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Information technology and business are becoming inextricably interwoven. I don't think anybody can talk meaningfully about one without the talking about the other. ~ Bill Gates

EXECUTIVE CCaR SAF/AQ's Dashboard

Executive CCaR, the web dashboard tool that presents acquisition program metrics, budget and execution data for decision makers, is beginning to garner the attention of leadership at all levels within the AF Acquisition's community. In November 2009, the ESC Commander, Lt. Gen. Bowlds, saw Executive CCaR and immediately wanted all programs under his command to begin using it. Likewise, after the ASC leadership, to include Gen. Owens, ASC/CC, and Brig Gen Thompson, 303 AESW/CC, was briefed on the application, they began encouraging the use of Executive CCaR throughout the center. Today, all MAR programs within the command utilize the tool to gain better program visibility and improved portfolio management.

Air Armament Center followed suit and all programs recently began reporting in Executive CCaR. In fact, nearly all major acquisition programs across the Air Force are using Executive CCaR to more effectively manage programs.

As a result of the interest Executive CCaR received from Acquisition Centers, the AF Acquisition Investment Budget Chief, Mr. Blaise Durante, requested a demonstration of the tool in early January. He was so impressed, he briefed SAF/AQ, Mr. David Van Buren, and named Executive CCaR the program and financial management Dashboard for AF Acquisitions. Mr. Durante continues to tout the new application, with future briefings scheduled for the AF Chief Management Office (CMO), the Tools and Training (T2) Council, and the Secretary of the Air Force.

Built with an open architecture and the ability to con-

sume data from any number of sources (see article p. 2), it is easy to see why there is such great enthusiasm surrounding Executive CCaR. Presently, the tool consumes financial data from client-server CCaR databases across the AF, as well as programmatic data contained within SMART. As new tools such as Active Risk Manager (ARM), AF Congressional Domain, and IDECS II are integrated into the Acquisition Domain, there is a huge potential for additional

sources, bringing all critical decision-making data into one application. And now that almost all MAR programs in ESC, ASC, and AAC have loaded data in Executive CCaR, decision makers will achieve a consolidated view of program data across all programs within their portfolio. Better decisions will result with this type of information at program managers' finger tips. At no time

has so much information about Acquisition Programs been available in one source for managers and leadership at all levels.

If you have not seen Executive CCaR before, you can view a live demonstration via Defense Connect Online every Thursday at 1:00 PM EDT. To participate, go to <https://connect.dco.dod.mil/execcar> and dial 1-877-810-9415, access code 9323772.

To request an Executive CCaR account, users must complete a DD Form 2875, System Authorization Access Request. Access instructions are located on the Air Force Portal under the Executive CCaR listing in the Application A-Z Index. Detailed instructions are also available on the CCaR Community of Practice.





Executive CCaR™ A Rich Enterprise Application

After delivering Executive CCaR™ version 1.0, the CCaR development team went back to the labs to determine how advancements in web technologies could be leveraged to deliver a more compelling user interface to present critical programmatic metrics to users. What they found were several advancements in rich internet applications platforms that matured to a point where they could be used for enterprise systems. Enterprise applications built with these platforms allow users to do more than just retrieve information. In fact, technology has become so advanced that users can now run software applications entirely through a browser. These web applications, called Rich Enterprise Applications (REA), have a vibrant user-friendly interface, intuitive design, and superior

Program War Room. The War Room displays programmatic information on a three-by-three display allowing users to zoom into each chart and then drill into the details for the chart. Designed to replace static PowerPoint presentations, the Program War Room is truly an eye-opening experience.



Dashboard Home

In addition to the user interface upgrade, Executive CCaR™ version 2.0 also expanded the services used to interface with CCaR and SMART. Additional programmatic data from SMART including Program Assessments, PoPS Assessments, Program Issues, Program Risks, Program KPPs, Program Schedules, and Program Contracts/EVM are now consumed by Executive CCaR™ and displayed on the



Program War Room



Snake Charts

flexibility. Built on the concepts and technology of REAs, the next generation of Executive CCaR™ was born.

