

PARS Update

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Agenda

- PARS Overview
- User Forum Questions/Response Discussion
- Empower
- SQL Reports
- Other Updates
 - New Extractor
 - Two-Factor Authentication
 - Password Management
 - Database
- Lessons Learned
- User Training
- Change Requests
- Other Software

PARS Overview

- PARS last updated from Dekker tool to BIRST business intelligence tool three years ago.
 Change driven by Dekker obsolescence with Microsoft operating system.
- Currently there are two parts to PARS Overview and Assessment (O&A) + BIRST
 - O&A no changes, we do plan to consider how O&A operates or flags in the future (FPD Toolbox)
 - BIRST encountering frequent stability problems from embedded aging software code, and not utilizing COTS requires significant resources to buildout analysis and reporting
- Key Dates
 - July 2nd, 2018 CCB Decision to move from BIRST to Empower
 - September 24th to November 20th User Forums with NA, EM, SC, NE, FE, CIO, HQ, and EFCOG PCSG
 - Seven Day outage over Memorial Day 2019 In Production June 2019



Business Intelligence Tool Retirement

All,

The Department of Energy's Project Assessment and Reporting System (PARS) will undergoing a software change during the summer of 2019. The current Business Intelligence tool in PARS for analysis and reporting, BIRST, will be retired in June 2019. In its place, Empower, a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) product from Encore Analytics, will be added to PARS. This change is necessary because BIRST is growing increasingly more difficult to maintain due to changing DOE security and infrastructure requirements, and a decline in vendor support as BIRST becomes increasingly "cloud focused".

PM will develop and deploy a new updated extractor to upgrade current Microsoft Office technology. DOE Contractors should notice minimal to no change in their processes and will continue to upload data into the PARS application. It is important to remember that PARS only stores data (Contractor Project Performance - CPP) in accordance with contract requirements as an official record. Data is displayed without calculations as a direct representative of what has been uploaded.

To ensure Program Office requirements and concerns are addressed, Zac West, Garrett Richardson, and the members of the PARS team from PM-30 would like to meet with each program's PARS representatives. Ideally, this would include Program and Field-level Users and each session would be scheduled via WebEx. Following Program and Field input, an additional session will be held with EFCOG Project Controls members. The intent of these sessions is to gain a perspective as to what will be of most value for Users. Findings will be shared at the Project Management Workshop in February 2019.

PM's goal is to ensure PARS provides the maximum benefit to each Program Office and Field Site and enables informed decision making based on credible, accurate and transparent data. The sessions with likely be about 2 hours long, with a 30 minute overview, and an hour and a half of discussion of User requirements in order to identify and prioritize how to best utilize PARS dashboards and reports. Zac will begin scheduling these sessions over the next week with the goal of completing these sessions by the end of October.

Please provide your point of contact to Zac West matthew.west@hq.doe.gov and Garrett Richardson garrett.richardson@hq.doe.gov and they will reach out to the POCs to get this scheduled.

Your assistance and support in improving PARS is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike

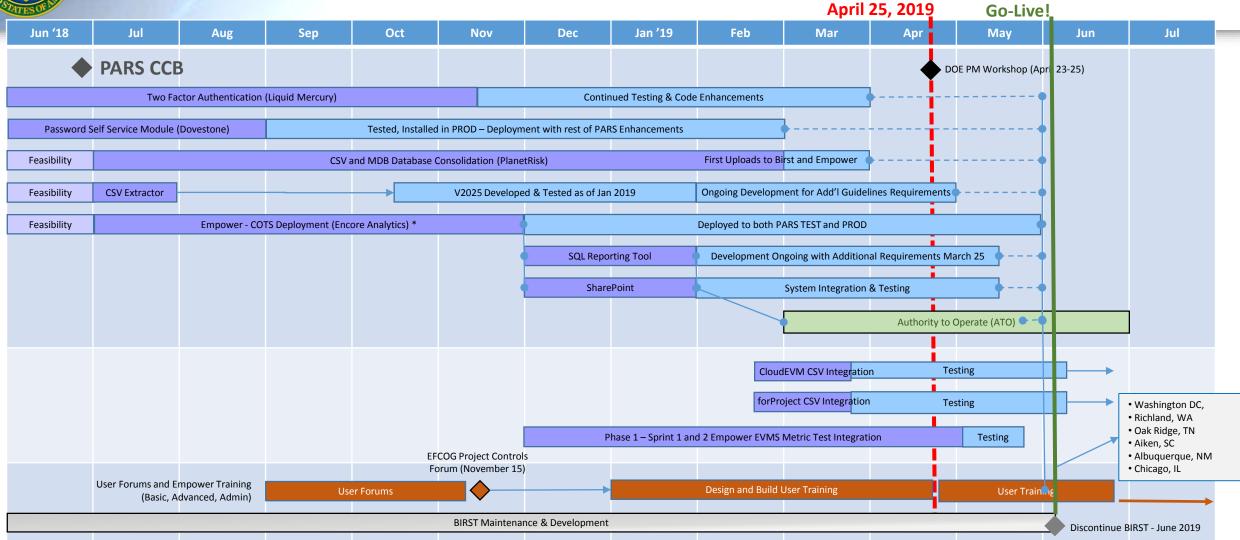
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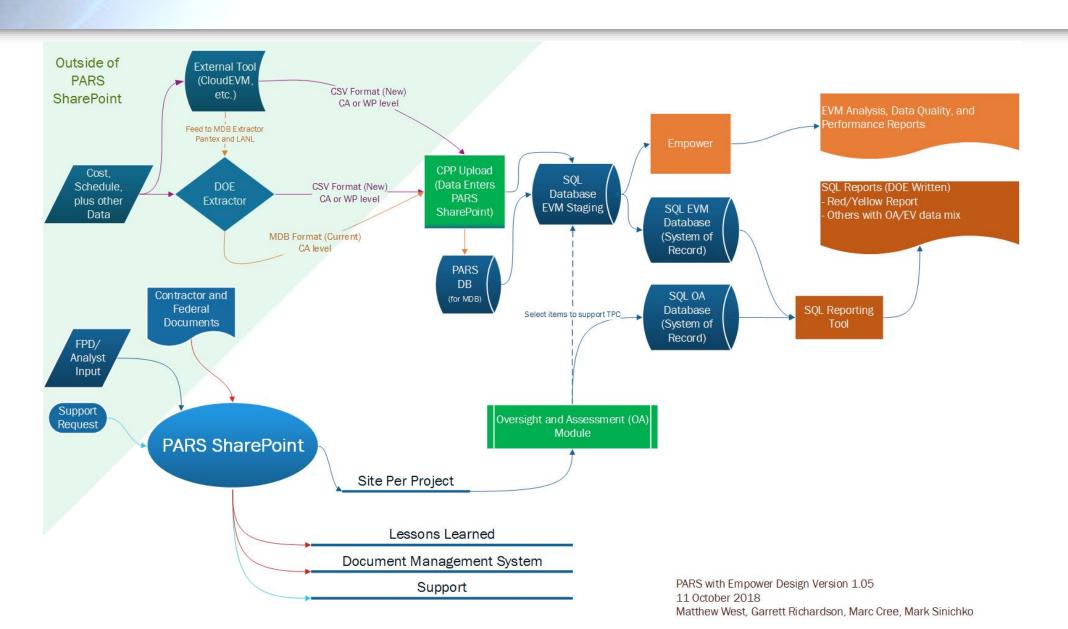
PARS Top Level Schedule



