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Automatic updates on Screen 306 from FAMIS

Effective the evening of June 30, 2010, the 'EXEC', 'DVSN' and 'COLG' values on the BPP ADLOC table, Screen 306, will be updated from the FAMIS Department table nightly.

The 'DEPT' and 'SDEPT' fields from the BPP ADLOC table will be used to do a look-up on the FAMIS Department table. When a match is found the values for 'EXEC', 'DVSN' and 'COLG' will be returned and updated in the BPP ADLOC table. If the 'DEPT/SDEPT' from the BPP ADLOC table is not found in the FAMIS Department table no updates will be made in BPP.

For instance, for ADLOC 01-271020 (BPP Operations Center), the 'DEPT' is 'INRE' and the 'SDEPT' is 'BPPO' on the ADLOC Table. Using these two values ('INRE' & 'BPPO'), we will do a look-up on the FAMIS Department table to obtain the 'EXEC', 'DVSN' and 'COLG' values and update the BPP ADLOC table.

These fields on the BPP ADLOC table ('EXEC', 'DVSN' and 'COLG') are rarely used in the BPP System. Their main value is being available in the SQL/Access database for reporting and queries.

It will remain the workstations responsibility to properly populate the 'DEPT' and 'SDEPT' values in the BPP ADLOC table. This new automated update process will not update the ADLOC's 'DEPT' or 'SDEPT' values.

What can be gained from this automated update process?

- It will reduce manual updating and enhance reporting capabilities, both from BPP (few reports) and the data warehouse (with a growing number of reports).
- It will help insure that information is reported more consistently for all ADLOCs.
- It will prevent ADLOCs within the same department from having two different sets of organizational attributes.

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