



# Newsletter

The eMARS Newsletter disseminates information to agency users on key topics associated with the system.



## **eMARS** Outage

eMARS will be unavailable Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in order to complete necessary year-end activities.



## **Year-End Closing Memo**

All dates referenced in this newsletter are discussed in the memo in detail.

The Fiscal Year 2017 Year-End closing memo is posted at: <a href="http://finance.ky.gov/services/statewideacct/Pages/yearendsupport.aspx">http://finance.ky.gov/services/statewideacct/Pages/yearendsupport.aspx</a>

If you have any questions, please contact the Customer Resource Center (CRC) at <a href="mailto:Finance.CRCGroup@ky.gov">Finance.CRCGroup@ky.gov</a> or via phone at 502.564.9641 (Toll-Free 877.973.4357).



## New Year Table Initialization (NYTI) Process

On May 1, 2017, the Office of the Controller ran the New Year Table Initialization (NYTI) process in

eMARS. This process copied all active records on all tables keyed by *Fiscal Year* from the current *Fiscal Year* (2017) to the new *Fiscal Year* 

(2018). Fiscal Officers should review all agency maintained tables (primarily departmental Chart of Accounts tables) to ensure the active 2018 records are valid.

As part of this process, the *Effective To* and *From* dates were cleared on the 2018 records. Therefore, if your agency uses these dates **for a functional purpose**, you will need to update the 2018 record on the appropriate table with the dates. Please be aware, if you intend for these records to be effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, you do **NOT** need to update.

In addition, any new 2017 records entered after May 7, 2017, will also need to be entered as a 2018 record, if applicable.

If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact the Customer Resource Center at <u>Finance.CRCGroup@ky.gov</u> or via phone at 502.564.9641 (Toll-Free 877.973.4357).

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## **Completing Payment Documents During Period 13**

Payments made **between July 1 and July 7** have the option to be paid from either 2017 *Old Year* funds or 2018 *New Year* funds. Users who intend for the payment document to post to *Fiscal Year 2017, Period* 13 **must** enter the entire fiscal period on the payment document: *Budget FY (2017); Fiscal Year (2017);* and *Period (13).* These fields may be entered on the *Header* of the payment document or on each *Accounting Line.* If entered on the *Header,* the *Fiscal Period* will apply to all accounting lines on the document.

If the fiscal period is not entered on the payment document, then the current fiscal period (*Period 1, 2018*) will infer upon final approval. In addition, payments created during June (*Period 12, 2017*) must be submitted and all approvals applied before **COB, June 30**. Otherwise, *Period 1, 2018* will be inferred.

For example, a *PRC* is created and submitted on June 25 with the *Budget FY, Fiscal Year* and *Period* left blank; if the final approval **is** applied before **COB, June 30**, then *Period 12, 2017* will be inferred. If the final approval **is not** applied until July 1, then *Period 1, 2018* will be inferred.

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In summary, please pay attention to the following points when completing payment documents during *Period 1.3:* 

**Note:** These rules **do not** apply to *Capital Funds (BFY*=9999).

- The entire *Fiscal Period 13* (*BFY*=2017, *FY*=2017, *Period*=13) **must** be entered on the document. If the *BFY* is left blank, a *staging* error is returned.
- Fiscal Period 13 (BFY=2017, FY=2017, Period=13) may be entered on the Header section or on the Accounting line of the document.
  - o Fiscal Period entered on the Header will infer on all blank Accounting lines.
  - Fiscal Period entered on an Accounting line will always override Fiscal Period on Header.
  - o Fiscal Period 13 (BFY=2017, FY=2017, Period=13) **must** be entered on the Header section of a **PRCI** document.
  - o Fiscal Period 13 (BFY=2017, FY=2017, Period=13) **must** be entered on the Header section of a **PRC2** document.
- Fiscal Period 13 payment documents must be submitted to final by COB, Friday, July 7.
- Fiscal Period 13 payments against encumbering awards must be submitted to final by COB, Monday, July 3.



## **Budget Fiscal Year (BFY) 2017 Pending Transactions**

Documents submitted with a *Phase* of *Pending* affect cash and budget balances. Therefore, expenditure and encumbrance transactions **must** be cleared by the following dates:

- All Budget Fiscal Year (BFY) 2017 encumbering documents, modifications and cancellations (other than Capital Projects) MUST be submitted to Final phase or rejected back to Draft phase by COB (7:00 p.m.), Monday, July 3.
- All BFY 2016 pending expenditure documents, modifications and cancellations (other than Capital Projects) MUST be submitted to Final phase or rejected back to Draft phase prior to COB (7:00 p.m.), Friday, July 7.

