



Project Proposal

Project Name: Organizational Hierarchy Structure in General Ledger		Submission Date: 7/31/2008
Submitting School: Broward College	System: Finance	Subsystem: General Ledger
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When do you expect to implement this project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon Completion <input type="checkbox"/> With the port <input type="checkbox"/> At a separate time, outside of the port		
Is this a state or federal mandate? No		
<p>Project Description: There is a need to report financial information in a format that represents the structure of the organization. As an organizational chart represents the various levels of authority with various campuses and departments at a college, we need to present financial data in the same format similarly.</p> <p>With the implementation of SAS FM at BC, we currently maintain a financial data reporting hierarchy outside of the college's ERP system. The creation of the structure took a great deal of analysis and planning. The maintenance of this structure requires a significant amount of discipline each time the organization changes and new chart of accounts are added. The hierarchy provides BC with the ability to report financial information at total college, total campus, by executive sponsor, AVP/Dean, and Director/ Manager, down to the lowest level of detail which is the actual chart of account. This structure allows the financial data to have depth providing for a type of drill down analysis capability.</p> <p>We would like the consortium to consider the reporting hierarchy we have built that is used by SAS FM and determine if the same kind of structure could be built within the ERP system of the college. If the hierarchy can be built in the ERP system, we would then download the hierarchy the ERP system to be used by SAS FM or any other report writing tool.</p>		



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<p>Benefits and Goals: The type of organizational hierarchy being described here is very similar at all sister institutions. Once built, the hierarchy structure could be used to develop mainframe reports as well as online browse screens. For those schools with report writing tools, this hierarchy could be downloaded and used by the report writing software.</p> <p>The benefits of building the hierarchy within the ERP system would eliminate the need to maintain 2 sets of financial reporting rollups/hierarchies. The old rollup functionality (which is very narrow in functionality) that exists in the current ERP system and the newly created report writing tool hierarchy which exists outside the ERP system. BCC would recommend eliminating the current rollup functionality that exists currently in the ERP system and replace it with new ERP hierarchy functionality.</p>	
<p>Project Risk: Dedication to maintaining the hierarchy structure, once it is built initially, requires constant attention to ensure the total budget, commitment/encumbrance and actual dollars balance to the trial balance each day.</p>	
<p>Additional Comments and supporting documents: BC can provide a demonstration of how this hierarchy structure works in the report writing tool. We can also share the design and implementation procedures followed when implementing it at BC.</p> <p>BC Project - 295</p>	

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