

MARS Council Status

General Information	
Date/Time:	Thursday, April 2nd, 2009
Location:	Meeting Canceled this week

Closed CCR's (Promoted to Production)

CCR 1285 – (DE) OPT Groups & Sub Groups Discrepancy - The Module for entering Groups and Subgroups for OPT does not allow users to modify or add groupings to it. An error "Oracle Error Unable to update record FRM 40509" is displayed. Problem corrected.

Status (12/19/08)	Count
Closed	84
Open	21
Hold	6
Work In Progress/Testing	16
Proposed	2
Total	129

CCR 361 – (RQ) Financial Statement Graph Modifications –

Report can be run not only by Fund Group, but by Fund, Program, Project or Task. Report was limited to FMC level of the org, and now can be run by any level of the org. The report is called 'MARS Financial Statement - Graph by Fund Group'

CCR 1184 – (Both) MARS Maintenance page – The MARS team developed and implemented the webpage, for the support teams only, to provide a repository for all systems related documentation.

CCR 461 – (Both) CCR System Enhancements – Implemented modifications to comply with the new configuration management procedures.

CCR 1124 – (Both) Data Entry Snapshot creation Remaining Commitment/Encumbrance – Footnotes added to all BO reports that have the capability to display preliminary snapshot data. The Data Entry changes were promoted last month.

Work In Progress

* **Items in Bold are Key discussion items**

Mod.	Pri.	CCR	Short Description	Type CCR	Comments/Status	Due Date
Estimated Implementation Date - APRIL						
DE		1264	AP Trans Patch / Aff Ref #	Infra-structure	Approved by O&M Team	
RQ	1	72	BO Reporting Performance Improvements	Infra-structure	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck) Open doc reports need to be re-architected. PCS and Certification of Obs are most critical	
RQ	1	1144	Acquire Reimbursable data	Business	Approved by the MARS Council 1/22/09	
RQ	2	421	WFM Mate Study for NOS	Infra-structure	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck) Currently being tested	
RQ	2	441	Comp Time Rpt	Business	Need to find new data source other than Labor Detail since comp & credit earned may not be included after the re-engineering of over-under.	
RQ	3	925	Create New BOBJ Universe for PCARD (CPCS) information	Business	Approved by the MARS Council 11/13/08	
RQ	3	924	Create Budget Universe for Adhoc Queries	Infra-structure	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck)	
RQ	3	1225	Labor Projection Universe	Infra-structure	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck)	
RQ	2	60	Leave & Benefit Statement / OC 77	Business	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck) 3/4/08	

			Modifications			
RQ	3	61	GSA Vehicle Data Import	Business	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck) 1/10/07	
Estimated Implementation Date - MAY						
RQ	2	481	MARS NOAA 118 Rpt Modifications	Business	Approved by the MARS Council 6/12/08.	
Estimated Implementation Date - TBD						
Both	1	69	C.Req/C.Buy Data Extract and Commitments	Business	Approved in the MARS Implementation Plan 11/30/06 v2	
DE	2	664	NDW/MARS Extract Improvements	Infra-structure	Approved by the O&M Group 7/15/08	
RQ	3	70	WFM Report – Initial Request to convert HRDS reports	Infra-structure	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck)	
RQ	1	1146	Reimbursable Reporting “NOAA Policy on Reimbursable Research by NOAA Labs”	Infrastruct ure	Approved by Mary Rieck – Sylvia Scott has offered her services up and will be working on the report.	
RQ	1	989	IT Cost - OAR Requirements	Business	CCR Mandated by CFO Council (CCR 987 closed and attachments added to 989)	Must be ready before FY 10’
RQ	1	1087	IT Cost - Report Requirements	Business	CCR Mandated by CFO Council	Must be ready before FY 10’
RQ	1	1104	IT Cost – OAR Requirements	Business	Additional OAR requirements. CCR Mandated by CFO Council	Must be ready before FY 10’
RQ	1	1164	IT Cost – NWS Requirements	Business	CCR Mandated by CFO Council	Must be ready before FY 10’

Proposed CCRs

CCR1286 – (Both) Report Documentation/Access Improvements.

Create samples of the reports found within Data Entry and Reporting and Querying modules. Allow users to quickly view reports with sample data to see if format/information relevant without having to run the actual reports. Samples will be useful for new users, and for existing users who are searching for the most relevant report for a given situation. Samples could be located either within the modules or through a link to a repository on the MARS web site. Actual user email request is as follows: "Last year at the 2008 OAR Management Conference I was asked to champion an item for MARS Implementation: Sample Reports. It has been requested by OAR Administrative and Budgeting personnel to have snap shots of each report, within the MARS Report Query modular. The best choice would be to have these attached to each report but a collection of them, with their coexisting report title, located at a connection that could be accessed at the MARS website would be acceptable. Having the sample snap shots would make it more time efficient to see quickly if the report contained the relevant information that was needed. As of now all the query information needs to be entered and you have to wait until the report runs before you know if it will show the information you are needing. This can take a lot of time, going through multiple reports trying to find what is needed. The descriptions under the titles are not very clear either nor can they go into the detail of how the report is laid out. Please let me know if this is feasible, I will need to report on this in the 2009 OAR Management Conference that is coming up. I speak for all of us when I thank

you in advance for taking this request into serious consideration for implementing, and if possible before FY09 year-end closing would be most appreciated. "

CCR604 – (DE) Budget Module / BOP interface - Revisit and discuss creating method to download BOPs (other than BOPS designated as Target) into Budget Module to reduce double entry into both CBS and MARS. Actual methodology would need to be fleshed out. Some suggestions are that method would need to be optional, perhaps selecting BOP data from a list. User would need ability to potentially break BOP plan into multiple tasks, either by percentage or dollars.

Outstanding Issue/Items for discussion

Question - Now that the “Financial Statement Graph report / CCR 361” can be run to a further level of detail, the technical team would like to know if the report should be renamed.

Best Practices

None at this time.

CCR Queue (Open)

Open CCR's should be reviewed when evaluating and prioritizing new CCR requests.

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Mod.	Pri.	CCR	Short Description	Type CCR	Comments	Due
Both	3	984	Reference Guide for Reports	Infra-structure	Approved by the MARS Council 11/13/08	
DE	2	604	Load CBS Adjustment BOPS	Infra-structure	Discussed at the 7/10 council meeting and MARS O&M. CCR not approved yet, still under evaluation. Working with Tonya to explore idea.	
DE	3	904	New Match Parameter Rpt - Auto Ob Settings	Business	Approved by the MARS Council 11/13/08	
DE		1244	OPT / Auto Ob Creation process	Business	Approved by the MARS Council 2/19/09	
RQ	2	59	Labor Projection Mod - Project Overhead Costs	Business	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck) 5/14/09	
RQ	3	63	DE to RQ Report Conversion	Infra-structure	Approved by in the MARS Implementation Plan 11/30/06 v2	
RQ	3	64	User interface for R&Q maintenance tables	Infra-structure		
RQ	3	65	User interface for Appropriation Data	Business		
RQ	3	67	Sunflower Data	Infra-structure	Approved by in the MARS Implementation Plan 11/30/06 v2	
RQ	3	141	BOBJ Upgrade to R3	Infra-structure	Approved by NWS (Mary Rieck)	
RQ	3	684	Quarterly Fin Rev. - Graph & Comments	Business		