Any *BFY* 2017 documents in *Pending* phase after the dates specified above **will** be rejected back to *Draft* phase by the Office of the Controller.

**Note:** To assist in identifying *Pending Documents*, agencies may reference the *FY 2017 eMARS Pending Transactions.xls* file posted under the *Year-End Information* on the eMARS Web site at: <a href="http://finance.ky.gov/services/statewideacct/Pages/yearendsupport.aspx">http://finance.ky.gov/services/statewideacct/Pages/yearendsupport.aspx</a>



## Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/2018 Encumbrance Roll/Lapse

The encumbrance roll process to move encumbrances from FY17 to FY18 is scheduled to begin the evening of Monday, July 3, 2017. Only encumbrances greater than \$1,000 will roll to FY18. Encumbrances less than or equal to \$1,000 will lapse, thus closing the award. This process applies to ALL non-capital fund encumbrances on all award documents including PON2s.

Users should make every effort to clean up or pay *FY17* encumbrances prior to **COB, July 3, 2017**. The *2302 Outstanding Encumbrance* report within eMARS Reporting may be used to aid in cleanup efforts.



## **Payments Against Lapsed Awards**

Remember all non-capital encumbrances less than or equal to \$1,000 will lapse after COB, Monday July 3, 2017. The Cited Authority, YEAR-END LAPSE, has been established to accommodate payments against lapsed awards. Please adhere to the following when making payments against these awards after July 4:

- Payments against lapsed PON2s
  - Copy Forward to PRC
  - Select "Memo" Reference Type
  - Enter YEAR-END LAPSE Cited Authority on the PRC
- Payments against all other awards (non-PON2)
  - Copy Forward to PRC
  - Select "Memo" Reference Type
  - o Enter **YEAR-END LAPSE** Cited Authority on the PRC

#### **Fixed Assets News**

Real Property Closing Packages will be distributed around mid-August. The cover letter will include the date the packet is due back to the Office of the Controller. Once you receive your Real Property Closing Package, should you have any questions, please contact Jessica Wilkerson at 502-564-8769 or Jessica.wilkerson@ky.gov

Please begin cleaning up your *Fixed Assets* shells. If possible, submit the shells. If the shells cannot be used, be sure to appropriately enter documents *from scratch* to record those fixed assets in eMARS. The target date for having all fixed assets shells, \$5,000 and above, processed is **August 18, 2017.** 

Please submit all information requested by the Office of the Controller in a timely manner so that work can begin on the FY 2017 CAFR.



#### **New Year Contracts**

When creating contracts for the new fiscal year, FY18 prior to July 1, agencies should NOT encumber funds in FY17. If the agency allotments have not been loaded, the non-accounting event type (PR07) must be used. Once the agency

allotments have been loaded, the existing FY18 contracts may be modified to change the event type to an encumbering event type (PR05 or PR06), if desired. Newly created FY18 contracts may use the encumbering event types (PR05 or PR06). All FY18 contracts created before July 1 must have the entire fiscal period (FY=2018, BFY=2018, **Period=1**) entered on the header or accounting line of the document. Lastly, biennial (two-year) contracts should have a Commodity line per fiscal year and only encumber one fiscal year at a time. The Office of the Controller advises that agencies use encumbrances wisely and ensure they are managed properly if established.





## **Deferred Payroll**

On the May 16 – May 30 payroll (PP11), posted on June 8, 2017, the accounting lines for health insurance (E123) were removed from the documents. These charges appear on a separate document that will process on July 1, 2017 as FY18 expenditures. The document ID will be

identical to the June 8 document ID except a "P" will be at the end of the ID. June 1 – June 15 payroll (PP12) will post on July 1 as FY18 expenditures. Users will NOT be able to JV any of these payroll expenditures from FY18 to FY17. They must remain in FY18.

