

Monthly Enhancements Made to OAKS Business Intelligence Cognos

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OAKS Business Intelligence is pleased to announce February 2011's enhancements made to the OAKS BI Cognos instance. This month, seven enhancements (four FIN and three HCM) have been released. These enhancements were all requested by users, approved by the chairs of the Business Intelligence Shared Committee, and then built, tested and validated. The enhancements include one new report, two modified standard reports, a new tree to assist with filtering reports, as well as new and changed presentation layer fields.

The enhancements to the FIN package are as follows:

1. A new report, GL-0070 Collected Revenue by Agency and Fund Report, has been added to the Budget folder in the General Ledger data mart. This report tracks Revenue Collected from budget ledger "CC_AGY_COL" by agency by fund and using CC_ACCOUNT tree nodes. The report mimics report GL-070 from old EPM environment.
2. A new tree, 'OH_ACCT_REPORTING', has been added to Commitment Control subject area. This will enable users to easily review their Agency Track budget through a hierarchical structure.
3. A new field, 'Period Description', has been added to the presentation layer in the General Ledger Period Balance subject area. This field will give users a quick way to create reports that are more business friendly. Rather than using period 1, 2 - they can use the associated month description, e.g. "Jul" instead of 1, "Aug" instead of 2, etc.
4. Standard report TE-0006 Expense Report Approval has been modified to include a new column for "Distanced Traveled" to display miles traveled. "Distanced Traveled" was already an available field in Cognos but it is new to this report.

The enhancements to the HCM Package are as follows:

1. The Employee Date of Birth field, such as used in WFP-0047 Birthday Report, has been changed from a number format to a date format. With this enhancement, a filter on an employee's birthday can now be entered as Oct. 11, 1968 and not 19,681,011, for example.
2. A new field, 'Telephone – Residence' has been added to the 'Person Details' folder in the 'Person' table of both the 'Time and Labor' and 'Workforce-Employee Job' subject areas of the Workforce Profile datamart. This enhancement enables users to generate updated lists from Cognos rather than trying to maintain their own stand-alone data bases.
3. WFP-0033 Position-Job Report has had a new exception criteria added. This was accomplished by adding two new fields already available in Cognos (Bargaining Unit Code - position and Bargaining Unit Code - Job) to the report and adding logic. The enhanced report will indicate instances when the bargaining unit code differs between the 'OAKS Position' table and the 'Employee Job' table.

If you have any questions about these enhancements, please contact the OAKS Business Intelligence team at OAKS.BI-EPM90ProjectTeam@oaks.state.oh.us