

Transformation & Systems Consolidation (TASC) Fact Sheet

- When the Department was created it inherited 19 different financial management systems from legacy components.
- Since that time, the Department has combined some of these systems, yet it still utilizes thirteen disparate systems that are unable to exchange information with each other.
- The Department is now on its third attempt at consolidating its financial management systems. Its most recent attempt – eMerge² – suffered from difficulties in contractor performance, organizational maturity, and system integration and was cancelled *after* the Department spent approximately \$52 million on the efforts.
- In 2007, the Department announced its new financial management systems strategy, called the Transformation and Systems Consolidation (TASC) program.
- According to the Department, TASC should modernize, transform, and integrate the financial, acquisition, and asset management capabilities of its components.
- Since its inception, the Department has yet to receive a clear audit. Moreover, more often than not the fund balance with the U.S. Treasury cannot be ascertained, resulting in millions in overpayments, erroneous financial reporting, and poor internal controls.
- After years of litigation, and pressure from the Committee to both DHS and OMB to either cancel TASC or make it better, an OMB scaled-down version of TASC was awarded to CACI, Inc. on November 20, 2010.
- Two companies, GCE and Savantage, filed a protest of the award with the Government Accountability Office (GAO).
- On March 9, 2011, GAO issued its decision, ruling in favor of GCE.
- Following the GAO decision, the Department was faced with the following options: (1) file an appeal with the D.C. Court of Federal Claims; (2) shelve the program and start from scratch; (3) re-award the contract to GCE based on GAO's findings; or (4) do nothing.
- On May 13, 2010, the Department publicly announced its decision to cancel the program and move in a different direction.
- According to the Department, it will no longer seek a single Department-wide system to be implemented through a single acquisition.
- The cost projection from the Department for TASC was \$450 million; however, during a Subcommittee hearing on TASC, it was revealed that the actual cost could rise as high as \$1 billion.
- Prior to its cancellation, the Department spent approximately \$9 million on TASC from funds left over from the eMerge² endeavor.