^{*} Optimized CSV format.



PARS Flowchart with Empower (June 2019)



With the changes required to the DOE PARS,

- Held forums with government and contractor users from September to November 2018.
- Enabled 156 of the 317 or 49% of users to participate and comment.

The PARS team appreciates this tremendous response.



Questions and Discussion – Count of Comments

Question	CIO	EM	FE	NA	NE	PM	SC	Grand Total
1. What do you like about PARS now (that we should not lose)?	1	3		2	1	3	4	14
2. What frustrates you about PARS (that we can try to address)?		2	3	1	1	3	5	15
3. What are the top 10 reports that you use?		5	1	1			5	12
4. What reports are not available now that would help you?	4	9	1	2		1	3	20
5. How do you use PARS to help assess projects?	3	3	7		1		2	16
6. How do you think DOE uses PARS to inform Senior Leaders?			1					1
7. What do you like about Empower?		1	1	2				4
8. What concerns do you have about the transition to Empower?	1	2	2	3		1	2	11
9. What more would you like PARS to have (functions, data, etc.)?		3		1	2	1	3	10
Grand Total	9	28	16	12	5	9	24	103



Top Issues from User Forum

- 1 What do you like about PARS now (that we should not lose)?
- Maintain / enhance program level reports (NA, SC, EM) SQL reports / Empower
- Maintain IT projects (SC) done
- Keep retroactive change report prefer similar to the Dekker version (EM)
 under design by Encore Analytics and added to SQL Reports.
- Consider PARS weapons system option (NA) for future discussion, if NNSA wants to pursue.
- Auto-populate last months narrative into edit window for current period (NA) – add to change request
- Make sure contractors can see CPP data in Empower (SC) done
- Be able to show trend charts with thresholds (SC) done



Top Issues from User Forum

2 - What frustrates you about PARS (that we can try to address)?

- Everything is frustrating (SC) improvements designed for intuitive use
- Want consistency between internet browsers (SC) PARS optimized for Chrome.
 Will work in others.
- Selecting projects multiple times in a session (SC) within Empower
- On line help is hard to use (SC) work underway to update analysis SOP, help, FAQ, training, and snippets.
- Setting up new accounts via MIS (FE) process change by DOE not likely. PM has little influence.
- Rounding to nearest \$000 rather than to the penny (SC) will use whole numbers

 will also not flag in most cases where difference is \$1000 or less
- BIRST tools are not intuitive clunky (EM) agree!
- Contractor limited as to data they can see to publish (NA) should see all data for project

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Top Issues from User Forum

3 - What are the top 10 reports that you use?

- Maintain CPR Format 1 (SC) available Will move outside or Admin area
- Generate CPR Format 1 for prior periods (SC) yes
- SPI/CPI in spreadsheet with thresholds (SC) available
- Programmatic reports for FPD and Program (SC) empower supports grouping and summation
- Schedule related metrics BEI and hit/miss (SC) available. There are HitPlanCmp, HitActCmp, and HitIndex fields in Empower
- Ability to see history as PARS records in not what the contractor uploads each month (EM) - available
- Reports that identify high EAC (EM) available
- Retroactive change report (EM) Encore Analytics working to add to Empower.
 Added to DOE SQL Reports
- Report that shows last and current months assessments (NA) available



Top Issues from User Forum

4 - What reports are not available now that would help you?