Executive CCaR™ version 2.0 transforms Executive CCaR™ into a Rich Enterprise Application by delivering a brand new interface to the programmatic data. Released into GCSS Production at the end of October 2009, Executive CCaR™ 2.0 delivers a highly interactive user experience that displays graphs and metrics with drill-down capabilities, provides advanced filtering capability and give users insight into their data like never before. In addition to the rich, interactive dashboard, Executive CCaR™ 2.0 delivers the

dashboard and in the Program War Room.

By combining the power of a REA with the flexibility of a SOA, critical acquisition program information is in the hands of the decision makers. Users have portfolio-wide transparency, with drill-down capability into individual programs. In this way, Executive CCaR™ 2.0 provides a means for organizations to transform their business practices. No longer limited to static programmatic presentations, the real-time metrics and charts in Executive CCaR™ will revolutionize the oversight of acquisition programs.



New Accounting System Interfaces

CCaR recently implemented several new accounting system interfaces for three of our newest customers. The list of accounting system interfaces for CCaR is extended to now include STARS FL,



Momentum®, and BASIS. The Standard Accounting and Reporting System – Field Level (STARS-FL) is a Government owned accounting system supported by DFAS-Cleveland and is used primarily by the Department of the Navy. Some of you are probably wondering – doesn't CCaR already interface with STARS? The answer is yes, but the existing interface was with STARS Headquarters Claimant Module (STARS-HCM). While there are some similarities, STARS-FL and STARS-HCM are two separate systems with their own set of tables, accounting components and posting codes. Momentum® is a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) product produced by CGI Group, Inc. and is used by over 100 federal government organizations. As CCaR use continues to expand, we're certain future customers using Momentum® will benefit from the established interface. BASIS is an accounting system utilized at the local agency level to track commitment, obligation and expenditure transactions.

Tracking Project Information On CCaR Forecast Events

DTRA recently sponsored a requirement that allows users to track a Project, Performer and Procurement Action Lead Time (PALT Code) on a CCaR Forecast Event. This new feature allows DTRA

CCaR: NT1329 Commitment Plan for 2010 6.3 RR Projects

ISSUES FOR THE CURRENT PLAN ARE:
This Plan is Valid.

APPROVED:	DOC NO	AMEND DATE	AMEND AMNT (This CCaR)	AMEND TOTAL	ALLOC TO PLANS
\$6,190,000.00	6.3 RR Projects				
	DTRA Form 48: Funds Reque	15-Dec-2009	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00
				\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00

PROJECT	PERFORMER	PLAN EVENT	PALT CODE
RF Modulation	AFRL	RF Modulation Project Award	U - MIFR (DoD)
RF Modulation	AFIT	RF Modulation Project Award	U - MIFR (DoD)
Bio Wave	MMRC	Bio Wave Project Award	U - MIFR (DoD)
Chemical Bypass	MMRC	Chemical Bypass Project Award	U - MIFR (DoD)
Bio Transfer	MIT	Bio Transfer Project Award	U - MIFR (DoD)
Microwave Radiation	Stanford	Microwave Radiation Project Award	V - MIFR (Non-DoD)

(Amounts shown in BLUE are past and are not included in the outstanding total)

to track the Project and Performer (the organization or agency supporting the project) for each forecast event. The PALT code is used to identify when the obligation should occur based on the type of procurement required. This data is used to drive two new CCaR Reports: the Spend Plan Report and the Carryover Execution Report.

Additional Program Information on Program List

The CCaR Program List has been expanded to now show: 1) Program Name, 2) Program Acronym, 3) Program Manager, 4) ACAT Designator, 5) Whether the Program is Mapped to a SMART Program (if applicable), 6) The Date Last Published to SMART (if applicable), 7) The Date Last Published to Executive CCaR™ (if applicable) and 8) The Date Last Published for consumption by ASR (if applicable).

