

RMS/CCASS Interface to be decommissioned on 28 May 2014

As many of you have heard the CPARS, ACASS, and CCASS modules are being merged into a single application under the CPARS name in order to standardize the contractor performance evaluation process across the entire Federal Government.

This standardization is designed to implement one of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) recommendations in the audit GAO-09-374 "Federal Contractors: Better Performance Information Needed to Support Agency Contract Award Decisions" dated April 23, 2009.

The merge implements the GAO recommendation to standardize evaluation factors and rating scales Government-wide. However, it also signals and end to the connected feeder/interface processes.

The DoD and Federal representatives to the Configuration Control Board for the Federal Integrated Acquisition Environment met several times to review the request to continue the CPARS/RMS feeder/interface even after the integrated merge of CPARS/ACASS/CCASS into the new Federal system. Since the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) issued the directive in July of 2010 for agencies to move to collection of performance assessments from feeder systems to using CPARS, the migration of the three systems was planned. And now, given the CPARS/CCASS/ACASS merge in the spring, they can no longer maintain this separate feeder system into CPARS. Keeping this separate feeder system would require that CPARS develop a special, one-off interface in the new environment, and that goes against the consolidation and standardization effort that OFPP started. As a result the request was denied.

The ACASS, CCASS, and CPARS systems are scheduled to go live by Q3 FY14 around the June time frame. Users of the CPARS systems will get notices of the changes starting 6 months prior to upgrade. At that time, the RMS/CCASS feed/interface will no longer operate. A FAQ has been established by the CPARS Team to help with the transition process. It is at <http://www.cpars.gov/merge-faqs/merge-faqs.htm>.

*****Additional Summary Information*****

Major Changes:

- Standard forms (ACASS/CCASS/CPARS will no longer have radically different forms to fill out)
- New field for complexity added
- TO DO list will now include the contracts that are coming due in the next 30 days (Currently only contracts that have been initiated show up in this list)
- Contract Status and Evaluation status reports have been merged into one report.
- Project Title filed has been added
- Focal Points can now correct evaluation type (Interim, Final or Addendum)
- AE and Construction will now be evaluated annually (Services already are)

CCASS Event Schedule:

The Upgrade will happen 3Q FY14. Users of the systems will get notices of the changes starting 6 months prior to upgrade.

- 1) No new evaluations can be entered after May 28 at 11:59pm EDT. As a result the RMS/CCASS interface will be terminated as the CCASS group will no longer process the XML feed files. At this point you will be required to perform all of your edits in CCASS.
- 2) No data on existing evaluations can be entered after June 27 11:59 PM EDT. All evaluations that are not COMPLETED will have their status reset to Drafted.
- 3) CPARS will be offline on June 28-30. The new merged CPARS is scheduled to be operational on July 1

You can review this information from slide 37 on the PowerPoint included below in the attachment section.

Attachment Link:

<https://rms.usace.army.mil/datafiles/Training Slides and Agendas/CPARS Merge Training Final Version.pptx>

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