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Subject: New PBCS Features and Reports

The Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Solution (PBCS) module has been updated with new features and reports. PBCS now includes information on automated encumbrances made possible by the implementation of a daily export of purchase order data from the PantherExpress System into PRISM. Beginning April 1, 2019, encumbrance values are calculated in PRISM, summarized by account number, and exported nightly to PBCS. Although income statement reports have always shown manual encumbrances, they now include the automated encumbrance information from purchasing and invoice activity as well. The detail for these encumbrances may be obtained in PRISM by running the new report, *FGAE138 Extract of Calculated Encumbrances by Entity and Department*, which was discussed in a recent email to all PRISM users.

In addition to the automated encumbrances, there are new PBCS reports that allow for one-click drilldowns of monthly activity (actuals and BMRs), a report that groups entity 03 activity between auxiliaries and cost centers, and net asset rollforwards that provide near real-time information on net asset balances. Refer to the link below for instructions on running these new reports.

Lastly, in anticipation of the FY 2020 budget load, significant updates were made to PBCS that allow users to spread their annual budget across the months of the fiscal year and to monitor results compared to year-to-date budgets. In order to familiarize users with this concept, we added year-to-date budgets to the PBCS income statement reports. For the initial introduction of this feature, all budgets (excluding entity 05) have been spread evenly across the 12 months of the fiscal year. Beginning with the FY 2020 budget load process, each RC may select their spread methodology from several options.

The PBCS Training Guide has been updated for these new features and reports: <https://pre.prism.pitt.edu/wp-content/uploads/PBCS-Training-Guide.pdf>. We hope you familiarize yourselves with the new features as you continue to monitor your results versus budget and close-out the fiscal year. Please contact us directly with questions or comments about these new PBCS features and reports. You may also contact Budget and Financial Reporting via the PBCS support email, pbcs-help@cfo.pitt.edu.