

# January 2019 FMIS Informer

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## DoIT Happenings / System Availability

- AE to IAE (account event to inactive account event) process is scheduled for Saturday, January 5th. RSTARS and ADPICS will be unavailable on that date.  
Current Account Event data from September, 2018, through April, 2018 will be moved to Inactive Account Event. This will complete FY18 IAE reporting file and will create FY19 IAE file with July through September's data.
- REPORT REQUESTS: Starting January 11th, 2019, current Account Event and FY19 will be available every Friday, with FY18 INAE being available the last Friday of each month. IAE reports for prior fiscal years will be handled via special requests.



## January 2019 SPAG Meeting

Please join DBM, DGS and DoIT at MDOT Headquarters, [7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21061](#), in the Harry Hughes Suites 1 - 3, on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 9 AM for the quarterly SPAG meeting, weather permitting. The agenda will be sent out separately and will include updates on the Office of State Procurement and the Statewide Templates among other topics.

The SPAG meeting is for the Senior Procurement Advisory Group and is by invitation from your agency's head of procurement. This is a reminder to those that have previously been formally

# ANSWERS Financial Reporting System

Have you used ANSWERS for your reporting needs? There are more reports than just those used for MBE/SBE reporting! Reports include the following, and can be sent to your printer or downloaded in EXCEL, WORD or PDF Format:

- **Contracts Management (PCH355)** - Provides a list of BPOs with their respective contract management data for procurement officers. It can be run by agency and expiration date, or for a specific BPO. Data provided includes the BPO, number of days remaining, amounts, buyer ID, vendor, additional elements, releases, and so much more!
- **Procurement Award Dollars (PCH062)**
- **SBR Expenditure Detail/Summary (PCH065/067)**
- **SBR Procurement (PCH068)**
- **BPO Detail** - Provides all Detail for a specified BPO
- **MBE Procurement Reports (PCH709 - PCH716)**
- **MBE Payment Reports (PCH717 - PCH722)**
- **YEC Reports (PCH210, PCH212, PCH213)**

Instructions are located here: [ANSWERS Documentation](#)

The website is: [A\\*N\\*S\\*W\\*E\\*R\\*S](#)

The User Name and Password are both mbe\_user

## R\*STARS Fiscal Month Closing FY 2019

The dates listed below are **the last days for posting to the prior month**. The month will be closed on the morning of the next working day.

December: January 15, 2019.

January: February 15, 2019.

February: March 15, 2019.

March: April 15, 2019.

April: May 15, 2019.

# R\*STARS Fixed Assets Depreciation Run

For the remaining months of fiscal year 2018, GAD will run the fixed assets depreciation on the following dates:

January 23, 2019

February 27, 2019

March 27, 2019

April 24, 2019

May 22, 2019

**June 2019 depreciation run:** As soon as agencies complete recording FY 2019 fixed assets transactions in the Fixed Assets Subsystem.

**Reminder - please contact the DoIT Service Desk at [service.desk@maryland.gov](mailto:service.desk@maryland.gov) or 410-697-9700 with any question/problems you have regarding the FMIS system**

Help our team help your team by following the instructions noted below;

Screen Print or complete any required attachments for the 5 items noted below and e-mail them to [service.desk@maryland.gov](mailto:service.desk@maryland.gov) Their team will forward the incident to the correct group.

- 1) Error code received/screen shot of the error with document number
- 2) The specific document along with the batch id (Agency, Date, Type, Number)
- 3) Printer ID having an issue
- 4) FOCUS report requested along with FOCUS form completed (<http://doit.maryland.gov/support/ASMsecurityForms/Focus%20Request%20Form>).
- 5) R\*STARS/ADPICS/ANSWERS Report ID and 91 Screen, 6020 report request or ANSWERS query used.

**\*\*\*It is critical you do not contact someone directly for support other than the FMIS Service Desk. That individual may be unavailable due to; vacations/sick, meetings or**

other assignments. The impact being you/your team not receiving the support you require in a timely manner.

## FMIS Documentation

Links to the FMIS Documentation are located on the following site:

<http://doit.maryland.gov/support/Pages/Financial-Management-Information-System.aspx>

[Documentation](#) links to User Documentation for ADPICS, R\*STARS, ANSWERS, ViewDirect and GAD Manuals.

[Training links to training videos.](#)

[FMIS Training Documents](#) links to training documentation used during ADPICS and R\*STARS training classes and are created to assist users when back in the office.

[Security Forms](#) links to Statewide System Forms and Contact Information.

[FMIS Easy Steps](#) links to quick steps to complete items such as Electronic Signatures, Direct Vouchers, Additional Elements, and so on.

## FMIS Production On-Line Operating Hours

### R\*STARS/ADPICS/FOCUS:

Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday during YEC 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: The system is unavailable on Sundays.

On weeks that Friday is a Holiday, the previous work day will be considered a Friday for reporting purposes. This statement is also true when it is the last Friday of the month.

Interface files are picked up on Holidays (with the exception of Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day) at approximately the same time they are picked up during a regular work day - 6:30 pm. These files are processed during the next work day's batch cycle. Please note—there is a 3 pm deadline to have interface files submitted.

**As of January 6, 2019 the AE and IAE availability is as follows:**



## AE / IAE Availability:

	Batch Cycle Day	Available Period
AE	Mon. → Fri.	FY 19 October (04) → Present
IAE	Every Fri.	FY 19 July (01) → September (03)
FF	Last Fri. of the Month	FY 18 <i>(if needed earlier in the month, can be done through special request.)</i>
<b><i>FY 2007 - 2017 available through special request.</i></b>		

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