

# INTRODUCTION TO THE ALLOTMENT SYSTEM (TALS) TRAINING

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### **AGENDA**

**Introductions** 

What is The Allotment System (TALS)?

What are Allotments?

What's New?

**Browser Requirements** 

**Learning Objectives and Exercises** 

Help and Resources



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#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Logging into TALS

How to Navigate in TALS

**Understanding Packet Types** 

How to Create a Packet

**Understanding Coding Structure** 

How to Add Data to a Packet

How to Import/Export from Excel

**Understanding Online Views** 

Understanding TALS/ER Reporting

How to Release to OFM

Most topics include a paired exercise in a training environment

# WHAT IS TALS?

Browser-based tool for submitting allotments

Supports the allotment development, management, review, reporting and monitoring needs for state agencies, the Legislature, the Office of Financial Management (OFM), and the public

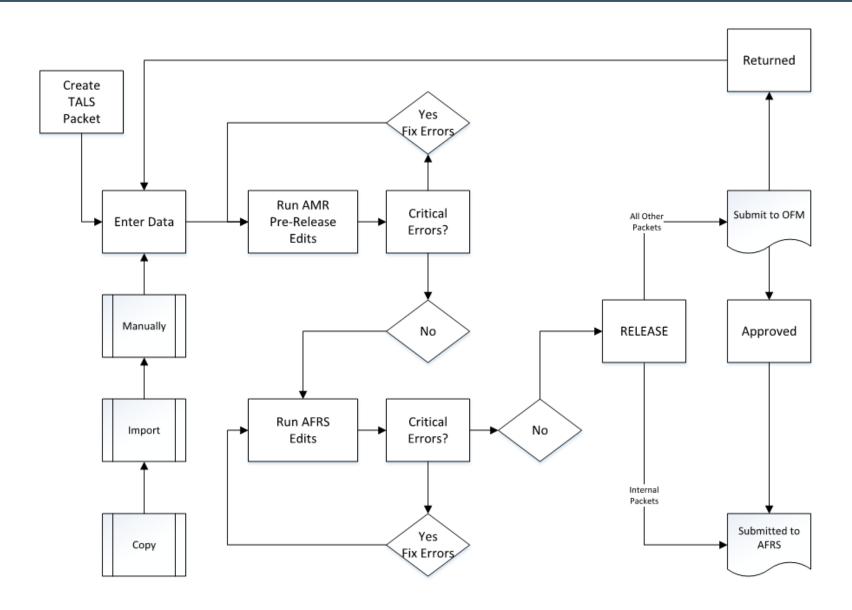
Includes electronic submittal to OFM

Allows for quarterly allotment adjustments

Allows for internal adjustments



# **HIGH LEVEL FLOW OF TALS**



### WHAT ARE ALLOTMENTS?

Allotments are a detailed plan of authorized expenditures, the revenue estimates, and the FTE estimates as required by law (RCW 43.88.110)

They're used by agencies, OFM, the Legislature, and the public to monitor an agency's spending and revenue against actuals

They help to prevent over-expenditure and improve budgets, spending plans, and other financial decisions

Allotments support good financial management



# WHAT ARE ALLOTMENTS?

#### Allotments must:

- Conform to the terms, limits, or conditions of legislative appropriations
- Reflect the priorities of the agency's strategic plan, the implementation of those strategies, and the achievement of performance targets
- Serve as the agency's best estimate of how its authorized expenditures will be spent and the revenue it will earn each month of the biennium

#### Allotments and allotment controls help ensure that:

- Appropriations are used only for purposes that meet legislative intent
- Sufficient funding exists to allow the state to incur financial obligations
- Changes in the original budget assumptions are communicated and understood



#### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

#### **Allotment Instructions:**

 https://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/budgetinstructions/allotment-instructions

# **OFM TALS Product Page:**

• <a href="https://www.ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/budget-and-legislative-systems/allotment-system-tals">https://www.ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/budget-and-legislative-systems/allotment-system-tals</a>



# WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020?

Option 1 vs Option 2 training focus



# WEB BROWSER REQUIREMENTS

TALS is part of the BudgetWorks suite and requires Internet Explorer running in "Compatibility View" mode

How to enable Compatibility View:

