

## **THE CFMS NEWSLETTER**

### **What is CFMS - The Common Food Management System?????**

The Common Food Management System, or CFMS, is the new name for STORES Retail. CFMS will incorporate all menu planning, recipes, replenishment, inventory, budgeting, and accounting functions currently performed in the various military service retail food management systems, as well as catalog, order receipt, and management information currently provided by the Subsistence Total Order and Receipt Electronic System (STORES), into one automated system for Class I. CFMS will be accessible via the worldwide web from any computer, utilizing commercial off-the-shelf software (COTS), with some customization to address the requirements needed to operate during peacetime and war.

### **Some additional facts on CFMS!!!!**

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) has agreed to sponsor CFMS and obtain the funding needed for the program. Based on the dollar value of the project, CFMS was designated an Acquisition Category (ACAT) III Program. There are three "milestones" in an ACAT project. Milestone A involves the determination of mission need, and includes a mission analysis, a market survey, and an alternatives analysis. CFMS did achieve Milestone A approval in March 2003, and is currently working toward Milestone B, the approval point where the program can formally begin. As we work toward Milestone B, we will be responding to many documentation and planning requirements mandated by the Defense Acquisition Management Framework. This part of the process includes a demonstration lab, and the participation of the military services on Integrated Process Teams (IPTs), to work towards meeting the services' requirements. We plan to achieve Milestone B approval during February or March of 2004.

### **What's an IPT (Integrated Process Team)?????**

An IPT is a working group of functional experts in various areas that will assure DSCP meets all the requirements of the services. The operational requirements of each service are captured in an Operational Requirements Document (ORD). The services' functional experts will validate this document. This group will meet at DSCP Philadelphia on July 9, 2003. Other IPTs will involve process experts that will test and verify the processes of the COTS software. And a separate IPT will be established to ensure the satisfaction of information assurance requirements, in a system that will be fielded at military locations, and provide support both within the United States (CONUS) and overseas (OCONUS), during times of peace and war.

### **Why a demonstration lab?????**

DSCP will participate in a demonstration lab on site (building 26) during the summer of 2003. The lab will resemble a typical dining facility, with cash registers and scanners. Our plan is to make the demonstration lab available to the services via the DSCP Internet. DSCP is now working on applicable security issues to make this remote access possible. Participants also have the option of visiting the lab at DSCP in person to try out the commercial software, the point of sale terminals, and scanners. DLA Headquarters will be purchasing the software and hardware that will be used during the demonstration. A gap analysis will narrow the selection of software to that software that most meets the services' needs.

CFMS could become the first joint support system in the DoD. It's an ambitious project, and we are looking to our colleagues in the military services for support in making CFMS a reality. Together, we can make this work!

**!!!!STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL CFMS INFORMATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE!!!!**

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