PROGRAM	ACRONYM	ACAT	MAPPED TO SMART	LAST SMART PUBLISH	
Acquisition Domain Enterprise Transformation Support	ADETS (Not on AML yet)		N		
Active Risk Manager	ARM (Not on AML yet)		Y	25-FEB-2010 (as of 25-FEB-2010)	25
Air Force Knowledge Now	AFKN (Not on AML yet)		N		
Air Force Medical Omnibus Web Application Pool	AFMOWAP		Y	26-JAN-2010 (as of 26-JAN-2010)	26
Air Force Museum Automated Tracking System	AFMATS (Not on AML yet)		N		
Automated Intersite Gateway	AISG	Non-ACAT	Y	27-JAN-2010 (as of 31-DEC-2009)	27
Aviation Resource Management System	ARMS		Y	26-JAN-2010 (as of 26-JAN-2010)	26
Comprehensive Costs and Requirements System	CCARS	Non-ACAT	Y	26-FEB-2010 (as of 26-FEB-2010)	26
Corporate Data Repository	CDRS	Non-ACAT	Y	10-DEC-2009 (as of 10-DEC-2009)	10
Deficiency Reporting and Investigating System	DRIS (Not on AML)	Non-ACAT	Y	10-DEC-2009 (as of 10-DEC-2009)	10
Enterprise Information Management	EIMS (Not on AML yet)		N		
Enterprise Information Technology Data Repository	EITDR	Non-ACAT	Y	18-FEB-2010 (as of 18-FEB-2010)	18
Enterprise Network Systems Acquisition	ENSA (Not on AML)		N		
Financial Inventory Accounting and Billing System	FIABS		Y		
Information and Resource Support System	IRSS	Non-ACAT	Y	25-JAN-2010 (as of 25-JAN-2010)	25

In addition to the display of additional program information, the program list may be accessed from the Reports -- Multi-Org Reports menu item to show all CCaR Programs across all organizations.

New Budget Request Package Tool

JSTO recently sponsored a requirement that automates the current manual processes used to release, withdraw, reprogram, realign and reallocate budget in PBAS, JSCBIS, CCaR and CAFRMS.

Budget Request Package

Budget Request Package Number: 2010-00001

Created By: HOLLWAY, J
Created On: 11/17/2009 04:24:08
DRAFT

FY: 2010 Appropriation: 0400

Package Summary | Budget Actions | Attachments | Coordination | Audit Log

Comments

FY10 CRA #1 funding released for the projects listed in the attached spreadsheet.

ACTION / ACCOUNT / BUDGET / CCaR RECORD	CURRENT APPV AMNT	CURRENT AUTH AMNT	CHANGE
Action #1 RELEASE	\$8,320,742.00	\$0.00	
ECBC 0602384BP	\$8,165,000.00	\$0.00	
MRCM 0601384BP	\$155,742.00	\$0.00	
	\$8,320,742.00	\$0.00	

The use of this tool will reduce e-mail traffic, eliminate reconciliation between multiple systems, and automate the allocation of funds to CCaR Budgets and CCaR Records.



CCaR feature

The Ad Hoc Report

By Wayne Foster, CCaR Project Lead, ASC

The **Ad Hoc Report** is a report generation tool used to create customized queries in order to generate reports that provide answers to specific questions which cannot be obtained from an existing pre-formatted report. This tool allows the presentation of information in columnar format derived from four templates: **CCaR Budget Execution**, **CCaR Commitment Documents**, **CCaR Program Data** and **CCaR Record Data**. The template titles indicate the level of detail available to create reports.

The **CCaR Budget Execution** template provides access to forecasting and execution information for the CCaR Records and CCaR Budgets. The forecasting and execution information is available for commitments, obligation and expenditures.

The **CCaR Commitment Documents** template provides access to detailed information about the funding document, general information about the CCaR Record, specific information about obligations and expenditures, and the accounting classification fields associated with the specific document.