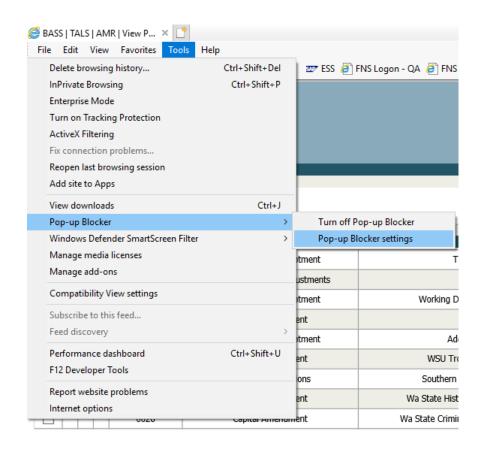
- 1. Select **Tools** from the menu
- 2. Select Compatibility View settings
- 3. Enter ofm.wa.gov in the Add this website: field
- 4. Select **Add** and then you may **Close** this window

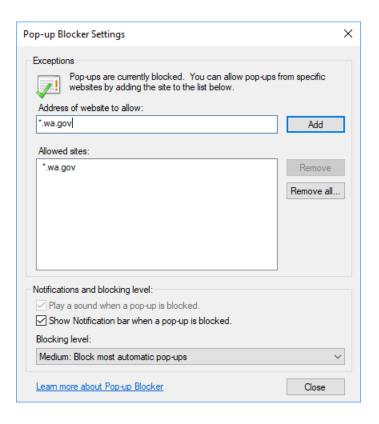
NOTE: If you are unable to add the website, please contact your IT staff

Using other browsers or not using compatibility view may result in the compromise of TALS features and is not recommended or supported



