



Welcome back to *The Monthly Momentum*!

The Monthly Momentum is your monthly update on the FMMI Intelligent Enterprise Transformation (FIET) Project progress.

The Financial Training Forum is kicking off this month! It's time to dig into the details – why YOU should attend, training courses offered, and more.

Featuring: Financial Training Forum

FMS is proud to present the Financial Training Forum (FTF), a series of virtual sessions available to all USDA employees. There is no charge to register and no limit to number of attendees. Spread over two weeks featuring a variety of topics, there's something for everyone. Beginning on July 23rd, Week 1 courses will focus on Financial Management topics. Week 2, starting July 30th, is all about FIET! We highly encourage all FMMI users to attend FTF to prepare for the system upgrade in February 2025.

What's in It for Me?

Join us at the Financial Training Forum to...

-  Preview Fiori's app-based interface
-  Get a sneak peek of updated transactions
-  Collaborate with colleagues across agencies
-  See live demonstrations of Fiori Launchpad navigation
-  Stand on the forefront of upcoming change
-  Earn CPE credits!

What Courses Will be Offered at FTF?

FTF training sessions will be conducted virtually by a live instructor. Each session will be offered twice, there is no limit to the number of attendees, and it's free to all USDA employees.

Week 1: Financial Management courses (7/23 – 7/25)

- **Travel Policy** – Overview of USDA's Agriculture Travel Regulation policies.
- **FMS Online Resources** – Review FMS website and available resources.
- **Sales Orders/Reimbursable Agreements** – Walk through the sales order process with emphasis on the reimbursable order lifecycle.
- **Contracting** – Overview of the procurement process and resources available via the Acquisition Program Management Office.
- **Financial Services Division Processes** – Review payment and collection services provided to USDA agencies.

- **Intro to FIET** – Overview of FIET Project including the need for modernization, changes to the current system, and end user benefits. *Offered Weeks 1 & 2.*
- **Harnessing Real Time Insights: Real Time Data Visualizations Using SAP Analytics Cloud** – Diving into the integration between SAP Analytics Cloud (SAC) and FMMI data sources.

Week 2: FIET courses (7/30 – 8/1)

- **Intro to FIET** – Overview of FIET Project including the need for modernization, changes to the current system, and end user benefits. *Offered Weeks 1 & 2.*
- **Intro to Fiori Launchpad and App Demo** – Overview of the Fiori Launchpad demonstrating functionality and key benefits.
- **Fiori App Demo: Manage Journal Entries, Post Incoming Payments, and Reverse Items** – Demonstration of initiating and completing various transactions in Fiori.
- **Intro to Business Partner Records** – Overview of changes to customer and vendor record naming standards changes and agency update procedures.
- **Fiori App Demo: Parked Documents Report** – Demonstration of initiation and completion of a Parked Documents Report in Fiori.
- **S/4 Embedded Analytics: Document Chain, Accounts Payable, Sales Orders, and Trial Balance** – Overview and demonstration of S/4HANA embedded analytics and changes to existing BOBJ reports.

How Do I Register for FTF?

Sign up for FTF courses in AgLearn! Search your inbox for the Financial Training Forum Registration message sent out on July 2nd for details. Once registration has closed, FMS will send out a Teams meeting invitation and optional dial-in information to registrants.

Please note that registration for Week 1 courses closes on July 16th, and registration for Week 2 courses closes on July 24th. See you at the Forum!

THE FUTURE OF FIET: Roadmap & Vision Updates

As we navigate the dynamic landscape of the FIET Project, this monthly roadmap is designed to provide you with a clear view of our current focus, and where we plan to go in the coming weeks and months.

🗨 **Transparency and Collaboration:** We encourage each team member to review the roadmap and ask questions to help ensure we are sharing the right level of detail for our FIET stakeholders.

Follow our progress with the FIET Project Roadmap:



Key upcoming dates and milestones to pay special attention to include:

- **This month!** – Virtual FIET informational sessions will be held during Week 2 of the Financial Training Forum (7/30 – 8/1).
- **Winter 2024** – We will begin to launch training in Winter 2024 to provide a couple of months for end users to review training before go-live.
- **February 2025** – FMMI upgrade go-live!

FACES OF FIET: Key Player Spotlight

Each month, get to know the devoted minds driving FIET's success. Each edition will spotlight one of the individuals who make our team extraordinary. Learn about their roles, experiences, and what fuels their excitement for FIET.



Meet FIET Project key player, *Barbara Frye!*

How long have you been with USDA/FMS? I have been with FMS for a total of 16 years, supporting agencies with Cash Reconciliation for 7 years and the Customer Support Branch for the last 9 years.

What is your role in OCFO/FMS? I am the Supervisory Systems Accountant of the Customer Support Branch Spending and Reporting Section, providing resolutions in FMMI for reporting, accounts payable, and general ledger related activity.

What is your role on the FIET Project? I serve as the USDA Functional Lead working with consultants and FMS SMEs to ensure the S/4HANA FMMI system meets the functional needs of USDA users.

What are you most excited about regarding FIET or S/4HANA? I am excited to be a part of an amazing FIET project team and for USDA to be the first federal agency to migrate into the SAP S/4HANA platform. I am also very excited about Fiori, the new user interface, and the possibility for future innovation with Fiori apps for our USDA agencies.

How would your best friend describe you in three words? My friends would describe me as compassionate, dependable, and strong.



Ice fishing in Minnesota



What are you currently reading/watching, and are you enjoying it? I am currently reading Colleen Coble's *Aloha Reef* series, and I recently finished James Patterson's *Sundays at Tiffany's* and *Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas*. I'm looking forward to starting the Gabrielle Meyers's historical fiction series, *Timeless*.

Barbara with her kids and grandkids

What is your favorite childhood memory? I loved driving out to the country to visit my grandparents, where we had huge family gatherings, ran through the corn fields, and rode horses. I have great memories with my siblings in the back seat of the car in a makeshift bed of quilts. We had the best times with my dad's 11 siblings and their families, hanging out on the porches and yard playing music and singing. My hope is to restore the family home for my grandchildren to create new memories.



Barbara with her mom & sisters

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