

## **ORBITS OVERVIEW**

### **ORegon B**udget Information Tracking System

#### ORBITS Development Timeframe

- **1991** – Legislature approved Statewide Financial Systems Master Plan, which included developing a new budget system
- **1991-1997** – Accounting system development, SFMS Master Plan 1st priority
- **1997** – R\*STARS was implemented by SCD
- **1997** – Legislature approved the development of the new budget system using COP's (\$7.2 mil)
- **Project sponsors: BAM & LFO**
- **1997-99**: Competitive RFP for budget system pilot awarded to Legacy Solutions using North Dakota budget system
- **1999-2001**: Continued the Legacy Solutions contract to customize their newest version of the system for Core
- **2001-03**: Implemented "Core" ORBITS in February 2002 for development of the 2003-05 budget (replaced ABIS +)
- **2003** – Legislature approved continuation of ORBITS phased development
- **2003-05**: Implemented "Release 2 ORBITS in March 2004 for development of the 2005-07 budget
- **2005** – Governor Recommends continuation of ORBITS

#### ORBITS – Technical Specs

- **Oracle Client Server** application developed in **Power Builder**
- **Web-based** application deployed to **all** state agencies via Citrix
- **RACF-ID** based security
- **GGDC** hosted application
- **SD&C** supported interfaces with PICS and RSTARS
- **ORBITS Project Team** – 8 limited duration staff, which includes project management (2), business/technical consultants (4), programmers (2)

#### ORBITS – Customer base

- Required usage by all agencies – approx. 278 users with 24/7 availability
- Agencies use ORBITS to produce Agency Request, Governor's Recommended, and Legislative Adopted budgets
- Budget & Management uses ORBITS to analyze and produce the Governor's Printed Budget (Dec 1 statutory deadline)
- Legislative Fiscal Office uses ORBITS to analyze and report to Ways & Means
- ORBITS budget execution will be used by all

Core ORBITS – Release 1 (implemented February 2002) - Replaced all ABIS functions “+” the following:

- Windows look and feel
- Security is standard RACF-ID
- Print reports at your local printer
- Audit tools for BAM and agencies
- Extracts to desktop spreadsheet
- Better link from accounting to budget

ORBITS – Release 2 (implemented March 2004)

- **Current Biennium Revenues & Expenditures** – this module converts month-end accounting data to the lowest budgetary levels defined by agencies in ORBITS
- **Narrative & Publications** – this module allows users to enter budget narrative for each cycle of the budget development process and produce related publications from ORBITS
- **Ad Hoc reporting** – this module provides increased flexibility for reporting budget preparation and execution data statewide, as well as by program area and agency levels
- **BAM, LFO, and Agency Enhancements Identified in Release 1** – e.g., improved data entry windows, menus, and reporting options, system administration functions, and LFO reports for Ways & Means

ORBITS – Future Releases in 2005-07

- **Emergency Board Tracking** – maintain all E-Board actions during the biennium to provide current Legislatively Approved budget comparison to actual expenditures
- **Integration with RSTARS** – this effort will more directly interface internal structures between systems (potential use of E-Govt tools)
- **Enhance position (PICS) reporting** – this interface will allow easier access to position data within ORBITS
- **Budget Planning & Allotments** – this module allows users to maintain execution budget plans at lower levels and “push” allotments to RSTARS
- **Personal Services Projections** – this module will link employee, position, and payroll data to allow agencies to monitor biennial costs
- **BAM, LFO, and Agency Enhancements Identified in Release 2**