



# IRIS INSIGHT

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July 2014



## 30 day - AUGUST

- Integrated System Testing (IST3)
- IRIS Preview sessions in Juneau August 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- Network Performance Testing
- HRM business design & business process reengineering

## 60 day - SEPTEMBER

- Integrated System Testing (IST3)
- Department participation in IST3
- Begin logistics for end user training
- Vendor outreach planning
- HRM conversion plan & interface plan

## 90 day - OCTOBER

- Department participation in IST3

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## Status Update

The **Finance and Technical teams** continue to work through cutover, which involves taking all of the data in AKSAS and converting it to IRIS. The teams have been finding and quickly resolving issues to make sure the data has been properly converted. The teams plan on wrapping up cutover by the end of this month, so Integrated System Testing Pass 3 (IST3) can begin in August.

The **Procurement team** is doing a final validation of forms and preparing to assist with IST3. The team is also spearheading two outreach efforts: (1) drafting communications for the State's vendor community explaining what IRIS will mean for them, and (2) reaching out to APOG and departmental business leads looking for departmental super-users who are willing to work with the IRIS team, become experts in the system, and assist with testing and training efforts.

The **IRIS Change Management team** is working on analyzing the departments' training needs. Once we have a good idea of how many people will need training and where they are, we can start building the training schedule, booking the rooms, identifying trainers in various regions, and organizing the multiple moving parts and logistical requirements for an effort of this size. Many thanks to the departments who helped us by making sure we know which positions will need to know how to use IRIS next July! If you are interested in being an IRIS trainer, please email [IRIS.Project@alaska.gov](mailto:IRIS.Project@alaska.gov).

The **Human Resource Management (HRM) team** continues to evaluate baseline design and configuration to determine what areas meet the business processing needs of the State of Alaska and what areas will need further discussion to find a solution. The HRM team is also starting to work on BPMN flowcharts. BPMN stands for Business Process Model and Notation, which is a standard way of creating a model of steps (flowcharts) that illustrate business process workflows. These flowcharts will be used during testing, training and configuration activities

In August, the IRIS team will take a look at the details of the work remaining, identify opportunities for coordination and make sure all of our teams are working in tandem with departments. As with any IT project of this size, details may change but the larger tasks will remain the same.

## Goodbye & Goodluck

It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to former Procurement Team Lead and IRIS team member **Staci Augustus** who is leaving state government after 30 years of distinguished service. *Thank you Staci, we wish you all the best!*

## Network Performance Testing

Next month, members of the IRIS Technical team will be traveling to remote locations including: Bethel, Ketchikan, Nome, Kodiak, and DMVA offices at Fort Richardson, to conduct Network Performance Testing.



This type of testing measures how the system performs and calculates the time required for data to traverse the State of Alaska network. By conducting the network performance testing now, we will be able to identify any connectivity issues and mitigate those issues prior to go live.

During network testing, IRIS team members will test the finance and procurement components by simulating the type as well as the volume of work activities expected once IRIS goes live. VPN access will also be tested to gauge the response times of that connection. Similarly, a variation of the network performance test will also be run to simulate vendors accessing Vendor Self Service (VSS).

## IRIS Previews & Outreach Presentations

Earlier this month, members of the IRIS Change Management team traveled to Anchorage and Fairbanks to conduct five IRIS Preview sessions and four IRIS Outreach presentations. Fifty-four people participated in IRIS Preview sessions (2 hour/ hands-on) and thirty-four people attended IRIS Outreach presentations (1 hour/ show and tell). The team is tentatively looking at offering additional Preview/ Outreach offerings in Anchorage in late September. Additional Preview sessions will be scheduled in Juneau based on demand.

If you are interested in having the IRIS team speak with your group, please contact [IRIS.Project@alaska.gov](mailto:IRIS.Project@alaska.gov) to schedule an IRIS Outreach presentation. As a reminder, Outreach presentations include an overview of IRIS, an in-system walk through and demonstration of a business process in IRIS. Presentations are limited to 15 participants and multiple presentations may be scheduled to accommodate large divisions/ sections.

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## TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

This month we are featuring Eva Lam and Sterling Phillips from the IRIS HRM Team.



**Meet Eva Lam:** Raised in Hong Kong, I came to the States as a high school exchange student and attended Arizona State University. I

joined CGI soon after college as a web developer. System integration and application development have been my main focus in the past 10+ years. On this project, I decided to take on a different role and focus on the business side of system integration. I love travel, in fact I flew around the world once. I also love the outdoors, hiking, backpacking, and do all these with my 10lb Chihuahua.

**Meet Sterling Phillips:** I am a Business Consultant for the Business on Shore Development team. Currently, I am working



on the IRIS HRM team dealing with Employee Profile Management. I am an active member of the Dallas Center of Excellence and represent and support my co-workers to the utmost while on a project site. I graduated from University of Mary Hardin-Baylor with a major in Business Management and was a captain of the University's basketball team. In my spare time, I like to attend concerts and enjoy all sports including playing basketball.

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