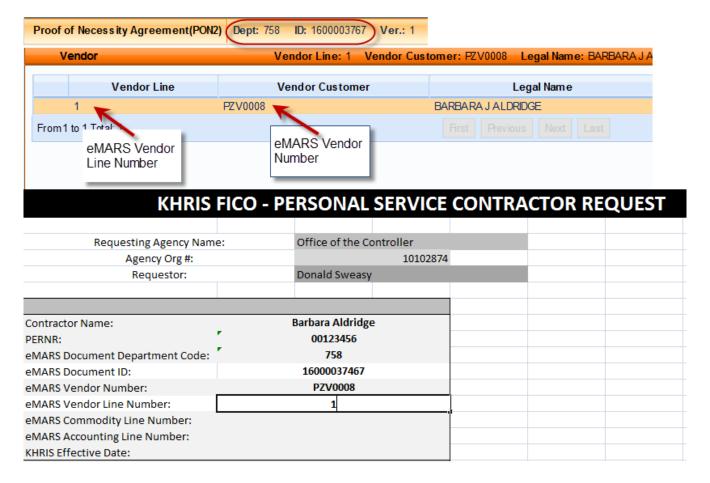


## KHRIS Personal Service Contracts (PON2s)

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, personal service contract information must be updated in KHRIS to prevent improper posting of PRC documents submitted via the KHRIS to eMARS interface. It is important that these requests be submitted as soon

as possible and no later than June 30.

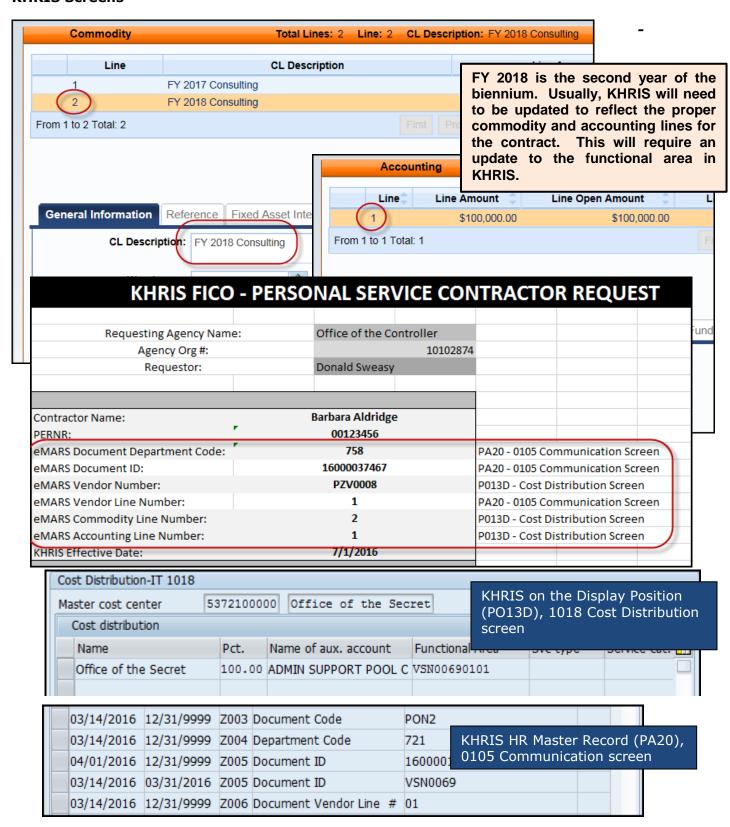
Fiscal Year 2018 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium. Therefore, the KHRIS position costing details may have to be updated to reflect new Commodity and/or Accounting Line numbers. eMARS accounting/procurement staff should work with their human resource staff and utilize the *FICO/PSC Request Vendor Form* located at: https://hr.personnel.ky.gov/Pages/Forms-F-H.aspx



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#### **KHRIS Screens**



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## **Moving Expenditures Between Fiscal Years**

A JV2E document may be used to move <u>non-personnel</u> expenditures between *Budget Fiscal Years*. Please be aware agencies are not permitted to JV personnel expenditures from FY18 to FY17.

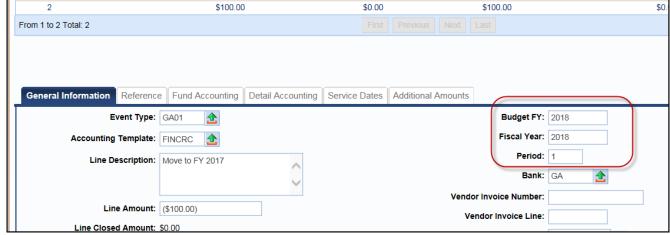
**Example:** \$100 expenditure (non-personnel) was paid from *BFY* 2018 (new-year) and should have been paid from *BFY* 2017 (old-year).

Accounting Line 1 shows a negative (\$100.00) and the 2018 Fiscal Period (BFY=2018; FY=2018; Period=1).