- Not sure PARS is not user friendly. Know there is a lot of data, but not sure of reports (SC) improvements designed for intuitive use
- Chart that show remaining contingency as a function of time (SC) add to change request for Empower. FPD toolbox report in SQL Reports
- Ability to put in initial cost estimate and support multiple accounting codes (SC) add to change request
- Portfolio and Enterprise reports for senior leaders need to be able to tailor. (EM) initial reports support – will work with programs to make adjustments
- History report on logs (EM) add to change request
- Ability to compile project reports by site (EM) available
- Ability to see BCP (BCR, BCA, etc.) locally that impact MR / C (EM) add to change request
- Include scheduling ability (CIO) no plan to add scheduling capability to PARS
- Ability to report project performance by FY (EM) add to change request, but 12 month report may provide next year.
- Ability to track KPIs (CIO) add to change request



Top Issues from User Forum

- 4 What reports are not available now that would help you? Cont.
- Provide historical data prior narratives (CIO) available
- Look at customize performance reporting over last 6 months, over last 12 months, etc. (CIO) 6 month and 12 month included in Empower
- Ability to use for non-capital projects (CIO) available
- Need program level reports with defined business rules (NA) rules needed at the enterprise level
- Need rules for integrating multiple CPP uploads in to a single project [program] (NA) – not allowed at this time. Uploads can be organized as parent / child once in PARS

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Top Issues from User Forum

5 - How do you use PARS to help assess projects?

- Sum of MR and Contingency as a basis of assessment (SC)
- Contingency Survey (SC)
- Will is work as an EPMO tool? (CIO) yes
- Track special actions for major changes to CBB (FE) add to change request
- Linkage to STARS (FE) there are no linkages between PARS and STARS
- Do contractors need to buy Empower to benefit (FE) no



Top Issues from User Forum

6 - How do you think DOE uses PARS to inform Senior Leaders?

Only One response to this question.

In User forums, PM provided a discussion on the Red / Yellow slides, how DOE uses them with senior leaders.

One person asked – how can they see this slide/report - - in SQL report and on PM MAX after publication each month

https://community.max.gov/x/0xbeRg

Top Issues from User Forum 7 - What do you like about Empower?

- Provide more hands on experience prior to going live in June (EM) training and support are being updated for rollout with courses April to September.
- Like the VAR tool and 6 month trending. VAR and CAR tools are one of the better features – add to change request for future development in PARS. 6 month trend exists in Empower.



Top Issues from User Forum

- 8 What concerns do you have about the transition to Empower?
- Train senior leaders how to benefit and read reports as well as project level leaders (FE) – looking at developing an Executive Level Training Course after training users (1 + hours overview)
- Training road show to sites would be helpful (NA, EM, FE, SC) planned slide below addresses
- Phased roll out by lab (SC) not possible
- Power user level training (CIO) user training will cover occasional to advanced users.
- Training tailored to specific user levels (NA) two levels planned executive and user.
- Request feed back from User Forums to programs (NA) continuous improvement.



Top Issues from User Forum

- 9 What more would you like PARS to have (functions, data, etc.)?
- Provide formulas PARS uses to programs (SC) updating PAR user document to provide.
- Provide raw data dump to program (NA) add to change request, consider the export of Empower first
- Provide data dictionary to programs (SC) will finalize this summer
- Better instruction on MAX on how to get an account (SC) done
- Ensure contractors can see what FPDs and above see (SC) done
- Contractor provide comments / narrative before FPD (EM) add to change request
- Integrate PARS and MAX not possible due to design



- Business case analysis looked at 10 software tools
 - Screening Criteria 11 elements
 Evaluation Criteria 5 elements
 - Empower only tool to meet all screening criteria and have a positive outcome for each of the evaluation criteria
 - In use by other programs and contractors at DOE

Screening Criteria:

- Infrastructure as a service Server Appliance Primary (required to work in the PARS environment Security Requirement)*
- Enterprise Based Tool Project and Portfolio Based Reporting
- Ability to support Earned Value Management Systems
- SAML 2.0 ability to pass parameters (required for security, able to pass certificates and tokens)*
- Data Import Format Standardization Ability to push DOE data to tool under a standard format
- SQL back-end structure (our data and system of record resides in SQL)
- Export to excel, PDF and PowerPoint (with formatting)
- Cross-browser compatibility (IE, Edge, Chrome, Firefox)
- Display in modal/SharePoint compatibility
- Permissions via user interface and ability to limit data based on access*
- U.S. based support support for an appliance version of the tool

Evaluation Criteria:

- COTS Known Entity and/or DOE industry Partners COTS is preferred over GOTS
- No reliance on Flash/JAVA Prefer HTML5 with no flash or JAVA requirements
- Built in EVM Reports Less customization preferred
- Vendor who will provide support to develop tests for EV and performance analysis and reporting
- Ability to make adjustments to tests and thresholds based on contract agreements (tailorable) without going back to vendor

Dashboards for Empower

- Allow users to get to data quickly
- DOE Dashboards initially planned under the KISS principle
 - Leadership
 - Data Validity
 - Schedule Health
 - Variance Analysis
 - Trend Analysis
 - Forecast
 - DOE PM EVMS Tests
- Considers all 317 current users.
- Balance of Empower Views, Charts, and Reports are available, expect where they
 may not work in the PARS environment, ie WAD

EPASOP - Trend Analysis

Based on PM's EVMS Project Analysis SOP which will be updated consistent with the Empower dashboards.

Analysis is set up following:

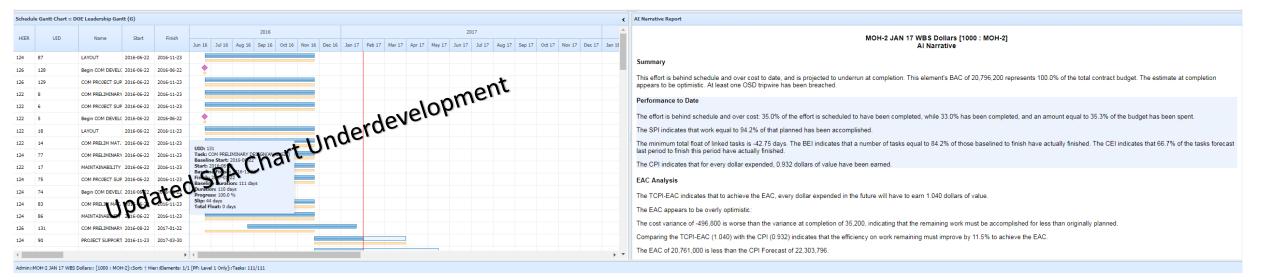
- 1. Data validity check
- 2. Schedule Health
- 3. Variance Analysis
- 4. Trend analysis
- 5. Predictive analysis and an independent EAC

Empower provides additional checks and these will be available for the user.