## TURN OFF THE POP-UP BLOCKER





**EXERCISE #1** 

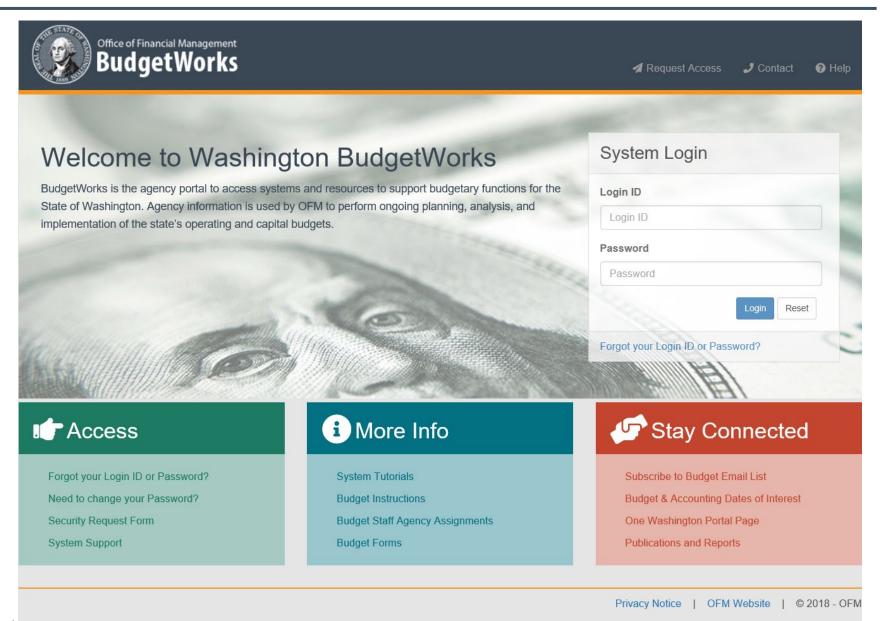
# LOGGING INTO TALS

Follow the printed instructions to complete the exercise

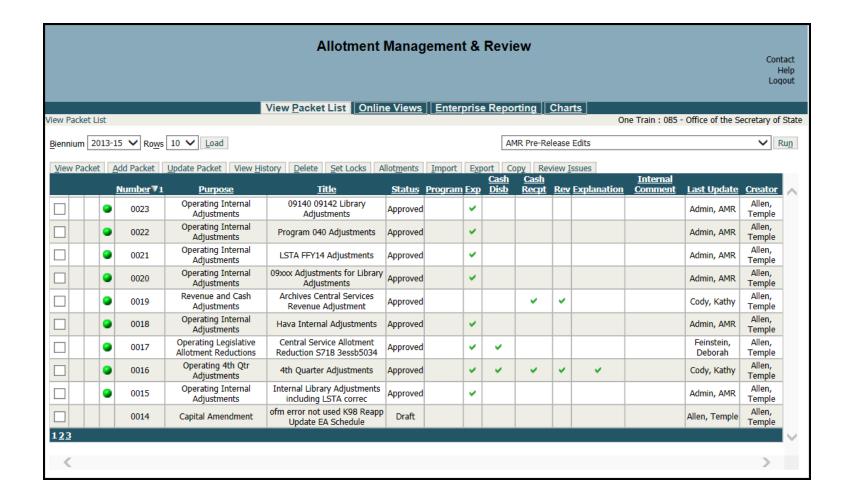
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## **LOGIN TO TALS**



# WHEN YOU FIRST ENTER TALS



#### **HOW TO NAVIGATE WITHIN TALS**

On the View Packet List Tab you will see the following tabs that you will use when creating your allotments:



#### PACKETS AND PACKET PURPOSE TYPES

What is a Packet?

There are different Packet Purpose Types that agencies can use to indicate the allotment purpose

OFM and the Legislature need to view the allotments by purpose type

The OFM instructions will direct you as to which packet purpose type you must use during different times of the year



## PACKET PURPOSE TYPES

# **Available Purpose Types:**

- Initial Allotment (Operating or Capital)
- Operating 2nd Quarter Adjustments through 8th Quarter Adjustments
- Revenue and Cash Adjustments
- Capital Amendment (Add Project to description)
- Capital Transfer
- Operating Allocations (Example: for Savings Incentive Account and Parking Revenues Account)



#### PACKET PURPOSE TYPES

# **Available Purpose Types (continued)**

- 1st Supplemental (Operating or Capital)
- 2nd Supplemental (Operating or Capital)
- Legislative Allotment Reduction (Operating or Capital)
- Governor's Cash Deficit Reductions (Operating or Capital)
- Unanticipated Receipts (Operating or Capital)
- Internal Adjustments (Operating or Capital)



# Initial Allotments (Operating or Capital)

- Are a detailed plan of expenditures, revenue, cash receipts and disbursements:
  - Authorized by the enacted budget
  - Monitoring of agency's actuals to allotments
  - Conform to conditions of legislative appropriations
  - Provide monthly best estimate of agency's expected cash flow
  - Requires OFM approval



# 1st and 2nd Supplemental Allotments (Operating or Capital)

- Funding adjustments during the 1st and 2nd year of a biennium:
  - Authorized by the enacted budget
  - Monitoring of agency's actuals to allotments
  - Conform to conditions of legislative appropriations
  - Provide monthly best estimate of agency's expected cash flow
  - Requires OFM approval



# **Operating Quarterly Adjustments**

- Agencies can revise their detailed plan of expenditures, revenue, cash receipts and disbursements throughout the biennium
  - There are 7 quarterly adjustment time periods
  - Monitoring of agency's actuals to allotments
  - Correct monthly estimates of agency's expected cash flow
  - Due to OFM on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the quarter
  - Requires OFM approval



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# Internal Adjustments (Operating or Capital)

- Agencies can revise their detailed plan of expenditures, revenue, cash receipts and disbursements throughout the biennium for internal monitoring
  - Monitoring of agency's actuals to allotments
  - Correct monthly estimate of agency's expected cash flow
  - Does not require OFM approval
  - Must equal zero (0)



