

This DFAS-CL Accounting Systems PMO Note is of particular interest to STARS Field Level (FL) users.

The STARS-FL B1MQ process has been prototyped in the Southwest Region of San Diego since December 2002. This process was originally established under the name of B1 Interval Processing (SCR 01-02-015 Batch B1 Interface Interval) as the initial request was for 15-minute interval B1 updates. MQ had more to offer and a design update was made.

The B1MQ process available to STARS-FL users is presently a one-sided MQ Series process; one does not need MQ Series software at the submitting site. The current valid data sets that are being used today for B1 batch processing continue to be used for file submission to the B1MQ process. This B1MQ process is approved and now available for all STARS-FL B1 users. Transition to MQ processing is transparent to the end user.

B1 records that are uploaded to STARS-FL via the B1MQ method will be processed as soon as they are received. The B1MQ files will be copied into a production file that will be sent to the proper queue for processing. A CICS transaction will then process the data using the on-line programs and the data will be posted on a real-time basis. Results can be seen via on-line inquires or QMF inquiries within 30 minutes after receipt of the file.

Pre-Validation of data takes place prior to going to the on-line programs for posting. The records that fail pre-validation will go to the DOC-EXCP-SUSP Table with a USED-ID of 'MQB1EDT'. Records that pass the pre-validation will go to the online programs for processing. An on-line-posting validation will be performed. If the record fails posting validation it will also go to the DOC-EXCPSUSP Table but with a USED-ID of 'MQB1OBL'. Valid records will post to the DOC and DOC-DTL tables with USER\_ID of 'MQB1OBL'.

At the beginning of a new calendar month records will continue to post to the month and month plus one until the FAA lock is set. When the FAA lock is on all records will post to month plus one **only**.

B1MQ can only process when CICS (on-line) is available. Multiple files can be sent per day. Each file will start processing when it arrives at STARS-FL. There is no more waiting, until tomorrow, for results. Current users will be phased into the new B1MQ process, upon request of the user. All new users will automatically be put on the B1MQ process.

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