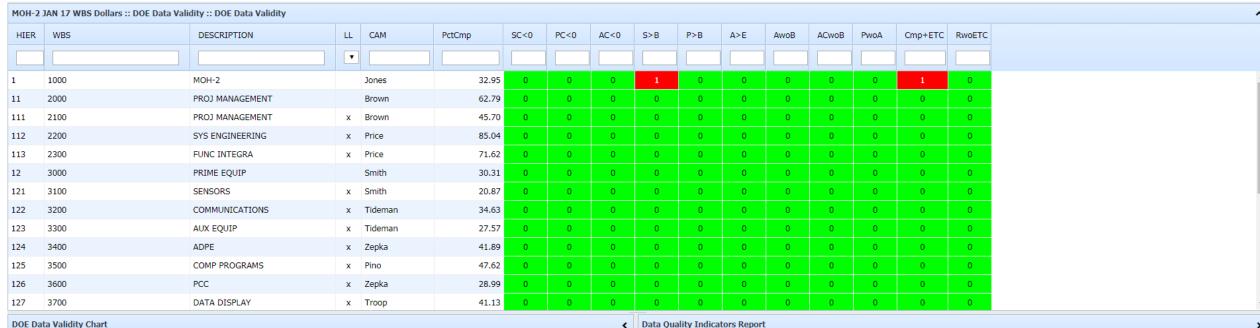
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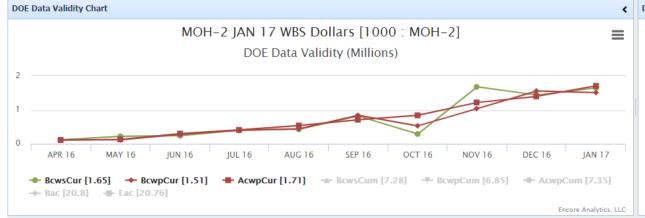
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Data Validity Dashboard





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Ref: DCMA-EA PAM 200.1, EVMS Program Analysis Pamphlet (PAP), Mar 2016 Planning & Scheduling Excellence Guide (PASEG), June 2012 DCMA EVMS Testing Protocols (DETP) 3.0

WARNING		
BCWS CUM > BAC	Е	PAP, 5.1
LOE with CUM SV	Е	PAP, 5.7
LOE with CUR SV	Е	PAP, 5.7
Completed work with ETC	Е	PAP, 5.9

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Schedule Health Dashboard



Linked

Tasks

Complete

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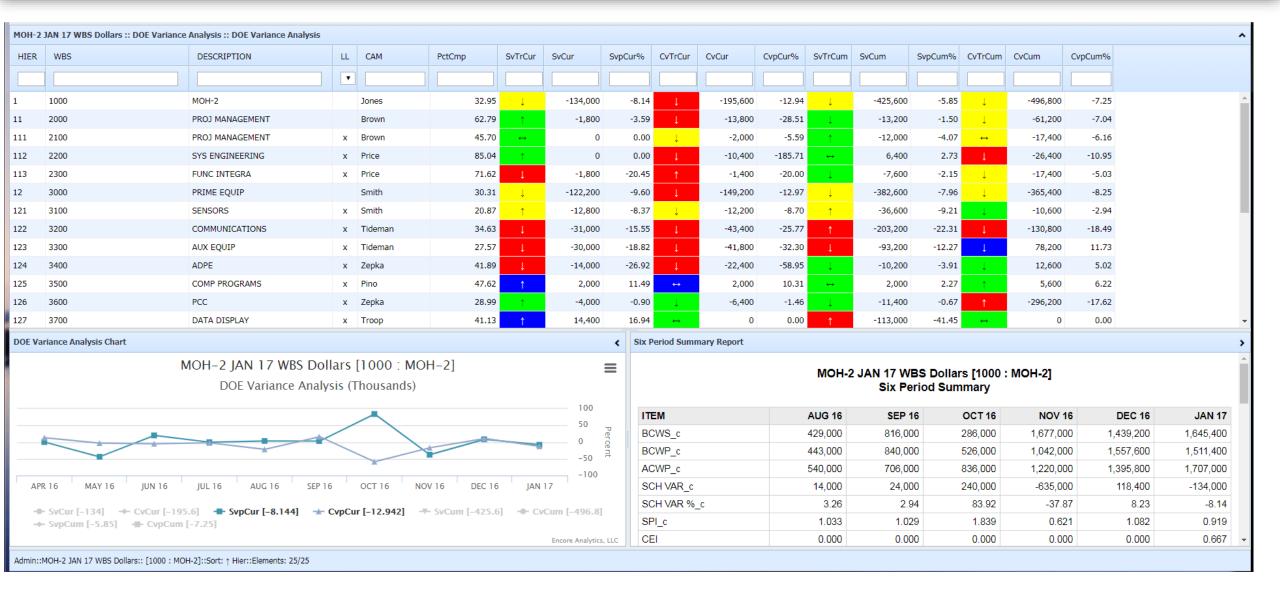
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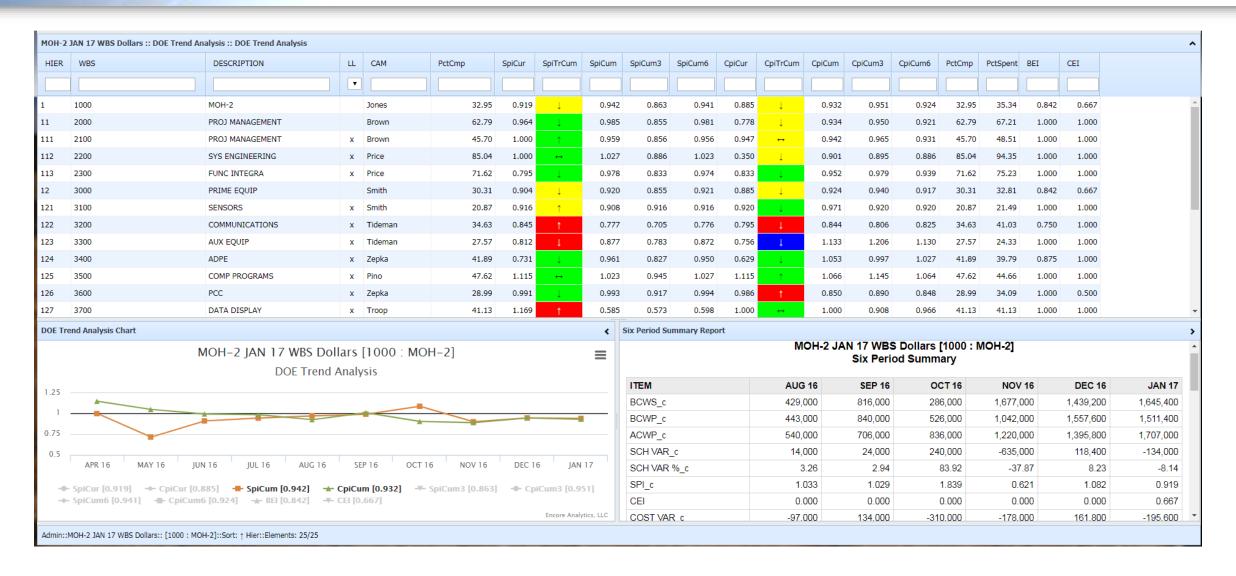