**DEMONSTRATION** 

# CREATING A PACKET

Follow along on the instructor's PC





# **REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL ELEMENTS**

Field	Required	Description	Comments
Biennium	Yes		Not editable after save
Purpose	Yes	Purpose or type of allotment	Not editable after save
Program	No*	Used to identify and sort allotment packets that contain allotment detail for one program *Required for DSHS	There is no system edit between the Program field selection and the allotment detail included in the packet
Title	No	Identify and describe the allotment packet data. Visible on the View Packets List screen.	Editable when packet is in a Draft or returned status.
Packet Explanation	*	Communicates to OFM the key assumptions and decisions in the allotment packet data.	*Not required to save the packet but the OFM allotment instructions do require agencies to submit explanations in certain cases.
Agency Internal Comment	No	Documents agency decisions and assumptions	Visible only to the agency
Primary Contact	Yes	Defaults to the name, email address and phone number of the person who created the packet	
Secondary Contacts	No	Add additional contact information for the packet	
Attachments	No		Word, Excel & PDF documents only
Lock Packet	No	Once saved a lock will appear to the left of packet number and the Lock Packet title will change to Unlock Packet. To unlock, simply click on the Unlock packet selection box and save again. This function can also be performed from the View Packet List Screen by choosing the Set Locks option.	Users with Budget Operations Security can lock packets.
Packet Number	Auto	Packet Number is automatically generated by the application Will show unassigned until saved	Number appears after the Save action has been completed
Status	Auto	Will remain in Draft status until the packet has been released for review by an OFM budget analyst for official packets or submitted for posting to AFRS for internal packets.	

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**EXERCISE #2** 

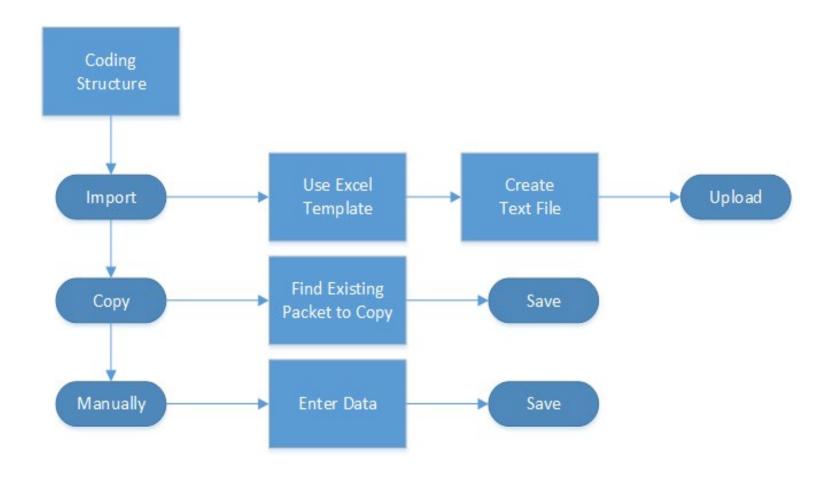
# CREATING A PACKET

Follow the printed instructions to complete the exercise

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# **CODING STRUCTURE FLOW**



#### CODING STRUCTURE

Coding structure within TALS comes from the Statewide Titles database and is loaded on a nightly basis

Updates to tables within AFRS are near real time

New Biennium Coding is available within TALS after the following events:

- AFRS Table Roll at the End of the Biennium
- Budgets are passed by the Legislature

NOTE: You cannot add allotments for closed fiscal months



### CODING STRUCTURE INTO PACKETS

Import process identifies the Allotment Type Code that corresponds with the tabs within TALS. They are:

- EXP = Expenditure
- REV = Revenue
- CAD = Cash Disbursement
- CAR = Cash Receipt
- FTE = Full Time Equivalent
- RES = Reserve
- UNA = Unallotted

NOTE: These designations are required when using the Import process

### **CODING STRUCTURE**

# Fields that are required for specific Allotment Types:

- Allotment Type (Import Only) = All allotment types
- Program Index = EXP, FTE, RES, UNA
- EA index code = EXP, RES, UNA
- Account code = FTE, REV, CAD, CAR
- Object Code = EXP
- Major Source Code = REV
- Source Code = REV



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### **OPTION 1 VS. OPTION 2**

There are minor differences in how Option 1 agencies vs Option 2 agencies enter their allotments and view them in the application

- Option 1 agencies enter objects and expenditure authority indexes as separate entries
- Option 2 agencies enters both at the same time



EXERCISE #3

# WHAT OPTION AM I?

Follow the printed instructions to complete the exercise

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### **CODING STRUCTURE INTO PACKETS**

# Manually

- Add coding structure individually to each of the following Tabs:
  - Expenditure
  - Cash Disbursements
  - Cash Receipts
  - Revenue
- Reference the Import Specification Document (Appendix 3) as needed



