

Below you will find all articles concerning the Commercial Hosting Migration. To access complete ARC Monthly Bulletins, go to https://arc.publicdebt.treas.gov/monthly_bulletins.htm.

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- Additional Data Migrations (various)
- Disaster Recovery Testing (1/15/09 – 2/6/09)
- Training for User Acceptance Testers (1/9/09 – 2/2/09)
- User Acceptance Testing (2/9/09 – 3/9/09)
- User Training (3/10/09 – 4/6/09)
- Go-Live Target (4/10/09 – 4/14/09)

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- Additional Data Migrations
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT)
- Hands-on User Training
- Updating User Guides
- Contingency Testing and Disaster Recover Exercises
- Security Testing

ARC is working aggressively with Oracle to finalize the migration schedule and will provide the UAT, training, and "go-live" dates to affected customers upon finalization. For more information on the commercial hosting project, contact Lance Gainer at 304-480-8185 or lance.gainer@bpd.treas.gov.

August 2008 - Commercial Hosting Contract Award

BPD is pleased to announce the signing of a 10-year hosting and infrastructure support contract with immixTechnology, Inc. (immix) on Thursday, July 31, 2008. Oracle Corporation's Federal On Demand group, as a subcontractor, will host and support BPD's platform in their Austin, TX data center.

BPD has put forth considerable effort to ensure the terms of this agreement meet or exceed our requirements, and thus will represent value to you, our customers. We are currently developing a project charter and working with the contractor to develop a migration project plan. BPD will share these details and related timelines via the ARC Communications mailbox as they become solidified. Contact Lance Gainer at 304-480-8185 or lance.gainer@bpd.treas.gov for more information on the commercial hosting project.

May 2008 - ARC Seeking Commercial IT Hosting and Infrastructure Support

ARC issued a solicitation on February 1 and is in the process now of evaluating proposals for hosted accounting and procurement systems and support. Current plans call for an award decision by the end of the month. For most of you this change will be transparent. The level of effort required on your part will be similar to what you expect to expend when we upgrade to a new software version, with the primary focus being user acceptance testing. ARC will continue to provide system support functions, including administering the application and interfaces, providing Help Desk support, and ongoing testing of system changes. We will also continue to provide the accounting and procurement support services that you've come to depend on. This initiative will be discussed at the upcoming ARC Customer Conference as well as through this bulletin as plans and timelines are solidified post contract award. For more information on the commercial IT hosting project, contact Lance Gainer at 304-480-8185 or lance.gainer@bpd.treas.gov.