Variance Analysis Dashboard



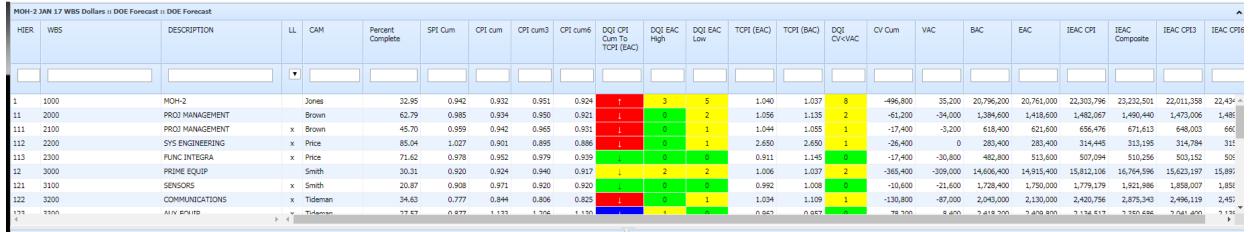


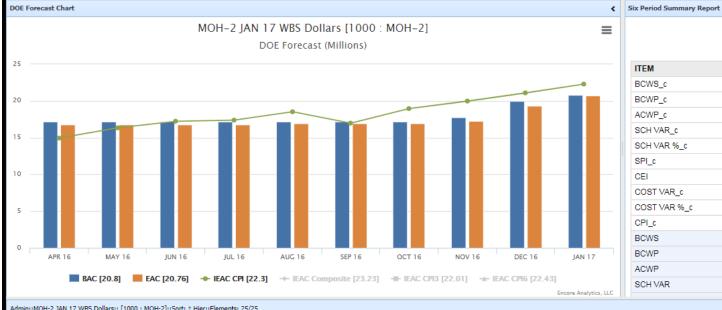
Trend Dashboard





Forecast Dashboard





Six Period Summary									
ITEM	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17			
BCWS_c	429,000	816,000	286,000	1,677,000	1,439,200	1,645,400			
BCWP_c	443,000	840,000	526,000	1,042,000	1,557,600	1,511,400			
ACWP_c	540,000	706,000	836,000	1,220,000	1,395,800	1,707,000			
SCH VAR_c	14,000	24,000	240,000	-635,000	118,400	-134,000			
SCH VAR %_c	3.26	2.94	83.92	-37.87	8.23	-8.14			
SPI_c	1.033	1.029	1.839	0.621	1.082	0.919			
CEI	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.667			
COST VAR_c	-97,000	134,000	-310,000	-178,000	161,800	-195,600			
COST VAR %_c	-21.90	15.95	-58.94	-17.08	10.39	-12.94			
CPI_c	0.820	1.190	0.629	0.854	1.116	0.885			
BCWS	1,415,000	2,231,000	2,517,000	4,194,000	5,633,200	7,278,600			
BCWP	1,376,000	2,216,000	2,742,000	3,784,000	5,341,600	6,853,000			
ACWP	1,485,000	2,191,000	3,027,000	4,247,000	5,642,800	7,349,800			
SCH VAR	-39,000	-15,000	225,000	-410,000	-291,600	-425,600			

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EVMS Surveillance Test Report