**EXERCISE #4** 

# ADDING DATA TO A PACKET

Follow the printed instructions to complete the exercise





### CODING STRUCTURE INTO PACKETS

# Copy

- Find a packet that has the majority of coding structure that you want to use and copy into an empty or draft packet
- Select the information that you want to Copy
  - Include Allotted Expenditures, Unallotted, Cash Disbursements, Revenue, Staff Months (FTEs), Reserves, Cash Receipts
  - Detail Options Include Details, Include details reverse signs,
     Include details zero amounts or Do Not Include details



#### CODING STRUCTURE INTO PACKETS

## Copy

- Select the information that you want to Copy continued
  - What Action to Take
    - Merge/Sum Amounts Together for Duplicates
    - Delete Original/Replace
  - To Packet Used to designate where you want the data to be copied to.
    - Biennium (Defaults to current & Required)
    - Packet Purpose (Optional)
    - Packet (Required)



# **COPY/MERGE**

Packet data is incremental

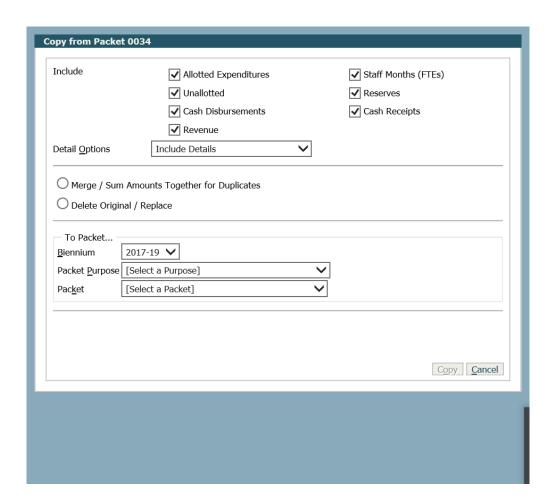
You may want to copy the entire packet or part of it

Can be useful when you're taking internal packet data and putting it into a quarterly adjustment

You might need a packet to reverse a previous internal allotment packet



# **COPY/MERGE**



#### CODING STRUCTURE INTO PACKETS

## **Import**

- Get the template from the System Tutorials link from the BudgetWorks login page or from the Import dialog box link
  - The template is a tab-delimited text file
- Agencies can use Enterprise Reporting data from the prior year to see spending patterns
  - If coding hasn't changed, you can copy the coding structure directly to the template



**DEMONSTRATION** 

# IMPORT/ EXPORT

Follow along on the instructor's PC





**EXERCISE #5** 

# IMPORT/ EXPORT

Follow the printed instructions to complete the exercise

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#### **ONLINE VIEWS**

Online Views provide a dynamic tool to view allotment data across one or multiple allotment packets

Data is sorted, filtered and viewed on up to 4 levels

Online Views are not intended for printing, however, they can be exported by clicking Export Data (in XML format)

For optimal printing of allotment data, use the AMR reports through Enterprise Reporting

Online Views behave differently depending on the Option of your agency



**DEMONSTRATION** 

# **ONLINE VIEWS**

Follow along on the instructor's PC





#### **REPORTS**

# Reports are available in TALS or in the Enterprise Reporting (ER) Portal

- The reports that are available within TALS have defaults set for them that cannot be changed
- The reports that are available within the ER Portal can be modified to be more specific



#### **REPORTS**

#### Common reports that are used:

- AMR008; "Allotment vs EA Schedule"
  - This report is used to identify variances between the allotment data and the expenditure authority schedule control number
  - This report is primarily used during the preparation and review of allotments
  - In TALS-AMR you have two different AMR-008
    - AMR008-A; "Allotment vs EA Schedule (This packet only)"
    - AMR008-B; "Allotment vs EA Schedule (All packets)"



## **REPORTS - AMR008-A**

#### **OFM**

# 179 Department of Enterprise Services Allotment vs. EA Schedule

2013-15 Biennium TALS-AMR **Date Run:** 6/11/2015 9:04AM **Print Date:** 6/11/2015 9:04AM

