

IT Program Assessment

ICE - Federal Financial Management System (FFMS)

Review

The DHS CIO conducted a comprehensive program review of the ICE FFMS program during September 2011. Program observations include the following:

FFMS is the financial management System of Record for ICE, USCIS, DHS HQ, DHS Directorate for Preparedness, Office of Health Affairs, and the DHS Science and Technology Directorate. This system manages all of the Standard General Ledger activities along with accounts receivable, accounts payable, and other agency financial transactions. FFMS is a steady state program that is well funded by ICE and does not have a development budget due to its technical obsolescence and planned retirement. The five main components of the system are: Database Administration Management, Funds Management, Payment Management, Receipts Management, and General Ledger Management. DHS has approved ICE's procurement of a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) financial system that will replace the legacy FFMS. Procurement for the FFMS replacement starts in FY12, FFMS will continue until replaced by the TASC or its follow-on.

The only risks attributed the FFMS program is the legacy architecture that cannot achieve the desired capabilities of the FFMS program.

Mitigation Strategy

FFMS will continue to operate the legacy architecture until the system is replaced, planning begins in FY12. FFMS services the architecture with timely maintenance to support core software applications and databases.

Assessment

Currently FFMS is in no danger of failing, it has a full system back up in place, contingency measures in place, and is compliant with all appropriate security and privacy requirements. The program is awaiting replacement with implementation of the department's selected financial enterprise solution. The Program will continue to be monitored to ensure that the FFMS system upgrade remains on schedule. Considering the planned technical mitigations for FFMS, the CIO assesses the ICE FFMS program as a Level 3 - Medium Risk.

Score: 3