GL.Attribute	Metric	Test	M	Value	Total	Percent	Goal	Note	
01.02	ハウ	Number of incomplete BL activities where EVM WBS code does not match FC IMS WBS code		1,013	1,013	100.00%	0		
03.01	()1	Number of incomplete WPs where linked activities physical % complete does not match physical % complete in EVMS		95	183	51.90%	<= 5%		
03.01	02	Number of incomplete CA/WP/PP where FC IMS start or finish do not align with EVMS ACWP/ETC		202	350	57.70%	0		
03.01	กว	Number of incomplete discrete WP/PP/SLPP where FC IMS finish does not align with time-phased ETC in EVMS		117	240	48.80%	0		
03.01	09	Number of CA/WP/PP/SLPP having BL IMS WBS codes that do not match EVMS WBS code		349	349	100.00%	0	These are available	for all, but
05.01	01	Number of CAs with no responsible or more than one responsible OBS		2	59	3.40%	0	the primary users a	re those
05.03	01	Number of CAs with no assigned or more than one assigned CAM		20	59	33.90%	0	subject to PM certification	
05.04	02	Number of CAs with greater than 7% L1 BAC and 10% L1 BCWS that exceed CV or SV thresholds in three consecutives periods		0	59	0.00%	0	and compliance over	
06.01	02	Number of incomplete discrete WP/PP/SLPPs from EVM system not represented in FC IMS		19	259	7.30%	0	enable their self-go	vernance
06.02	01	Number of activities with percent complete = 100 and no actual finish date in FC IMS		0	258	0.00%	0		
06.02	02	Number of activities identified as statused out of sequence in FC IMS		6	1,274	0.50%	0		
06.02	03	Number of activities missing actual start dates with physical percent complete > 0%		1	129	0.80%	0		
06.02	04a	Number of activities with actual start date different than prior report		0	386	0.00%	0		
06.02	04b	Number of activition Continues ferent than prior report		0	260	0.00%	0		
06.02	05	Number of incom represented in F(through to GL hes in BL IMS not		0	1,013	0.00%	0		



EVMS Test Metric Specification Sheet

Guide Line . Attribute . Metric 01 01 01

- 197 Tests
- Empower adding 106 automated or hybrid in Phase 1 (June 2019)

32 Guide Lines 82 Attributes 197 Tests

- 70 additionally may be added in the future.
- Challenges include data collection and automation
- Spec sheet for each of the 197 tests attached to ERCSOP Appendix A https://community.max.gov/x/ao5tQw

DOE EVMS Test Metric Specification



1. EIA-748 Guideline	2. Metric ID	3. Method	4. Frequency
01	01.01.01	automated/manual	initially & following implementation of customer changes

Attribute

1. Is the product-oriented WBS used for a given project extended to the control account level as a minimum?

6. Test Description

This test confirms that the WBS is product and/or deliverable oriented depicting the breakdown of work scope for work authorization, tracking, and reporting purposes. The testing compares the products/deliverables listed in the PEP (and other scope documents) to the WBS. All elements of the WBS should be defined in an accompanying WBS Dictionary. Reference is made to the DOE WBS Handbook for this assessment.

. Test Metric

Compare the products/deliverables listed in the PEP (and other scope documents) and the WBS. Is there product-oriented groupings of project scope elements in the WBS dictionary to organize and subdivide the total work scope as defined in the PEP (and other scope documents)? Does the WBS dictionary define the products to be developed or produced? Does the WBS dictionary relate elements of work to be accomplished to each other and the overall end product? Please reference the DOE WBS Handbook for quidance.

8a. Max. Threshold(s)	8b. Max. Tolerance	8c. CRI Weighing	9a. CSV Tab/Other

9b. Empower Optimized Format

10. Artifacts and Data Elements Required

Y artifact(s)

FF01_{WBS} scope documents, e.g., contract, PEP,

conceptual design repor

FF data elements

FF01_{WBS}_[C]_WBS FF01_{WBS}_[D]_title

FF01_{WBS}_[J]_WBS_narrative

11. NDIA Reference(s)

Page 4, Management Value: "The WBS is a product-oriented division of project tasks depicting the breakdown of work scope for work authorization, tracking, and reporting purposes that facilitates traceability and provides a control framework for integrated program management."

12. Assumptions

13. Instructions

Determine Y items based on the following.

Count FF01_{WBS}_[C]_WBS items and, if identified, with the following characteristics.

- . FF01 {WBS} [D] title < listing>
- . FF01_{WBS}_[J]_WBS_narrative < listing>

Determine X items, a subset of Y, based on the following.

Manually count flagged items based on the following operation(s).

Verify WBS is product oriented and project level scope documents align with FF01_{WBS}_[J]_WBS_narrative

Determine if X or X/Y exceeds the metric threshold(s).

14. Numerator Code

15. Denominator Code

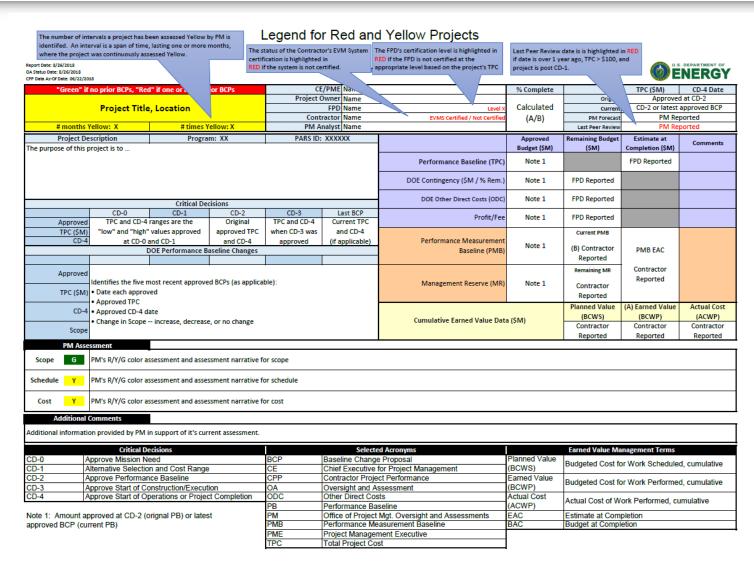
16. Revision Block

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Reports which combine OA and EV data are built directly from the DOE SQL database.