Report Number: AMR008

#### **Biennial Comparison**

Packet Number: 0006

Packet Status: Approved

#### Agency Level Expenditure Authority

Packet Purpose: Operating 2nd Qtr Adjustments

Account-EA Type EA Code	Allotted	Unallotted	Reserve	Allotment Total	Expenditure Authority from EAS	Allotment to EAS Variance	EAS Required Reserve	Reserve Variance
001-1 General Fund-State								
011 Salaries and Expenses					374,000	(374,000)		
012 Salaries and Expenses					327,000	(327,000)		
031 Legislative Facilities and					3,287,000	(3,287,000)		
032 Legislative Facilities and					3,286,000	(3,286,000)		
052 Electricity					2,250,000	(2,250,000)		
001-1 Total General Fund-State					9,524,000	(9,524,000)	21,000	(21,000)
03K-6 Industrial Insurance Premiur	n Refund-Non-App	ropriated						
978 Insurance Premium					188,313	(188,313)		
045-6 State Vehicle Parking Accou	nt-Non-Appropriate	ed						
963 Salaries and Expenses	77				4,340,000	(4,340,000)		
084-1 Building Code Council Accou	ınt-State							
050 Salaries and Expenses					1,223,000	(1,223,000)		

# **REPORTS - AMR008-B**

#### **OFM**

#### 179 Department of Enterprise Services

 Packet Purpose: ALL
 Allotment vs. EA Schedule
 Report Number: AMR-008

 Packet Number: ALL
 2013-15 Biennium
 Date Run: 6/11/2015
 9:08AM

 Packet Status: ALL
 TALS-AMR
 Print Date: 6/11/2015
 9:08AM

#### **Biennial Comparison**

#### Agency Level Expenditure Authority

Account-EA Type EA Code	Allotted	Unallotted	Reserve	Allotment Total	Expenditure Authority from EAS	Allotment to EAS Variance	EAS Required Reserve	Reserve Variance
001-1 General Fund-State								
011 Salaries and Expenses	372,880		1,000	373,880	374,000	(120)		
012 Salaries and Expenses	307,000		20,000	327,000	327,000			
031 Legislative Facilities and	3,287,000			3,287,000	3,287,000			
032 Legislative Facilities and	3,286,000			3,286,000	3,286,000			
052 Electricity					2,250,000	(2,250,000)		
001-1 Total General Fund-State	7,252,880		21,000	7,273,880	9,524,000	(2,250,120)	21,000	
03K-6 Industrial Insurance Premium F	Refund-Non-Appr	opriated						
978 Insurance Premium	188,312			188,312	188,313	(1)		
042-1 Char/Ed/Penal/Reform/Institution	ons-State							
S16 Engineering &	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000			
045-1 State Vehicle Parking Account-	-State							
S00 NRB Garage Fire	738,000			738,000	738,000			
S14 East Plaza-Water &	793,000			793,000	793,000			
S17 Engineering &	500,000			500,000	500,000			
045-1 Total State Vehicle Parking	2,031,000			2,031,000	2,031,000			
045-6 State Vehicle Parking Account-	Non-Appropriate	d						
963 Salaries and Expenses	3,877,150			3,877,150	4,340,000	(462,850)		
045 Total State Vehicle Parking	5,908,150			5,908,150	6,371,000	(462,850)		

#### **REPORTS**

## Common reports that are used (continued):

- AMR001; "Allotment Expenditure Summary"
  - This report is used to verify and analyze data entered into TALS during the creation and review process
  - This shows summary information of expenditures and FTE by program, account, account type, expenditure authority or expenditure authority index and object



# **REPORTS - AMR001**

#### **OFM**

# 179 - Department of Enterprise Services Allotment Expenditure Summary

2013-15 Biennium TALS-AMR

Packet Purpose: Operating 2nd Qtr Adjustments

Packet Number: 0006
Packet Status: Approved

Report Number: AMR001 Date Run: 6/11/2015 9:10AM Print Date: 6/11/2015 9:10AM

#### **Allotment Summary**

	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
Total Allotted	(15,479,964)	(15,479,897)	(30,959,861)
Total Unallotted*			30,959,861
Total Agency 179 Allotment*	(15,479,964)	(15,479,897)	

#### **Allotted Expenditures**

Program	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total	% of Total
030 Enterprise Technology Solutions	(9,294,000)	(9,293,913)	(18,587,913)	60.0
050 Business Resources	(6,185,964)	(6,185,984)	(12,371,948)	40.0
Total Agency 179 Allotted	(15,479,964)	(15,479,897)	(30,959,861)	100.0

