

## September 2012 – ORPIN 2.0 Project Update

As part of our monthly update to you regarding the ORPIN2 project, the following message outlines the latest. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the project team.

- Last month we noted our 100 day point to go live. That was contingent upon completion of the project's critical path items including such things as feature enhancements that SciQuest is working to make ready; contract enablement; training; testing; another focus group; and other items.

### **Project Critical Path (from September 2012 to Go-Live)**



This 100-day plan identifies the tasks that are project related and the areas of responsibility that the owners of the system (Procurement Services) will need to manage in preparation for and in support of the deployed system.

- In late August, the project team was notified by SciQuest that not all of our feature requests (system programming) would be ready this year. Several of these items have been identified as critical in nature and are necessary to deploy the system as planned. The project team has taken this information to the \*Operational Steering Committee (OSC) and is in conversation with them on possible deployment options in light of this information. Since these items are on the critical path, the date of our next focus group has not been determined. We will know more in the coming weeks and will share this information with you as soon as we hear.
- A white paper is being developed by the project team to inform the OSC on needs and impacts (budget, schedule, resources) for the various deployment options available to us. Over the next several weeks, the OSC will analyze this information and provide direction to the project team. We will continue to keep you informed of the outcome of these conversations.

- The OSC has not chosen to place the project on hold at this time. Therefore, the project team is continuing to ready the system for deployment. However, the OSC has agreed that the previously announced go live date of November 5 is not viable. A new go live date will be identified at the conclusion of the discussion of the various deployment options available.
- A meeting was recently held with the OSC to discuss the “health of the project.” This meeting resulted in the identification of three areas of concern: project resources, communications, and system functionality. The project team met with the OSC over the last two weeks to discuss their concerns. These meetings have been very successful and the OSC has expressed that they are better informed on the current state of the project.
- Entry of DAS Procurement Services contracts is continuing. At last report, almost 200 of the 584 identified contracts have been loaded into the system.
- The training team is continuing to build the training materials for deployment of the system. The frame work has been completed and they are now beginning to add detail. Questions regarding training should be directed to Vicky Narkon as the Project Manager for training.

*\*The Operational Steering Committee (OSC) is a cross-section of the DPO Council. The group consists of representatives from 16 agencies. Their primary purpose is to guide the transition of ORPIN 2.0 from project to program. They make critical decisions on feature, function, and system processes, assess agency readiness, and will ultimately be responsible for the Go/No-Go recommendation to the Project Sponsor.*