

FAS (Financial Accounting System) Reject Report Exemption Request

Executive Summary

This Data Access Guideline provides guidance on access of financial data to be made available through the UW's central Enterprise Reporting Services (ERS) environment. The current mainframe based FAS-Reject Reporting process is inefficient and paper-based. This report is the sole means by which departments are notified that financial transactions being batch loaded into FAS have been rejected, why they rejected and that corrective action is required. A working team comprised of OIM leaders and subject matter experts concluded that a replacement for the current process should be implemented based on use of a new report developed and deployed in the ERS environment. The FAS reject data is currently loaded in a backend database administered by the MyFD (Financial Desktop) application. This exemption request is being made to reflect that the report would be executed against this MyFD backend database and thus would not use the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) Data Access Control (DAC) security mechanism that governs reports in the ERS. It's important to note that the FAS-Reject Report has limited transaction level detail (e.g. Organization Code, Financial Area Code, Transaction Amounts, Rejection Code, etc.).

Rationale


The FAS rejected transaction data is already structured in the MyFD backend database. It would require significant effort to move this data into an EDW environment. It should be noted that use of the MyFD backend database (which is not DAC-enabled) as the data source in this context introduces a limited risk – that security restrictions would be more difficult to apply to this report in the future, should a need to restrict access to it arise. It is acknowledged that with the recent adoption of the Open Financial Data policy (DMC Document #1005), users may have access to cross unit financial data for legitimate business purposes. Recipients of the current FAST-Reject Report would be authorized for the EDW role of 'Department Administrator/Manager/Fiscal Tech' after acknowledgement of the EDW User Access and User Agreement. This role is appropriate for viewing this report and other similar financial data or reports authorized for this role. The significant business process efficiencies that will be gained by eliminating the current paper based manual process as well as the utilization of an electronic report reducing the security risk associated with distribution of paper copies justify the data access exemption request and the solution of developing a new self service online report.

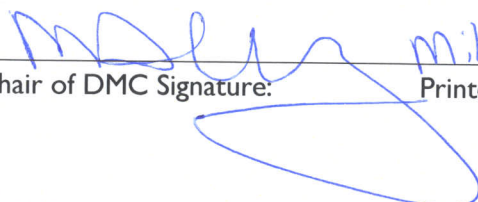
Advisory Opinions Sought

Representatives from Financial Desktop, Decision Support Services, Decision Support Center, and Financial Accounting including Charles Bennett, Tim McAllister, and Anja Canfield-Budde were involved in developing this request and support approval of its adoption. Upon the approval of this request, **existing committees will be consulted to guide report design and development as appropriate.**

Concurrence

The undersigned concur with the proposed change in data access described in this Data Management Guideline.


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