

# Department of Commerce Business Applications Solution (BAS)

 ***News on the Go***



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## Leadership Corner - Imagine

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Imagine the day when you won't need to remember multiple usernames, passwords, and systems to get your job done. You'll just need one. Core transaction functionality, timely reporting, and rapid business intelligence are all at your fingertips. The number of data calls you send or receive are dramatically reduced because data is in one place and in the format you need. Data is refreshed in a timely and consistent manner, reducing the need to reconcile from different sources. The time required to perform core finance, acquisitions, and property transactions is now minimal, because you finally have a system that responds to the way you think and work.

This is BAS – a modernization of the core finance, acquisitions, and property systems across the Department of Commerce (DOC). We are excited to have you as a part of the team we refer to as **One Commerce**. This program and this collective team requires your input, questions, and insights. We need to know how you think and how you do your job. We need to know what works in that job and what doesn't work in that job. Very simply, we need **you** so we can build BAS to suit your needs and surpass your expectations.

BAS is a top priority not just for the DOC, but for federal agencies across the country looking for a pioneer in modern, mission support services. This effort, geared towards maximizing the user experience while minimizing unnecessary and costly customizations will set the tone for federal IT system management for decades. DOC will lead this charge; and we need you in order to be successful.

We hope you stay connected with us throughout this journey and will be a part of our **One Commerce** team. There are many ways for you to be involved - Town Halls, Table Talks, the BAS Website, workshops – and the list of opportunities continues to expand. When we succeed, it will be because of you.



# Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) Workshops

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In addition to an integrated, enterprise-wide system of Core Business Applications, the BAS solution will introduce the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW). The goal of the EDW is to create a singular repository for critical managerial and operational reporting data that spans across each Bureau within the Department. By aggregating departmental data into one data warehouse, the current number of data calls will be reduced. Users will be able to easily perform exploratory and comparative data analyses that extend across various financial and organizational dimensions. Users will also be able to develop ad hoc reports on demand to address critical business questions.

The EDW solution will be supported by Accenture's Insights Platform (AIP). AIP is a collection of modular, pre-integrated analytics services and capabilities including data visualization, data science, robotic processing automation, data storage, and data management. Successfully implementing AIP to support the BAS EDW solution will be a critical step toward developing a robust, self-service Analytics platform for the Department, and will further position DOC to become a truly data-driven organization.

The BAS EDW Team has already begun hosting weekly workshops with representative stakeholders throughout the Department, to better understand current data needs and data practices. Requests for EDW Workshop minutes can be made through [BASProject@doc.gov](mailto:BASProject@doc.gov). The team will continue collecting and synthesizing feedback throughout the summer and look forward to sharing what they've learned in upcoming Town Halls, Table Talks, and newsletters.





# Business Process Workshops

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Core Applications Global Design Workshops are currently underway with representatives from across the BAS user community. The goal is to understand and integrate DOC needs and pain points to establish a single and standard Departmental solution that addresses and simplifies business processes across bureaus. During the workshops, participants review and discuss the standard functionality of the BAS components (Oracle E-Business Suite, Unison PRISM, and Sunflower Assets) to address Financial Management business processes (Procure to Pay, Order to Cash, Plan to Report), Acquisitions Management (Procure to Pay), and Property Management (Acquire to Dispose). These workshops help the AFS BAS Team focus on the key design decisions needed to establish the foundation of the BAS standard approach. They also identify a common configuration for each application, where the transactions and supporting data concepts leverage a standard BAS definition – for both transactional processes and reporting/analytics needs.

During the workshops the AFS BAS Team provides the application and module point of view based on industry best practices with DOC requirements supporting these decisions. They also provide a forum to identify common business needs and potential pain points. The outcomes of these workshops will provide the framework for a standardized BAS with a defined set of configurations and a requirements traceability matrix. These outcomes become the foundation for many of the activities during the Common Solution phase, where the AFS BAS Team will work with DOC to vet the solution fully using deep dive system demonstrations. The outcomes of these workshops also feed the development of a suite of standardized business processes and training needs.

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# Upcoming Information Events

To keep informed about what's happening with BAS or to get more involved, consider attending one or more of the upcoming events. For more information on an event, visit the BAS website Event Calendar at <https://www.commerce.gov/ofm/calendar>.

EVENT	DATE	TIME
HCHB Table Talk	July 13, 2020	10:00 – 11:00 AM
NOAA Table Talk	July 16, 2020	1:00 – 2:00 PM
NIST Table Talk	July 23, 2020	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Census Town Hall	August 6, 2020	1:00 – 2:30 PM
Census Table Talk	August 10, 2020	10:00 -11:00 AM
HCHB Table Talk	August 20, 2020	1:00 – 2:00 PM
NOAA Table Talk	August 24, 2020	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



We receive a number of questions through our events. In the newsletter we will be highlighting some of the most recent questions and answers. There are several more FAQs located on the BAS website at <https://www.commerce.gov/ofm/bas-homepage/frequently-asked-questions>. Can't find the answer to your question? Email your question to us at [BASProject@doc.gov](mailto:BASProject@doc.gov).

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## **Will budgeting be included in BAS?**

At this time, budgeting is out of scope for BAS. There are several programs that can be used to create budgets that can be input into Oracle. The Budget formulation will continue to follow the way DOC does today; however, Oracle will have framework to support budget entry.

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## **Can you share more information about the additional BAS PMO positions and Detail positions?**

FY 2020: 10 positions are budgeted and will be selected soon. There will be a total of 45 PMO/SME positions that will be available. Detail positions will begin in FY 2021. The BAS PMO is currently working on the statement of work for these positions and will be reaching out to the bureaus for SME recommendations. The BAS PMO is also looking at part-time resources to participate in workshops, etc. The BAS PMO is aware of restrictions in time commitments.

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## **Will USPTO be part of BAS?**

USPTO will not use the Core capability but their data will transition into the BAS EDW.



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**Our Horizons are your horizons**

**We look forward to expanding them with you**