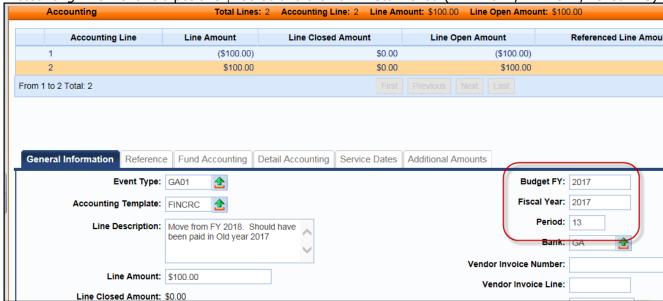
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Accounting Line 2 shows a positive \$100.00 and the 2017 Fiscal Period (BFY=2017; FY=2017; Period=13).



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When processing JV2E documents during fiscal year-end, remember the following:

- JV2Es to move expenditures between BFYs require the entire Fiscal Period (BFY, FY, and Period) to be entered on each Accounting Line.
- JV2Es with BFY 2017 reference may be processed within the agency up to COB, July 7.
- *JV2Es* with *BFY* 2017 reference processed between **July 8** and **July 13** will require override/approval by the Office of the Controller, Statewide Accounting Services.
- Agencies are NOT permitted to JV personnel expenditures from FY18 to FY17.



## A Message from the State Treasurer's Office

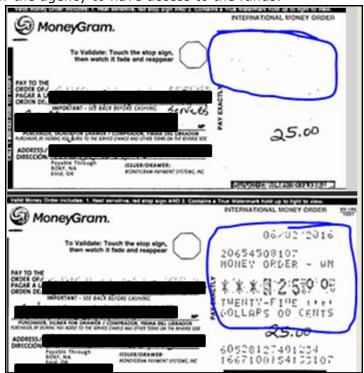
The State Treasurer's Office asks that agencies with year-end deposits, which must be posted by June 30 (primarily Fund 0100 and Fund 1100), to not wait until the last minute to send those to the Treasurer's Office. Sending agency deposits to the

Treasurer's Office prior to the June 30 deadline will help ensure that they are processed in a timely manner. Deposits to Funds other than 0100 and 1100 may continue using Accounting Period 13 until Friday, July 7, 2017.

Next, it is also very important that agencies with incoming electronic deposits (EFTs) prepare their CR documents as early as possible and notify the Treasury Department Accounting Branch. The CR must be completed and posted in order for the agency to have access to the funds.

Lastly, scanned images of money orders and cashier's checks are not legible. Therefore, please hand-write the amount on the order or check for reference. An example is shown below:









## **Friendly Reminders**

#### **Approvals**

- Review documents before submitting
- Rejections slow down process
- Assemble or re-assemble procurement documents prior to submitting
  - Please review assembled document carefully and correct any errors before submitting
- Attach all required documentation including signed and notorized Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors and Contractors
- OPS processing documents First In First Out, please be patient and do not email asking for documents to be approved
- Include the Delivery Date for goods and services on requisitions

#### **Delivery Orders**

- Creating DOs against MAs is a good practice
  - Establishes pricing on order
  - Minimized problems with payment process
- Once MA has expired neither DO or PRC can be properly referenced
  - Many MAs expire June 30

#### **Follow Payments Through**

- Daily review AD/EFT Exception report to ensure payments have been disbursed
- FY17 payments on the AD/EFT Exception report after PER 13 soft close (July 7) will be closed by the Office of the Controller
  - **o** Vendor will NOT receive payment

#### JV2T's

- When ready for approval, submit JV2T into *Pending* status
  - o Do Not leave in *Draft* status

#### **Allotments**

- All allotments must be in the "black" by the end of the Fiscal Year
- During closeout, agencies should utilize the budget screens in eMARS as reports within eMARS Reporting are a day behind and do not include pending amounts
  - BQ3LV1 (Appropriation)
  - BQ3LV2 (Allotment)
  - BQ3LV3 (Object Allotments)

#### **Personnel Expenditures**

Personnel expenditures for the last payroll period cannot be JVed from FY18 to FY17

#### **Cash Overrides**

- All agency cash overrides MUST be reviewed annually
- Submit request on a SAS14 to the Office of the State Budget Director





## Year-End and New Year Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## **Accounting/Financial FAQs**

#### Q: How are new accounting structures established?

**A:** New accounting structures (*Fund, Function*) are established on an <u>SAS-14</u> form and processed through the Office of the State Budget Director (OSBD).

#### Q: When will encumbrances roll over to the New Year?

**A:** Beginning at COB, **Monday, July 3, 2017 all** 2017 Budget Fiscal Year encumbrances **greater than** \$1,000, excluding Capital Funds, will roll over to Fiscal Year 2018. In addition, encumbrances **less than or equal** to \$1,000 **will** lapse, thus closing the respective award. Capital Project encumbrances require no action since their Budget Fiscal Year remains the same throughout the life of the project.