#### Account and Expenditure

Authority Type	EA Code	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
419-6 Data Processing Revolving	967 Salaries and Expenses	(9,294,000)	(9,293,913)	(18,587,913)
422-6 Enterprise Services	969 Salaries and Expenses	(6,185,964)	(6,185,984)	(12,371,948)
Total Agency 179 Allotted		(15,479,964)	(15,479,897)	(30,959,861)

Object	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total	% of Total
E Goods and Other Services	(12,235,968)	(12,235,984)	(24,471,952)	79.0
J Capital Outlays	(4,749,996)	(4,750,000)	(9,499,996)	30.7
P Debt Service	1,506,000	1,506,087	3,012,087	(9.7)
Total Agency 179 Allotted	(15,479,964)	(15,479,897)	(30,959,861)	100.0

#### **REPORTS**

## Common reports that are used (continued):

- AMR002; "Allotment Expenditure Detail"
  - This report is used to verify and analyze data entered into TALS during the creation and review process
  - This shows detail information of expenditures and FTE by program, account, account type, expenditure authority or expenditure authority index and object



#### **REPORTS – AMR002**

#### **OFM**

# 179 - Department of Enterprise Services Allotment Expenditure Detail

2013-15 Biennium TALS-AMR

Packet Purpose: Operating 2nd Qtr Adjustments

Packet Number: 0006 Packet Status: Approved Report Number: AMR002 Date Run: 6/11/2015 9:13AM Print Date: 6/11/2015 9:13AM

#### **Program Structure**

030 - Enterprise Technology Solutions

Expenditures by Account-EA Type and Expenditure Authority Code

		FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennium Tota
19-6 Data Processing Revolving Account-Non-Appropriated	Jul	0 0 0 (3,098,000) (774,500) (774,500)	(774,500) (774,500)	
967 Salaries and Expenses	Aug			
	Sep		(774,500)	
	Oct		(774,500) (774,500) (774,500) (774,500) (774,500) (774,500) (774,500) (774,500) (774,413)	
	Nov			
	Dec			
	Jan			
	Feb	(774,500)		
	Mar	(774,500)		
	Apr	(774,500)		
	May	(774,500)		
	Jun	(774,500)		
Total 967 Allotted		(9,294,000)	(9,293,913)	(18,587,913
Total 967 Unallotted*				18,587,913
Total 967 Allotment*		(9,294,000)	(9,293,913)	0

#### **REPORTS – AMR002**

#### **OFM**

# 179 - Department of Enterprise Services Allotment Expenditure Detail

2013-15 Biennium TALS-AMR

Packet Purpose: Operating 2nd Qtr Adjustments

Packet Number: 0006
Packet Status: Approved

Report Number: AMR002 Date Run: 6/11/2015 9:13AM Print Date: 6/11/2015 9:13AM

**Program Structure** 

030 - Enterprise Technology Solutions

#### **Expenditures By Object**

		FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennium Total
E Goods and Other Services	Jul	0	(504,167)	
	Aug	0	(504,167)	
	Sep	0	(504,167)	
	Oct	(2,016,668)	(504,167)	
	Nov	(504,167)	(504,167)	
	Dec	(504,167)	(504,167)	
	Jan	(504,167)	(504,167)	
	Feb	(504,167)	(504,167)	
	Mar	(504,167)	(504,167)	
	Apr	(504,167)	(504,167)	
	May	(504,167)	(504,167)	
	Jun	(504,167)	(504,163)	
Total Object E		(6,050,004)	(6,050,000)	(12,100,004)

