

Monthly Enhancements Made to OAKS Business Intelligence Cognos

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OAKS Business Intelligence is pleased to announce the May 2011 enhancements made to the OAKS BI Cognos instance. 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 several new and/or modified fields and tables in the HCM and FIN presentation layers; a new standard report and several modified standard reports; and an entirely new group of Standard Reports for those Agencies that need to report SEFA figures.

The enhancements to the FIN package are as follows:

1. A new prompt using the Chartfield Lookup tables has been added to the *GL-0034 Fund Activity (Single Fund Multi Year)*, *GL-0012 Revenue & Expense Trend by Fund*, and *GL-0012 Revenue & Expense Trend by Fund* reports. This prompt enables users to select a Department and narrow their Chartfield options to only those they have coded to in the past. For example, users can select their departments, and the fund prompt will limit options to only the funds used by that agency. This is an optional prompt so users can still proceed without selecting a department to choose from an unfiltered list of chartfields.
2. The *GL-0038 Expenditure Trend* report has been modified to include a new column that will allow the user to insert an additional chartfield of his or her choice. For example, if the user wants to split out the report by Program Code, he or she may do so.
3. A new group of ten (10) *Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (SEFA)* reports has been developed with OBM. Now all state agencies who are Federal Grant recipients and who are required to report SEFA figures can leverage standard reports provided by OBM and OAKS BI. These reports are located in the FIN package of Standard Reports, in the General Ledger folder, in the SEFA sub-folder.
4. A new field, "Adjustment Date DTTM" has been added to the "Document Details (CC Journal)" dimension in the "GL-Commitment Control Journal" subject area. This field allows users to add the budget adjustments timestamp to their reports. It may be used to audit and track all budget adjustments.
5. A new dimension table, *Time Period*, has been added to the *GL-Period Balances* subject area. The table contains fields for various stored time periods (Fed FY/QTR, calendar year/QTR, State FY, State Month, etc.) like those in the *Journal Date* tables of the *Journal* subject areas. These time periods were derived from the GL accounting period. This will eliminate the need for some of the case statements users put in reports to, for instance, translate dates into fiscal, calendar, federal, and other time periods.
6. The *Fact CC Journal* table in the GL- Commitment Control Journal subject area has had the 'D' status removed. This removes programmatic deletes from the subject area so users don't see rows that have been assigned a status of 'D'- Deleted in the Source. This will eliminate the risk of duplicates in reports that use this dimension.
7. A new summary report, *TE-0012 Total Expense Paid*, has been added to the *Travel and Expense* folder of Standard Reports in the FIN package. This report provides a single-line summary of all expenses on employees' expense sheets. Users will be able to drill through to *TE-0001 Expense Report Lookup*, where they will still be able to view amounts paid for each individual line on expense reports.

The enhancements to the HCM package are as follows:

1. A new *Payable Status* dimension table has been added to the *Time and Labor* subject area of the WFP part of the HCM presentation layer. *Payable Status* includes fields such as 'Approved – Goes to Payroll', 'Closed', 'Sent to Payroll', and others.
2. A new field, "County", has been added to the "Address Folder" in the "Person" dimension table of the "Workforce Employee Job" and "Time & Labor" subject areas. This field will allow users to add a person's home county to a report.
3. The *Position Details* table in the Position Management subject area has had the 'D' status removed. This removes programmatic deletes from the subject area so users don't see rows that have been assigned a status of 'D'- Deleted in the Source. This will eliminate the risk of duplicates in Position Data in reports that use this dimension.

If you have questions or concerns about these enhancements, please contact the OAKS Help Desk via e-mail at oaks.helpdesk@oaks.state.oh.us or by phone at 614-644-6625 or 1-888-OhioOAKS (1-888-644-6625).