- Project Reports
 - Red/Yellow/Green
 - Assessment
 - Project Summary
- Program reports
 - Permission based
 - Monthly / Quarterly Status
 - ESAAB
 - Program Specific Reports
 - NA
 - EM
 - SC





New Extractor – CSV Format

- New Extractor designed for Projects using COBRA and Primavera P6.
- Old extractor remains an options for those not using COBRA.
- Cost data provided to the WP level
- Other tools providing CSV for PARS
 - Cloud EVM Adding now
 - ForProject planning to add
 - Others may in the future
- Required format to take advantage of EVMS Metric tests for self-surveillance



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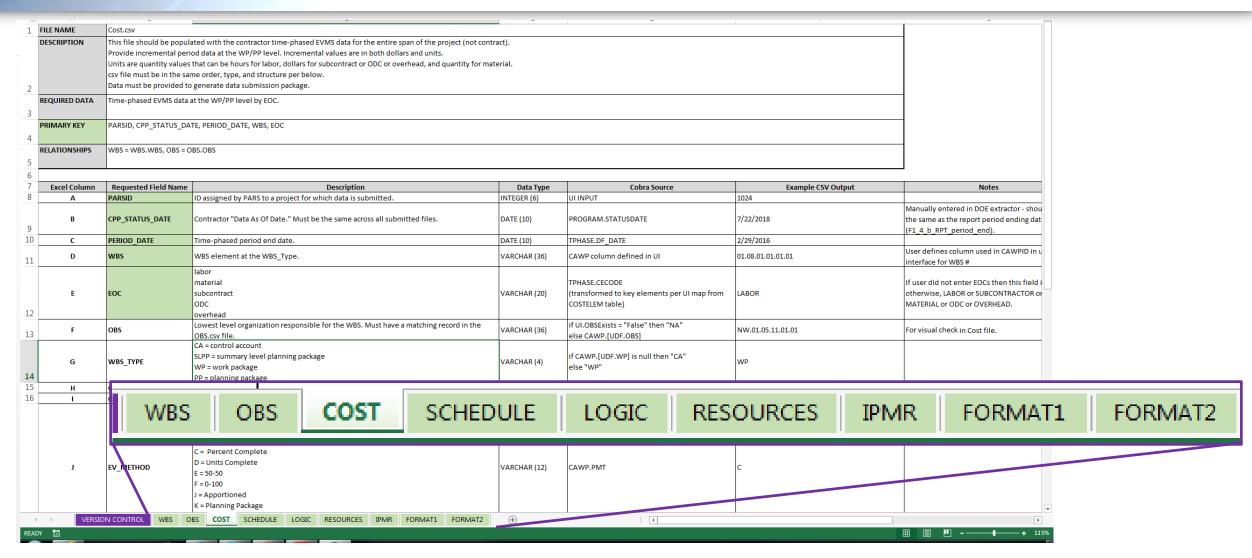
PARS Extractor V2.0.25
Help/User Manual

January 26, 2019

Submitted by: TechSource Inc



CSV Format – ERCSOP Appendix F





Two Factor Authentication software updated

- PIV Card to be used to log on to PARS
- Updated Certificates required by DOE CIO
- Update complete, will be implemented in June
- Supports PARS containing Controlled Unclassified Information (OUO, FOUO, SBU, UCNI)



Password Self-Service Module

- Password reset tool needed replacement
- Users will be required to add questions again as the encrypted data from older tool cannot be brought over
- Update built, will be implemented in June

- Updated to SQL 2014 (required by DOE CIO, also not allowed to move to latest version)
- Redesign to support both MDB and CSV uploads
- Complete and in place now

Lessons Learned

PARS LL System

- Stood up as demonstration with intent to fully scope out and design to provide the most useful tool
- Currently a SharePoint library that PARS users can use via a portal for entry
- Will need to revisit the tool in future to update or change to different option based on recent GAO report
- Needs to be useful across enterprise

Users with Access to PMLL Module (Coun	t)		
	With	Without	Total
Users with Access to PMLL Module	311	0	311
Users by Employer Type and Location (Co	unt)		
	HQ	Field	Total
Federal	83	92	175
Contractor	44	92	136
Subtotal	127	184	311
Users by Role (Count)			
PM	20		
Program Management	47		
FPD	90		
Other Federal	32		
Contractor Project Analysts	64		
Other Contractor	58		
Subtotal	311		



PARS User Training

State	Active Users	%	Active Projects	%
CA	17	5%	14	16%
со	2	1%	0	0%
HQ	130	42%	0	0%
ID	13	4%	2	2%
IL	16	5%	7	8%
LA	4	1%	1	1%
NJ	3	1%	0	0%
NM	15	5%	13	14%
NY	10	3%	7	8%
NV	7	2%	3	3%
ОН	9	3%	2	2%
SC	16	5%	9	10%
TN	42	14%	19	21%
TX	2	1%	2	2%
VA	4	1%	1	1%
WA	20	6%	8	9%
WV	1	0%	0	0%
TBD			2	2%
Total	311	100%	90	100%