#### Q: When is the last day to make payments from FY17?

**A:** The last day to make any type of payment for *FY17* is **Friday, July 7, 2017**. Payments made after July 7 will pay from *FY18* funds. The last day to make payments against *FY17* encumbering awards will be **Monday, July 3**. The last day to make internal payments via *IET; ITI/ITA* is **Friday, June 30**.

#### Q: When is the Hard Close for June (Period 12)?

A: The June Hard Close will be Friday, July 7, 2017.

#### Q: When are the closing dates for Period 13?

A: The Period 13 Soft Close will be Friday, July 7, 2017. The Hard Close will be COB, Thursday, July 13, 2017.

#### Q: Can FY17 payments post after June 30?

**A:** FY17 payments (non-encumbrance) may be made via eMARS until **COB, Friday, July 7.** The *Budget Fiscal Year* (BFY = 2017), Fiscal Year (FY = 2017) and Period (Period = 13) **must** be entered on the payment document.

#### Q: Can FY17 receipts post after June 30?

A: FY17 revenue for the General Fund (0100) and Road Fund (1100) cannot post to FY17 after June 30. Receipts for all other funds (done on CR documents) must be in the Treasury no later than COB, Friday, July 7.

#### Q: Where can I find a listing of the last dates that documents may be processed?

**A:** Refer to the *Closing Memo - Fiscal Year 2017* document posted on the eMARS Web site at <a href="http://finance.ky.gov/services/statewideacct/Pages/yearendsupport.aspx">http://finance.ky.gov/services/statewideacct/Pages/yearendsupport.aspx</a> for *Last Day to Process Old Year* documents.

### **Procurement FAQs**

**Note:** In each *FAQ* scenario in this section the amount of the payment **must not** exceed the balance amount of the contract. In addition, all required *SPR1's* **must** be approved prior to procurement activity.

#### O: How do I liquidate encumbrances that should not roll over to the new Fiscal Year?

A: For all encumbering awards (PON2/PO/CT/DO), Copy Forward and create a zero dollar Payment Request (PRC) document. Mark it Final in the Reference field on both Commodity and Accounting lines. This PRC must be processed by COB, Monday, July 3, 2017. A second option is to modify the award to the amount paid/closed on each commodity line.

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- Q: How do I pay the balance of an award (PON2/PO/CT/DO) in the new Fiscal Year that expired on June 30, 2017 for services/commodities received prior to June 30, 2017?
- **A:** The service dates on the payment document should reflect the actual dates of service, and will occur within the service dates of the award. Payments against expired awards are permitted provided the goods or services were incurred prior to the award expiration date. Follow instructions provided in this newsletter for payments in Period 13 and/or against rolled or lapsed awards.
- Q: How do I pay against a Master Agreement in the New FY that expired on June 30, 2017 for services/commodities received prior to June 30, 2017?
- A: If you generally make payments directly referencing a Master Agreement (MA) document, the MA will not be found in SHOP after the expiration date. It is recommended that a Delivery Order (DO) be created and the DO approved to Final Status prior to the MA expiration. Should an agency fail to create a DO prior to the MA expiration date and a payment is due, create a stand-alone PRC and include documentation, such as the expired MA number and date of service in the Document Description field of the PRC. Use Cited Authority FAP111-09-00-12. This will send the PRC to the Office of Procurement Services for approval. NOTE: Approvals will only be applied with proper documentation. To avoid this additional step, agencies should create a DO for any payment on MAs.
- Q: How do I make a FY17 payment against an encumbering award after the encumbrance rolls on July 3?
- **A:** Once the encumbrances roll to *FY18*, the payment must reference the award and be paid from *FY18*. However, you still have an opportunity to *JV* non-personnel expenditures back to *FY17* on a *JV2E* document until **7:00 pm EDT, Thursday, July 13, 2017.**
- Q: How do I make a payment against an award that lapsed?
- **A:** All encumbrances **less than or equal** to \$1,000 **will** lapse beginning **COB, Monday, July 3, 2017**. If a payment for goods received or services rendered is required after the lapse, *Copy Forward* to a *PRC* document; select *Memo* as the *Reference Type*; and use the **YEAR-END LAPSE** as the *Cited Authority*.







For more information on eMARS, please refer to the eMARS Web site @ http://finance.ky.gov/internal/emars/