TO: Service Center Managers  
FROM: Christine Siu  
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year End (FYE) Closing Needs, Time Frame & FY2019 Budget/Rate(s) Submission

FY2018 Year-End Close on Oracle Financials

There will be “two” close periods on Oracle Financials. Soft Close should contain the service centers AUG-2018 allocations as well as any AUG monthly adjustments. When the system is opened for the Hard Close adjustments, it will be the only time for any final year end adjustment entries.

Service Centers should run the “daily” reports online with Soft Close numbers to verify if the service center requires any additional adjustments: one-time user allocations, subsidy, cost transfers/adjustments, users rebate, etc. These reports should also enable users to quickly spot errors: duplicate journals, missing/incorrect adjustments, missing/incorrect AP payments, etc. As noted on the Controller’s Year End Close Calendar: Payroll period with Aug 15th - 31st information will be included in the “daily” report run on Sept 6th (Thursday).

If you have questions after reading this memo, please contact your service center analyst ASAP so that s/he may provide guidance before the yearend process begins. Your analyst is listed at the end of this memo.

All Service Centers – Award Range ACAxx, ALAxx and AKAAF

Please review your August detail numbers and FYE totals. You have the period of Aug 29th through Sept 6th 5PM to enter and have approved your 12th month allocation journal(s) and any adjustments as needed. All journals must be fully approved by 5PM, Sept 6th. This is also the last day for “Public” iJournal originators to enter AUG-2018 period journals.

Day to Day Deadlines

- “Soft Close” iJournal fully approved by deadline is 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 6th. Please monitor your journals and contact your journal approvers if they are still outstanding Wednesday morning. Please inform your service center analyst of any journals submitted during this time for entries resolving any breakeven problems, erroneous entries, etc. Please also inform your service center analyst of any correcting journals you make for your service center, i.e. rebating an over-recovery; or re-charging your users or funding an under-recovery if you have projected your service center to end the year outside the breakeven level. If needed, please remember to change the “Period” date on your AUG iJournal to AUG-2018.

Reminder - Sept 3rd is Labor Day!
Thursday morning (6AM), Aug 30th, the list of specific reports (marked as “daily”) will be available online for "Soft Close" reporting. Labor expense for Aug 15th-31st payroll will not be included until the morning of Sep 6th), all other August expenses will be included. (You should check to see if your usual AUG-2018 feeder expenses – ITS Communications, Utilities, Debt, etc. are included.)

A few of the “daily” reconciliation OBI reports which should be available to run online are:

- Operating Statement (aka 101) (GA Detail, GL Rev & Exp & Breakeven %)
- OP 284 Month by Month (GL Rev, GA Exp & Breakeven %)
- CER Expenditures Transaction Detail (GA expenses)

Some of the problems that should be reviewed for correction are:

- the center is outside the +/- 5% or +/- 15% break-even,
- an unallowable cost is posted,
- an employee’s salary is incorrectly posted,
- there is a direct charged capital equipment expense, or
- expected AP payments that were not posted in August which causes an outside +/-5% or 15% breakeven situation. Please run a P-to-P report to verify which invoices were not paid, the service center will need to post any material dollar AP accrual journals.

Friday Morning September 7th: iJournals will be opened for entering journals via Specialist or Central access only. Reports with soft close entries will be available at 6:00AM.

For those service centers that post AR Accrual External Revenue journals, please note that your AR Accrual journals must be submitted by 5PM September 11th.

Wednesday, September 12th. All Specialist user journals must be submitted (no errors) by 3PM. These journals have to be fully approved by 5PM. The end-router approvers also have only have until 5PM Sep 12th to approve journals. If a journal is not approved, the period date will be changed to SEP-2018. Check to ensure that the “Period” date on your iJournal is AUG-2018. Please monitor your journals to ensure that all approvals are obtained. Please contact the approvers if you have outstanding journals before the 5PM deadline on Wednesday. Any AUG-2018 journals not approved will be swept to SEP-2018 and processed as a FY19 transaction.

The dates listed above are subject to change by Controller’s Office. The yearend calendar is located on their website: https://web.stanford.edu/dept/controller/cgi-bin/calendar/main/default.php?bizunit=&period=&user=%22d%22
Click on the specific link for the appropriate year end close calendar. Visit the site periodically to verify whether any dates which may affect your year end close process have been modified.

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Please note that Oracle Financials allows OSR to “close” a sponsored award to all charges once the assigned close date has been reached and or stop accepting charges once maximum funds have been spent. If you believe your service center may not be within breakeven, and that re-charging or re-funding your users may be necessary during hard close, you should run BEFORE Soft Close the FIN_REF_216_Award_Config_Report to check questionable awards close dates. You will not be able to check remaining balance since it is entirely possible that other journals or AP will be charging or refunding with an earlier EID, which could mean that the system will allow priority to their entry for any remaining funds. The best option, if under-recovering, is to post the one time charge journal BEFORE the soft close deadline. The service center will need to know the AUG entry amount to calculate the under-recovered amount with estimated expenses posted by payroll, AP, etc. for AUG activities.

If you need to post a **refund** to your service center users use the “New Journal” form. The New Journal form requires approvals only for PTAs you are debiting, which will shorten the approval process. Use the Allocation journal form for billing charges to your service center users including if your center has a greater than 15% loss and you are proportionately re-charging that loss amount to all of your users.

If you are not available to post your entries during this yearend timeframe, please ensure that you have delegated the responsibility to someone else. Failure to breakeven due to non-participation is not acceptable. Verify that the delegate has “Specialist” iJournal access.

If you or your delegate will need to post an iJournal during “Hard Close”, Sept 7th – Sept 12th, and you or your delegate are only assigned “Public” access for iJournals, please contact your DFA or ASM so that the access can be changed to “Specialist”. (Check the Oracle navigation screen for Specialist journal access before contacting the appropriate DFA or ASM.) FMS requires all “iSpecialist” requests to be made before 5PM on Aug 31st.

**FY2019 Budgets and Rates Submissions**

Please submit your service center's new FY budget and proposed rates to your analyst prior to September 30th. Please remember to include the prior year's balance (FY2018 net balance), in your FY2019 budget and rate calculations. Include the allocation methodology you have used to determine your rate(s).

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