Reports Survey: Preliminary findings help to prioritize development efforts

The results are in! General Ledger and Payroll reports lead the pack in terms of high demand and usefulness. Survey respondents indicated that they are most interested in the Payroll Audit Register (PAYR095), the Detailed Deduction Report (PAYR121) and the GL Cumulative Expense, Revenue and Balance Sheet Detail (LAGL019, LAGL819 and LAGL919). The goal of LACOE’s collaboration with agencies on reports and data is not to recreate the most popular reports, but understand how these reports are being used so we can deliver even more useful access to the data agencies need, when they need it, and in useable formats. Data to get the job done is our goal.

Click here to find the Preliminary Findings Document on our website. This document can be used to understand who responded to the survey and to learn what the most used and useful reports as stated by you, our stakeholders. The Reports survey was distributed via mass email on April 18, 2017, to over 1,600 stakeholders. The BEST Project Reports survey officially closed on May 8, 2017, with 312 responses collected from 87 Local Education Agencies (LEA). Survey demographics shows that our customer base was widely represented in both agency type and implementation wave.

Agencies are encouraged to work directly with the Functional Teams to address questions about reports and data in the new BEST Advantage System.

PB: Integration drives key benefits

Integrated data across the Performance Budgeting (PB), Finance (FIN) and Human Capital Management (HCM) applications will be the key benefits of using the new BEST Advantage System PB application.

Key benefits include:
1. Fully integrated budgetary controls in FIN once the budget is approved/adopted;
2. Fully integrated budgetary system using information from the FIN and HCM to perform “what-if” scenarios and multi-year projections (e.g., for salaries and benefits);
3. Full visibility of budget development status (e.g., Budget Review and Budget Approval) through process workflow; and
4. The ability to perform Budget vs Actuals analysis and comparative trend analysis.

These benefits will be most realized once your agency is live on all three applications (PB, FIN and HCM). Wave 1 Agencies will be able to begin using the PB application in January 2018 to develop their Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgets.

For more information on the BEST Project, please visit www.lacoe.edu/BEST.

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