- Course are in CHRIS and locations are below.
- Targets primary locations of users
- 26 April Washington DC FORS Confirmed
 - CHRIS CODE 003077/0028
 - FORS Room 4A-104 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- 13 to 17 May One Event Richland on May 16th Aligns with EFCOG) – Confirmed
- 21 May Aiken, SC (SRS) Confirmed
- 23 May Oak Ridge, TN (Y-12, ORNL) Confirmed
- 10 June Albuquerque, NM (24/311 NM, TX, NV) Confirmed
- 13 June Chicago, IL Confirmed (potential for VTC with other)
- 17 and 18 July Washington D.C. Confirmed
- 5-8 August Online course 2.25 hours X 4 days (1:00 to 3:15 pm EDT each day) Confirmed
- 16-19 September Online course 2.25 hours X 4 days (9:45 to 12:00 EDT each day) - Confirmed
- November forward Deskside delivery 8 X 1 hour blocks

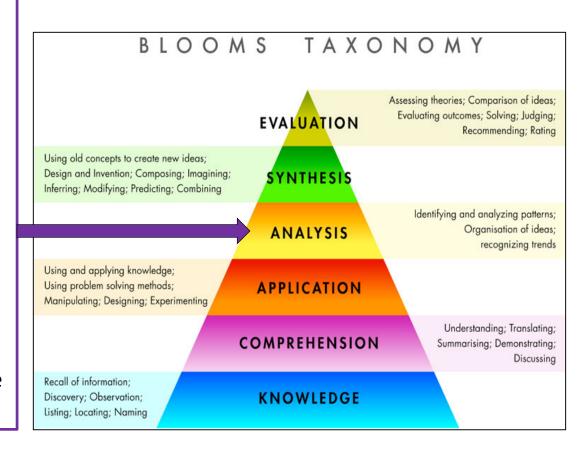


PARS User Training Objectives

- Understand the basic organization and operations of the PARS.
- Understand the document management system of PARS
- Understand user roles in PARS
- Understand EA Empower as part of PARS
 - How to get in
 - Layout, tool bar, and status bar
 - Exporting from Empower
- Use Empower views, charts, reports and dashboards to analyze a project
- Use Empower Filters and pre-filters to organize data for analysis
- Use advanced capabilities of Empower to analyze multiple projects
- Use DOE dashboards to quickly analyze and get to information
- Use DOE EVMS Metrics Tests in Empower for self-surveillance and compliance testing

AT COMPLETION - EARN 8 CEU/PDUS

- Federal Employees Will be added to CHRIS
- Contractor Employees Certificate will be emailed



PARS User Training Agenda

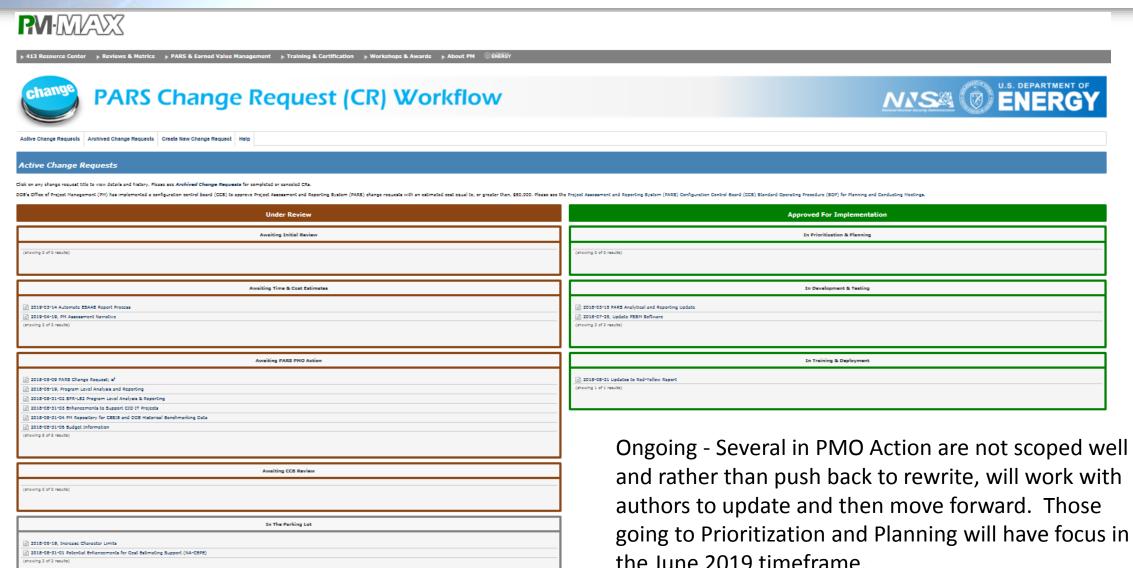
- 1. PARS overview, oversight and assessment, document management, and uploads. Roles / permission sets for contractors, federal project director, program and HQ
- 2. Empower basics. How to get in, project ID, Overview of layout, tool bars, and status bar
- 3. Empower Views, Charts, Reports, and Dashboard basics
- 4. Empower filters and pre-filters
- 5. Advanced views, charts, reports, and SQL Reports from PARS (not from Empower)
- 6. Advanced filtering, multiple projects (Group and Sum)
- 7. DOE Dashboards and Exporting
- 8. DOE EVMS Metric Tests in Empower

Change Requests

- In PM-MAX https://community.max.gov/x/iYi2Uw
- All users can submit a change request
- Will look for you to do so as we roll out new capabilities
 - Recommend dashboards
 - Recommend or share reports
 - Recommend or share charts
 - Recommend functionality.
- Annual Empower users group (EUG) DOE will consolidate recommendations from users to recommend to Encore Analytics at the EUG.



PARS Change Requests (Current as of April 24, 2019)



Other Software

- Deltek Acumen
- Aztech ACE
- Cloud EVM
- ForProject
- Others...



Questions or Comments