to additional sites with an ultimate goal of meeting Congressional requirements for a fully auditable system by 2017.

Col. Brian Parker, director of the Enterprise Financial Systems Division, Enterprise Information Systems Directorate, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, announced the decision to members of the DEAMS functional and program management offices during a conference call shortly after the decision was announced.

"This is a great day for the DEAMS team and the Air Force," Colonel Parker said. "Now that we have approval to proceed, we need to focus on executing the strategy and providing this much needed capability to the user on time, on cost, and with the expected performance."

"This was a great team effort," Russ Mielke, DEAMS functional manager for U.S. Transportation Command, said after the call. "We, the functional management office, program management office, our partners in the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and our end users have worked very hard to get this far and look forward to de-



ploying DEAMS throughout the Air Force and US-TRANSCOM. This decision is the catalyst we need to move us forward."

Brig. Gen. Craig Olson, Program Executive Officer for Business and Enterprise Systems and Director of the Enterprise Information Systems Directorate, said that the positive outcome of the DAB "captured well the incredible shared journey of a multi-disciplined team of FMO, DFAS, and PMO individuals. Central to the success of that journey were the relationships built between members of the team as they learned to trust and depend on each other's expertise. Yes, the team went through many trials, but their perseverance led to the successful execution of the program which built the confidence needed for a successful DAB. I truly applaud the skills and character of the DEAMS team and congratulate them for reaching this milestone."

Once all requirements of Milestone B are met, DEAMS will enter Milestone C--the phase which concludes with operational testing and evaluation in support of the decision to deploy throughout the Air Force.

BES NCO Receives Information Dominance Award

Staff Sgt. Terel Hayes (pictured) was recognized at the Air Force level as an Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper and Information Dominance Award winner in the Computer Systems Programming Outstanding NCO category.

The General John P. Jumper Award for Excellence in Warfighting Integration, recognizes individuals for sustained superior performance and outstanding contributions to the integration of Air Force warfighting and/or operations support capabilities that shorten the kill chain and/or enhance the decision cycle.

Congratulations to Sergeant Hayes on this achievement and the recognition of his outstanding contributions and commitment to excellence.

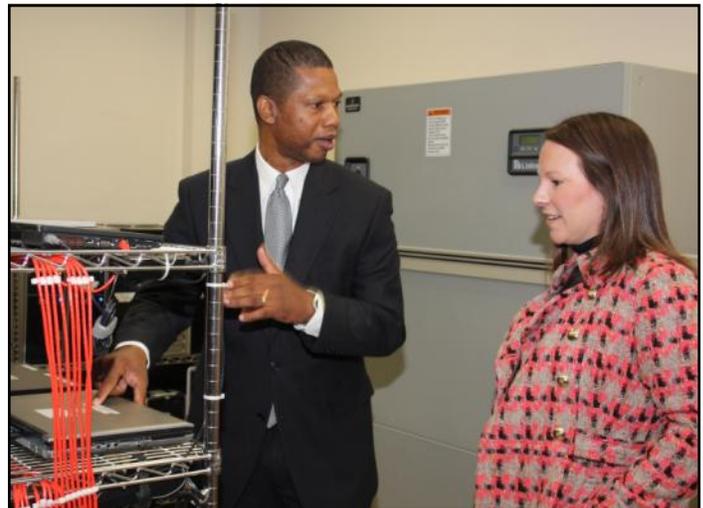


Congressman Roby Visit

Congressman Martha Roby, U.S. Representative for Alabama's 2nd District, talks with Ray Perry, program manager for the Air Force Enterprise Configuration Management Office (AFECMO), about how the AFECMO provides cradle-to-grave life-cycle support across the Air Force.

Congressman Roby received presentations from the AFECMO and the Air Force Application Software Assurance Center of Excellence on Gunter during a visit Jan. 12.

The Program Executive Officer for Business and Enterprise Systems (BES), Brig. Gen. Craig Olson, also had the chance to sit down with Congressman Roby to talk about the overall BES mission and its impact to the Air Force.



Legal Ethics Trivia: Post Award Employment

The following is provided by our fine folks in the Staff Judge Advocate office. This is some useful trivia which can be applied to common activities. The answer is provided on page 3.

Fred Jones, an Air Force employee, served on the source selection team for a \$2M procurement. Following the award of that contract to The Big Company, Fred separated from the Air Force. At no time before or during the source selection did Fred have any contact with The Big Company or its personnel. After leaving his Air Force employment, Fred applies for a job with The Big Company and is hired. The Big Company wants Fred to work on issues covered by the contract for which Fred served on the source selection team. And so The Big Company's vice president asks Fred to prepare a paper describing the persons at his former agency who should be contacted and what should be said to them in an effort to increase the scope of funding of the contract and to resolve favorably a dispute over a contract clause. May Fred prepare such a letter?