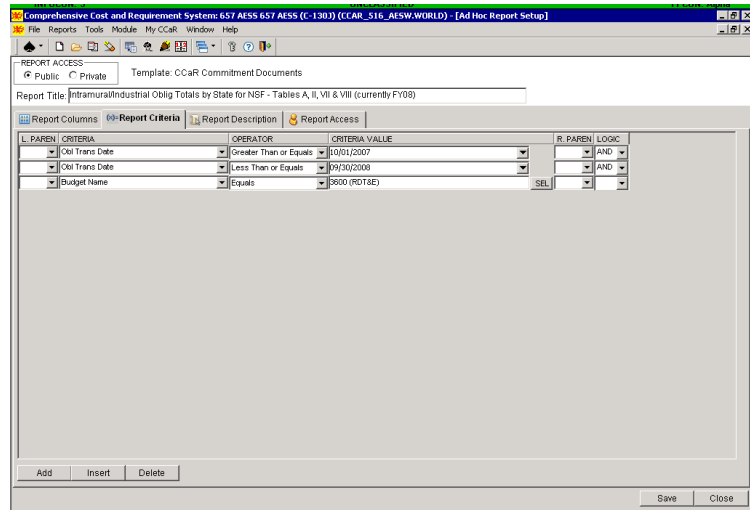
The **CCaR Program Data** template provides access to detailed information about Programs that have been structured in the Program Tool. In addition to programmatic data, you can draw from budget, CCaR Record, forecast and financial execution status data to generate reports about a selected Program.

The **CCaR Record Data** template addresses the demographics of the CCaR Record (Project) itself. It allows you to generate reports from a wide range of information about a specific CCaR Record or collection of CCaR Records. The breadth of information spans Record-specific programmatic data, budget data including budget fields and forecasts, custom fields and dates, KPPs, and financial execution. Each of these templates allows you to generate reports on FMS cases.

Developing an Ad Hoc Report is straightforward. From the CCaR Module, go to **Reports/Ad Hoc Report** and click **Add**. Select the desired template from the drop-down and populate the fields in the tabs as required.

The **Report Columns** tab is used to define the data (columns) you will see in the report. This tab is split into two different sections; the left side contains a list of available columns and the right side contains a list of the selected data elements that will be used to generate the report. Select a column from the left side (available columns) and use the right arrow to move it to the right side (selected columns). If you wish to use all available columns in your report, click the button that contains two right arrows. Within this tab you can also define the sort order, data format, alignment, grouping and totals of the columns.

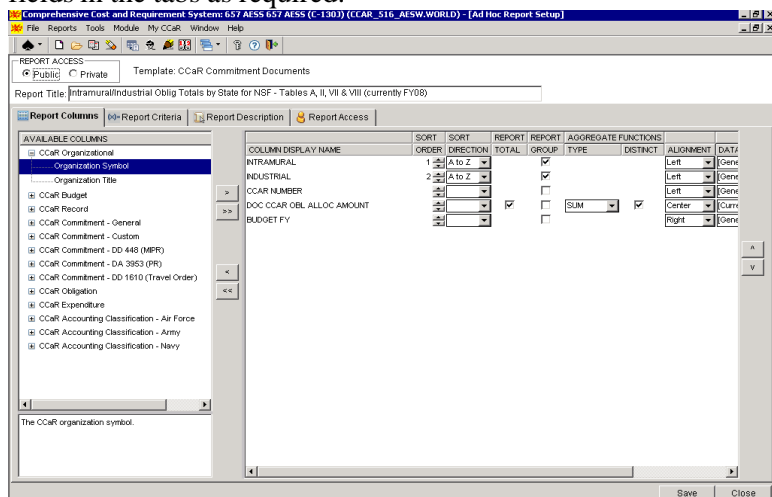
The **Report Criteria** tab is used to enter the parameters that will be used when generating the report. These parameters are often thought of as the “rules” in that they are used to determine what data will be included in the report. You can generate the report without any filter criteria, however, the results may not be as helpful. When defining the report criteria, you must first select the column to which the criteria will be applied to. Click the **Add** button followed by selecting the appropriate column from the **Criteria** drop-down menu and then select the appropriate **Operator** and **Criteria Value**. You can either enter a value directly into the criteria value field or you can simply click the **Sel** button which will provide you with a list of all of the values that have been used for the selected column.



The **Report Description** tab is used to provide details about the Ad Hoc report. This is a text field that allows you to enter as much or as little detail as possible.

