



February 29, 2016

TO: Texas A&M AgriLife Buy A&M Users

SUBJECT: BAM update 02/26/16 System Update and RPA notes

Please distribute to appropriate staff

Buy A&M System Upgrade

There was a Buy A&M System upgrade deployed on the evening of 2/24/16. Below is the posting provided by the vendor that provides the items or areas that are addressed as part of this upgrade.

Buy A&M Production Upgrade Last night – 2/24/2016

Posted on February 24, 2016

There will be an upgrade of the Buy A&M Production environment tonight at 6:00 pm.

This version includes the following improvements:

Following is a summary of the system improvements which are part of this new version.

System Performance:

- Significant performance improvements have been made to the TAMUS interface.

Vendor Admin, Org Admin and User Setup:

- Fixed a defect that was preventing users from saving a foreign phone number to a Vendor's account.
- Fixed a defect so that Admin screens are only viewable by users with Administrator-level permissions.

Accounts Payable:

- Fixed a defect so that Misc. and Freight values entered now are assigned differentiated line numbers.
- Fixed a defect that was applying "Final Pay" to all Items of an invoice even if it was only performed on one Item.
- Fixed a defect that was locking RPAs and preventing them from automatically converting.
- Fixed a defect that was returning an error when the Invoice Date entered was that day's date.
- Fixed a defect to ensure that Credit Memos applied to an Invoice can be saved successfully.
- Fixed a defect that was generating an extra Status Flow action on approval of a partial final pay Invoice.
- Fixed a defect that was preventing a clickable hyperlink for Invoices from displaying under the "My Reminders" tab.
- Fixed a defect that was producing a false error message when navigating to a Credit

Memo via a search and failing to display Credit Memos under the Approver's approval tab.

- Made changes to tabs within the Invoice page to significantly improve page load times

Purchasing, Bids etc....:

- Fixed a defect that was failing to send the Alt Doc ID on transactions
- Fixed a defect to remove the Show Vendor flag from bid notes.
- Fixed a defect that was preventing assigned Commodity Codes from being displayed to their assigned User
- Fixed an error in user permissions so that DA users can now process documents appropriately.

Other:

- Fixed a defect that was displaying a false warning message under the Systems Messages page.
- Made security enhancements to the BuySpeed application.
- The System Message Count was removed from all role homepage screens to improve performance.
- Fixed a defect that was preventing the application from recognizing email addresses associated with user accounts.
- Fixed a defect to ensure that the JDE Address ID that populates the "Vendor Address Alt-ID" is internalized as designed by BuySpeed.

RPA – split payments with different system parts

As a reminder, you can submit one RPA that includes an invoice that is to be paid by multiple system parts. Set up the RPA with one item and one invoice. Then you can easily break out the accounts, support accounts and object class codes on the accounting tab. This can include splits across different departments and system parts. The RPA will route for approval to all of the approvers for the various accounts listed.

RPA notes for Disbursements

Please be aware that when you create an RPA document that the "Notes" do not carry over to the invoice screens used by Disbursements Accounts Payable staff. Periscope is working to include the notes on the invoices created, but we have an expected date for this update.


Instead of adding "Notes" on the RPA, we would prefer you provide all the information in the "Items" tab in the description section. Below are a few examples for typical note situations like pick up providing the 5 W's for business meals, direct hotel / rental car invoices or special instructions for picking up a check or returning it to the department instead of the vendor.

RPA Requisition AM06-16-R008837 (AM06-16-V002169)

Status: 1RI - In Progress

General **Items** Vendors Address Accounting Routing Attachments Notes Reminders Summary

General Address Accounting Notes


Item #:		Item Type:	Normal ▼
Print Sequence*:	<input type="text" value="1.0"/>	Item Status:	1RI - In Progress
Description*: 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Bob Smith business meal reimbursement Who: Bob Smith, Mary Brown, Joe White, What: Discuss project related to this topic, Where: at the nice restaurant, When: on Monday, 02/22/16, 12:00 pm</p></div>		

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Print Sequence*:	<input type="text" value="1.0"/>	Item Status:	1RI - In Progress
Description*: 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Visa processing check - Call Bob Smith at 979-111-1111 when the check is ready.</p></div>		

If the amount of information you want to add is too great and not appropriate to add in this section, then after the invoice description, in all caps: type: SEE NOTES. In those situations, A/P staff will review RPA PO documentation to read the note.

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Print Sequence*:	<input type="text" value="1.0"/>	Item Status:	1RI - In Progress
Description*:	<input type="text" value="services related to special project - SEE NOTES"/>		

We will notify you when the notes are updated to be automatically copied from the requisition to the invoice.

Questions/Contacts:

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