**EXERCISE #6** 

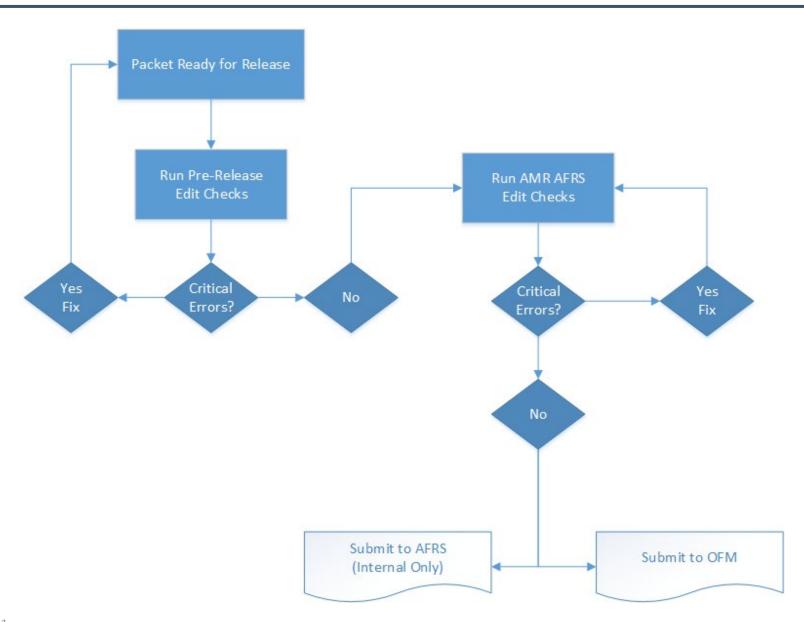
# TALS REPORTING

Follow the printed instructions to complete the exercise

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# **RELEASE FLOW**



#### **RELEASE DATA FROM TALS**

# Once you have completed the entry of your data you will need to run it through two edit checks

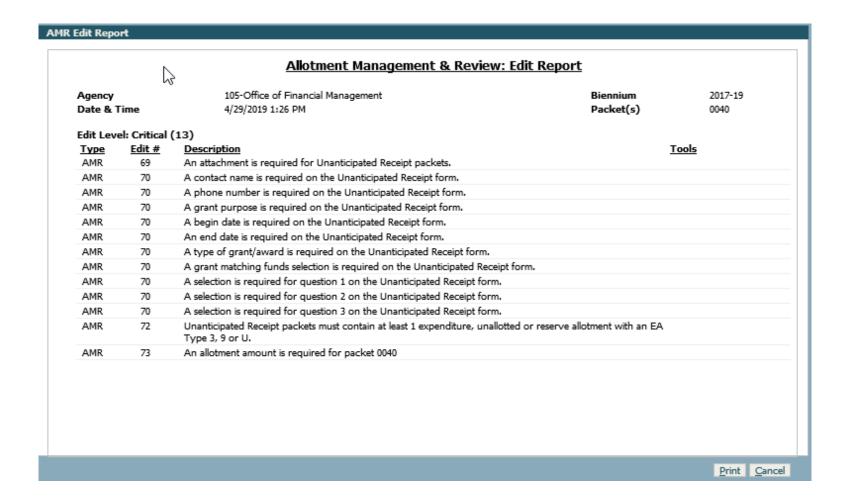
- AMR Pre-release Edit Checks
- AMR AFRS Edit Checks

#### There are three types of errors

- Critical (Must be fixed before release)
- Warning
- Informational



#### **AMR EDIT REPORT**



#### **RELEASE DATA FROM TALS**

Once you have completed fixing any critical errors, the user who has release data capability can submit the TALS packet

All packets will be sent to OFM for approval except for Internal Packets which will be posted directly to AFRS



**EXERCISE #7** 

# RELEASE TO OFM

Follow the printed instructions to complete the exercise

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Online Views are for analytical purposes and can only be seen within TALS

Patterning is available for Cash Disbursements and Cash Receipts

Attachments can be added to an allotment packet through the Update process



## **TIPS FOR TALS**

Remember to use the "Bread Crumb" to go back to previous screens

Do not use the back arrow in the browser

Remember "more info is better than no info"





#### STAYING INFORMED

#### To get copies of the latest system documentation:

- <a href="https://www.ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/budget-and-legislative-systems/allotment-system-tals">https://www.ofm.wa.gov/it-systems/budget-and-legislative-system-tals</a>
- Look under Reference Materials

The BudgetWorks application page provides access to the login page, security form, tutorials, password changes, and announcements:

https://budgetlogon.ofm.wa.gov/Logon.aspx

#### Sign up for TALS GovDelivery:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAGOV/subscriber/new



# WHO TO CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

#### TALS:

OFM Help Desk

o Phone: 360-407-9100

Email: <u>HereToHelp@ofm.wa.gov</u>

#### Find your OFM Budget Analyst:

• <a href="https://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/budget-staff-agency-assignments">https://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/budget-staff-agency-assignments</a>



#### RECOMMENDED TRAINING

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Any questions?

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