Letter From General Hoffman

AFMC Warriors,

President Obama announced the new National Defense Strategy saying, "...our military will be leaner, but the world must know—the United States is going to maintain our military superiority with Armed Forces that are agile, flexible and ready for the full range of contingencies and threats." The Air Force and AFMC are embracing this approach, using our resources efficiently to shape our workforce and continue to accomplish our mission.

Today the Air Force announced the anticipated reduction of ~4,500 civilian positions. This follows the November 2, 2011 Air Force announcement which identified ~12,000 of the ~16,500 civilian billets that were eliminated to bring the Air Force civilian strength in line with its FY12 President's Budget. The Air Force has been working to define the remaining ~4,500 positions since the November announcement. These reductions will meet the Secretary of Defense's requirement for the civilian workforce to be maintained at FY10 levels.

The 5-Center restructure was one of several initiatives announced in November and accounted for a reduction of 1,051 positions. At the same time, AFMC experienced growth in several areas, ultimately resulting in a net gain of 37 positions AFMC-wide. Today's announcement of the remaining 4,500 Air Force reductions coupled with November's net gain, results in a net reduction of ~1,000 positions for AFMC. These reductions are the result of several strategic initiatives to include reducing overhead at every level, consolidating base support activities where feasible, and the AFMC 5-Center restructure.

We are committed to doing all we can to mitigate adverse impacts of these reductions. In addition to other efforts, we are offering a second round of voluntary early retirement authority and voluntary separation incentive pay (VERA/VSIP) programs. Surveys for the second round of VERA/VSIP were released on Monday. Applicants approved for this round will need to separate on or before 30 April 2012.

As our nation battles the deficit, defense budget debates will continue, but we will remain flexible and continue to adapt to ensure our Air Force remains the most formidable air, space and cyberspace force in the world.

Thank you again for all you do to support AFMC and the warfighter.



Legal Ethics Trivia: Answered

Answer:

Yes

See 5 C.F.R. § 2641.201(d)(3) If you participate personally and substantially in a particular matter (such as a source selection), then once you leave your Government job, you cannot make a communication (phone call, email, letter, meeting, briefing, etc.) to the Government or make an appearance before the Government (meeting, briefing, office call, etc.) on behalf of any person or company if it will relate to the matter you worked on while a Government employee. HOWEVER, you may provide so-called "behind-the-scene" assistance to another person/company. Just remember that the assistance cannot involve a communication to or an appearance before an employee of the United States.

PEO BES To Host Vendor Exchange Forum

With the success of the November BES Vendor Industry Day fresh on their minds, the Air Force's Business and Enterprise Systems leadership will host a Vendor Exchange Forum on Feb. 15 on Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex.

The goal of this and future forums is to discuss major aspects of the BES mission that are affecting how BES does business, present possible solutions with respect to these aspects, and gain feedback from its industry partners. The forums will differ from Vendor Industry Days in that they will not include briefings from division leads nor will there be any scheduled face-to-face meetings between visiting vendors and BES leadership.

The theme for the February event is "Ensuring BES Portfolio Support Through Austere Times." With budget and manpower cuts looming for the Department of Defense, BES is faced with providing IT support to more than 120 combat support, logistics and infrastructure programs the Air Force counts on every day to perform its mission. In order to continue providing that critical support, BES will have to become more efficient.

The format of the one-day event includes two panel discussions. Each panel will consist of leadership and experts within BES who will discuss topics and proposed solutions for the purpose of gaining feedback from the attending industry partners to gain insight about each topic and feedback on the proposed solutions.

The topic of the first panel is "Examine Pros and Cons for Consolidating Diverse Program Sustainment and Acquisitions/Modification Requirements." This will focus on how efficiencies can be created in the way contracts are written to overcome shrinking manpower and budgets.

The working topic of the second panel is "Examine Existing and/or Potential Contracting Strategies to Maximize Efficiencies in Austere Times." This will focus on what BES feels it needs to change internally to achieve the efficiencies while accomplishing its mission.

BES leadership is hoping to harness experiences from the business world and apply those experiences to its day-to-day operations.

Part of the goal of these events is also to provide a place where our industry mission partners can come together for the sake of networking and partnership amongst each other. Meeting areas will be available for companies who would like to make use of them.

BES is currently planning to host two Vendor Exchange Forums between the semi-annual Vendor Industry Days, which will be held each November and May.

For more information on Vendor Exchange Forums and Vendor Industry Days, please visit the events' web-site at: <http://afitc.gunter.af.mil/vendorday/index.html>

Upcoming Events

Feb. 7—9	Cyberspace Symposium 2012—Colorado Springs, Colo.
Feb. 15	Business and Enterprise Systems - Vendor Exchange Forum—MAFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.
Feb. 27-28	New Horizons Symposium 2012—Boston, Mass.
Apr. 4	Business and Enterprise Systems - Vendor Exchange Forum—MAFB-Gunter Annex, Ala.