

PDI 2024 PLAN SMARTER Q&A

WILL MICROSOFT FABRIC BE AVAILABLE IN THE FUTURE?

MICROSOFT FABRIC IS A NEW TECHNOLOGY AND IS A SLOWER IMPEMNTATION ON THE DOD SIDE.

IT IS SOMETHING THAT MICROSOFT IS WORKING WITH THE DOD ON ENSURING IT IS READY FOR RELEASE AND MEETS THEIR CYBERSECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THE 2ND AND 3RD FILES YOU UPLOADED? I BELIEVE YOU CALLED IT RECON AND SOMETHING ELSE.

THE FILES THAT WERE UPLOADED TO INITIATE THE AFRC SSP WERE THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET, A FILE KNOWN AS DOCUMENT DETAIL, AND DOCUMENT RECONCILIATION. THE TWO ADDITIONAL FILES WERE SPECIFIC TO AFRC'S DATA SYSTEMS.

ARE BASES IN DIFFERENT MAJCOM'S ABLE TO USE THIS TOOL AND INPUT THEIR DATA LOCALLY IF THEIR MAJCOM'S DON'T WANT TO USE IT?

THE APP IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR AFRC'S NEEDS AND INCLUDES CUSTOMIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR THEIR INTERNAL PROCESSES. HOWEVER, THE CORE APP STRUCTURE CAN BE MODIFIED AND APPLIED TO ANY COMMAND.

**HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHEN UNDER
EXECUTION NEEDS ACTION OR THERE IS A
GOOD EXCUSE AND JUST LET THEM KEEP
THEIR MONEY.**

CAN YOU PUT A REASON INTO THE TOOL?

COLONEL THOMPSON SPOKE TO THIS SPECIFIC QUESTION
DURING THE PLAN SMARTER SESSION.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TOOL IS ABOUT BEING DYNAMIC AND
GETTING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY, TO THE RIGHT
PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME.

AFRC UNDERSTANDS THAT PLAN MUST CHANGE IN A
DYNAMIC GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND THEIR GOAL IS TO BE
AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE IN MEETING NEEDS, EVEN WHEN
IT DOES NOT ALIGN WITH THE ORIGINAL PLAN. AFRC EXPECTS
AND UNDERSTANDS PLANS CHANGE, BUT THEY NEED TO BE
ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE "WHY".

TO ANSWER THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION, THERE IS
ALSO A SECTION OF THE APP TO ALLOW FOR FEEDBACK ON
ANY INDIVIDUAL LINE ITEM AND EXPLAIN WHY IT CHANGED
ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

**THIS TOOL IS GREAT FOR AFRC, BUT IS THE
GOAL/INTENT TO EXPAND THIS TO BE A
PRODUCT THAT OTHER
COMMANDS/CENTERS/WINGS CAN USE
(OR CAN THEY ALREADY)?**

**IT SEEMS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO EXPECT
OTHER UNITS TO RE-CREATE THIS WHEEL.**

THE INTENT IS TO EXPAND THIS TOOL AS WIDELY AS
POSSIBLE. WHILE IT WAS DEVELOPED FOR AFRC, SIGNIFICANT
DESIGN EFFORT WAS INVESTED TO ENSURE THE APP WAS
FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO EXPAND FOR WIDER USAGE.

THE COMPLEX MISSION-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF
DIFFERENT DOD ORGANIZATIONS MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL
CUSTOMIZATIONS BEFORE THE APP CAN BE USED OUTSIDE
OF AFRC, BUT IT WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED WITH ROOM
FOR GROWTH.

CAN A BACKEND OTHER THAN A SQL SERVER BE USED TO HOUSE THE APP DATA?

THE BACKEND FOR THE SPEND PLAN IS DATAVERSE, NOT SQL SERVER. YOU CAN ROUGHLY EQUATE DATAVERSE AS A MODERN, CLOUD-BASED VERSION OF MICROSOFT ACCESS.

WE MENTIONED INTEGRATION OF SQL SERVER DURING THE PRESENTATION DUE TO SOME ADDITIONAL DATA COMPILATIONS AFRC REQUESTED.

IS THERE ANY THOUGHT OF HAVING PREDICTIVE MODELING CREATE A INITIAL SPEND PLAN?

BASED OFF WHAT'S AVAILABLE IN THE TENANT AND ENVIRONMENT, PREDICTIVE MODELING IS NOT SOMETHING CURRENTLY INTEGRATED INTO A POWER PLATFORM-BASED APP.

HOWEVER, IT IS SOMETHING WE ARE CONSIDERING FOR FUTURE UPGRADES AS THE TECH AVAILABILITY EXPANDS IN THE DAF365 TENANT.

DOES THE STRATEGIC SPEND PLAN TIME AND NAME STAMP EVERY CHANGE?

YES! THERE IS AN AUDIT HISTORY INTEGRATED INTO THE SPEND PLAN. EVERY CHANGE IS RECORDED IN A DETAILED AUDIT HISTORY THAT CAN BE SECURED AND REVIEWED FOR FIAR AUDIT PURPOSES.

CAN THE STRATEGIC SPEND PLAN POWER APP BE USED IN A MOBILE VERSION FROM A DOD ISSUED PHONE?

THE SPEND PLAN APPLICATION CAN BE EMBEDDED INTO THE TEAMS APP AND USED ON A DOD ISSUED PHONE. IT CANNOT CURRENTLY BE USED WITHIN THE DEDICATED MICROSOFT POWER APPS APP, BUT WE EXPECT THAT TO CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ARE THE OBANS PULLED FROM THE UPLOAD FILES OR HARD CODED IN THE APP? IF IT'S PULLED FROM THE UPLOADS THEN SEEMS LIKE THE CAPABILITY IS ALREADY ACCESSIBLE TO OTHER UNITS.

THE OBANS ARE GENERATED BY CODE TABLES PROVIDED FROM AFRC. WHILE THE APP CAPABILITY IS ACCESSIBLE TO OTHER UNITS, AFRC HAS REQUESTED SPECIFIC CUSTOMIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR INTERNAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RESERVE FUNDING.