



# PARS II Data Extraction Utility

## Version 8.0.20130510 Release Notes

The Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to announce the newest version of the DOE PARS II Data Extraction Utility, version 8.0.20130510. The Extraction Utility is used for retrieving project management data from a variety of source systems for upload into the DOE Project Assessment and Reporting System (PARS II). This release is a minor update and incorporates a number of new features and updates primarily focused to improve the existing functionality. Specifically, this version includes enhancements for sites and contractors using Deltek COBRA 4X/5.0 for the Earned Value (EV) Management system to provide EV data to DOE via PARS II upload.

The quality of each DOE PARS II Extraction Utility release is of primary consideration at the Office of Acquisition and Project Management (DOE APM). Since every customer environment is unique, DOE APM strongly recommends that each implementation site validates all software updates prior to release into the production environment.

DOE APM continually strives to enhance the features and capabilities of the PARS II Data Extraction Utility and looks forward to its implementation in your environment. Please refer to the information enclosed with this release to ensure the smooth installation and rollout of this update.

The PARS II Support Team is standing by to assist you with the implementation. If you do require PARS II Support Team assistance, please send an email with details of your request to [parsiisupportapm@hq.doe.gov](mailto:parsiisupportapm@hq.doe.gov).

# Production Release Notes

## What is New!

- **New method of capturing the EAC Most Likely Estimate for CPR Format 1**

A new field was added to the COBRA Configuration Screen under the Project Information section to capture “Contractor PM Most Likely EAC” value as reported on the contractor CPR Format reports. Extraction of this data element from COBRA 4/5 currently cannot be automated and the value should be entered in order for this information to be available in PARS II. The entered value must be in whole dollars.

- **Update of Total Allocated Budget (TAB) calculation for COBRA 4/5 Extractor**

The Overrun approved by an Over Target Baseline (OTB) amount is now being considered when calculating the Total Allocated Budget (TAB) if OTB information is available in the contractor data. Calculation details:

Total Allocated Budget (TAB) = Contract Budget Base (CBB) + Over Target Baseline (OTB).

## Installation and Upgrade Notes

### Download Instructions

- Navigate to DOE OECM PARS II web site (<http://energy.gov/management/project-assessment-and-reporting-system-pars-ii>).
- Click on the link “PARS II Extraction Utility” on the right side of the web page under “Contractor Documents” section.
- Select “Save” option in the pop-up and select the appropriate location on your PC to store the file.

### Installation Instructions

No special installation is required to run the Extraction Utility. If this is your first time using the PARS II Extraction Utility, please ensure that your system meets the recommended system configuration highlighted in this section. To use the program, unzip the MS Access Database file contained within the downloaded Compressed ZIP Folder.

### Running the Program

The unzipped MS Access Database File can be launched and used immediately.

NOTE TO MS PROJECT USERS: To allow the Microsoft Project Extraction Module to function, reference to Microsoft Project within MS Access must be enabled. To enable this reference, open the “References”

tool within the Microsoft Visual Basic module of MS Access and make sure that the “Microsoft Project Object Library” checkbox is checked.

NOTE TO MPM USERS: Due to the legacy BTRIEVE database used by the Microframe Program Manager (MPM), only the server-access option is available to extract the data. The server components required to access BTRIEVE data have not been updated and are stable and fully functional only in the Windows XP environment.

PLEASE NOTE: The Extraction Utility configuration screens DO NOT have a specific contractor’s configuration pre-populated. To correctly complete the Configuration Screen, the user should refer back to the configuration used in previous versions of the Extraction Utility. Please contact PARS II Support if you require assistance in setting up the User Configuration Screens for the Extraction Utility for your environment.

### Recommended System Configuration

<b>System Processor:</b>	2GHz
<b>System Memory:</b>	1GB
<b>Free Disk Space:</b>	5GB
<b>Operating System:</b>	Windows XP
<b>Existing Software:</b>	Microsoft Access 2003 Microsoft Project (for MS Project users only)
<b>Existing Components:</b>	Microsoft Visual FoxPro OLE DB Provider 9.0 (for Cobra, Prism, and P3 users only) Pervasive SQL (for MPM users only)

### Upcoming Enhancements

DOE Office of Acquisition and Project Management (DOE APM) continuously reviews and, as necessary, updates the PARS II Data Extraction Utility to ensure minimal interruptions to the contractor data extraction and upload processes/systems. At this time, DOE APM is actively working with several contractors on the path to upgrading their cost processor to the latest version of PRISM software – PRISM G2. DOE APM is expecting to have a working version of the **Extraction Utility for PRISM G2** available by the end of September 2013.

For any comments and questions about current and future releases, or to recommend/request an enhancement to the PARS II Data Extraction Utility, please contact Igor Pedan at [Igor.Pedan@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Igor.Pedan@hq.doe.gov) or Dennis Stoner at [Dennis.Stoner@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Dennis.Stoner@hq.doe.gov)