



# ARIS ADVISOR

## ARIS UPDATES

### Area Consolidation Update

The organizational structure/mode code changes are now complete for the Area Consolidation effective October 1, 2014. Thanks to all of the team members for their hard work and dedication .

### One Agreement—Multiple Accounting Codes

Live December 3, 2014, SBFOs can now post using multiple accounting codes on the same Incoming Funds Record (IFR). Due to non-ARS financial system requirements and outside funding organization policies, we have made a change in our process for IFRs specifically associated with posting actions. This process change will not be widely used, but will alleviate the need to add multiple IFRs for the same agreement, thus streamlining and saving time and effort.

#### Specific Details:

- \* Budget posting comments are now required; the comments in the posting action will auto propagate to the IFR or 416 comment field. If a comment already exists on the IFR or 416, then comments are added to those comments with a label "Budget Comments"
- \* The Account Code 2 and 3 fields can now be different on an existing active budget record for the same Log No. (ie., 508-8040-123, and 508-8040-456 can be on same Log No.) For individual IFRs, Account Code 1 field must be the same throughout the life of agreement (ie., 508 or 593), unless they are hybrid postings. The hybrids still must match at least one (combination of) Account Code 2-3 fields already in the active budget postings (for Active incomings)
- \* Account codes still can only be used on one Log No. (no change)
- \* For Hybrids, Account Code 2 and 3 fields cannot be used on more than one agreement
- \* Contact your SBFO for more information



**SBIR for FY2015** is 2.9%. Only agreements funded with appropriated money are charged SBIR, and outgoing interagency and RSA do not get charged.

The **BT Assessment** has been completed by Budget and Program Management Staff for FY2015.

ARIS web applications have recently been upgraded to allow the use of **Java 1.8**. Users can download Java 1.8 installation kit from ARIS java page. There is no need to rush to install Java 8 as all older versions of Java 1.7 can still be used. The system will detect the highest version of Java and use that version. Note after installing Java 1.8, there are some configuration changes needed. See those instructions on ARIS java page. Contact Office of the Chief Information Officer, Enterprise Application Services Branch (EASB) help desk at [aris@ars.usda.gov](mailto:aris@ars.usda.gov) for assistance with the use of Java and ARIS.

### Auto-generated 115 Email Notification

Email notifications are now going to RL Level for all "New" 115s, where

the final approver is anyone other than the RL level. The email is sent immediately upon final approval and goes to anyone listed in the Email Routing Reference Table. Contact your Area PA for more information.

### Thesaurus for In-house projects

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