The **Report Access** tab is used to control the accessibility of this report to other users. A report can be made public which allows all users to view the report, but not modify the report setup. Alternatively, a report can be set to private and configured to allow access to specific individuals. Individuals may be given access to only view the report, or they may be given permissions to view and modify the report setup.

The **Ad Hoc Report** capability is powerful and after initial setup proves to be a tremendous time saver. Contact your CCaR Administrator to enable the **Ad Hoc Report**.



A Word on Distributed Budgets

Welcome New Customers



We extend a special welcome to several new customers on the CCaR team! These customers deployed CCaR recently and we want to give them a warm welcome:

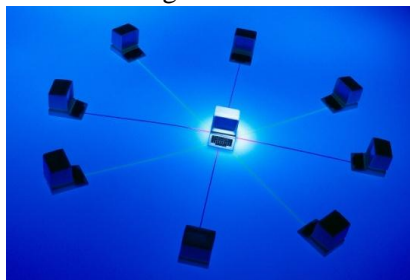
- First Naval Construction Division
- NORTHCOM
- 542 CBSG
- 84 CSW Range Threat Program

If your Program Office is like most, you either receive part of your budget from another Program Office or you distribute some of your budget to another organization. In either case, you should be familiar with the Distributed Budget feature in CCaR. Proper use of this functionality allows the receiving organization to create CCaR records funded by a distributed budget and execute this funding. The sending organization then imports the execution data from the receiving organization, allowing insight into how the budget is being planned and executed. As with many of the functionalities in CCaR, the Distributed Budget feature is very flexible and gives Program Offices total control over how funds are managed. There are two ways to distribute budgets: (1) from the Budget Authority Editor (BAE) and (2) directly from a CCaR record.

Sending organizations needing detailed execution data from the receiving unit should use the BAE to distribute budgets. The BAE allows users to import all CCaR records and execution data as well as the custom fields, priorities and categories tied to that budget. The BAE method will also automatically check to ensure the sending unit has enough available funding on the budgets selected before the transaction occurs.

On the other hand, if detailed data is not necessary, budgets may also be distributed directly from a CCaR record. Some organizations find it easier to create a CCaR record specifically designated to distribute the entire amount, while others distribute only a portion of the funding

allocated to a record. Regardless of the method, the execution data received by the sending organization will be a rolled-up view with none of the detailed data included. This may be beneficial if the receiving organization allocates the distributed budget to many CCaR records.



In either case, once the budget is distributed the receiving unit is responsible for those funds. Part

of that responsibility entails allocating the funding to the proper commitment documents during the obligation/expenditure allocation processes. If obligations and/or expenditures are not allocated to the documents, the data will not be retrieved and the sending unit will lose visibility over the distributed funds. Additionally, several tools (Commitment Obligation Delta Tool) and reports (Reference Document Status Report) will no longer be accurate due to the missing funding document information. This can cause problems with reporting, and can result in confusion between the program offices.

The Distributed Budget feature in CCaR can make sending, receiving, and tracking distributed budgets automatic and easy. But to be effective, it requires both sides monitoring the transactions to be diligent with their work and follow established business practices within their unit.

CCaR Distributed Budget Manager Tool

The Distributed Budget Manager allows Supervisors to review budgets distributed to, and budgets received from other organizations. The Distributed Budget Manager provides a central location to manage all budgets sent and received.

The Distributed Budget Manager uses a job feature to retrieve data about the distributed or received budget. The advantage of using a job process over a direct retrieval is that the user running the job may continue with other work in CCaR while the requested job is processing. The nightly procedures will still run for all budgets, but the Distributed Budget Manager allows users to pull data for only those budgets and fiscal years that are absolutely necessary during business hours.

The Distributed Budget Manager has two views: Budgets Distributed and Budgets Received. The top section of the Budgets Distributed view includes a list of the Budgets, the Receiving Org., the Budget Type and other data about each budget. The bottom section of the window displays the distributed amounts for the selected budget. The Budgets Received view allows users to view budgets received from other organizations.

The Distributed Budget Manager Tool can be accessed through the Tools menu in the CCaR Module.

CCaR Quick Tip

