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1   Introduction

The General Services Administration (GSA) is upgrading its current Momentum Financials software, named Pegasys, from release 6.2.3 to release 6.5.0. By upgrading, GSA will remain current with Momentum baseline software releases and can continue to support its mission of offering comprehensive and technologically progressive practices in federal financial management.

1.1   Document Overview

The Pegasys 6.5.0 Upgrade Software Release Notes document is intended to provide a high-level assessment of the impact to the Pegasys user given the software enhancements in Pegasys 6.5.0. This document addresses functionality relevant to the GSA business practices, and only includes additional functionality and software enhancements through the 6.5.0 release.

1.2   Document Organization

This document is divided into the following chapters:

- **Chapter 2: Summary of Pegasys 6.5.0 Features and Upgrade Reminders** — Reviews the major features of Pegasys 6.5.0, and also the conversion reminders for Pegasys users prior to the conversion period.

- **Chapter 3: Queries** — Describes the enhanced query capabilities in Pegasys 6.5.0

- **Chapter 4: Display and Navigation** — Describes the updated "look and feel" of the user interface, as well as new features and elements to aid in navigation through Pegasys 6.5.0.

- **Chapter 5: Subsystem Enhancements Affecting All Users —** Describes subsystem features in Pegasys 6.5.0 affecting all users.

- **Chapter 6: Subsystem Enhancements Affecting Finance Users —** Describes subsystem features in Pegasys 6.5.0 affecting Finance Users.

- **Chapter 7: Subsystem Enhancements Affecting Non - Finance Users —** Describes a subsystem feature in Pegasys 6.5.0 which affects Non- Finance Users.

2 Pegasys 6.5.0 Features and Upgrade Reminders

This section reviews the major features of Pegasys 6.5.0, and also the conversion reminders for Pegasys users prior to the established conversion period.

2.1 Pegasys 6.5.0 Features

- **Enhanced Query Capabilities** – Pegasys 6.5.0 features additional advanced query capabilities, including functionality updates to the GL Detail and the Vendor queries. For additional information on these queries, please view Chapter 3: Queries.

- **Changes to User Preferences** – Pegasys 6.5.0 gives users the ability to choose how they want to expand a menu or submenu either by hovering over it or clicking on it. Users also now have the ability to choose the speed the menus are displayed. In addition, two themes are now available on the Styles tab. These options allow the user to customize the look and feel of the system. For additional information on changes to the user preferences, please view Chapter 4: Display and Navigation.

- **Credit Card Usability** – Pegasys 6.5.0 integrates the majority of the reconciliation functionality onto one main page reducing the amount of user navigation and providing a more efficient credit card process. For additional information on the credit card usability changes, please view Chapter 5: Subsystem Enhancements Affecting All Users.

- **Consolidated Accounting Summary Page –** In Pegasys 6.5.0 users now have access to a Summary page on transactions where accounting line information can be viewed and updated in a more convenient form. For additional information on the consolidated accounting summary page, please view Chapter 5: Subsystem Enhancements Affecting All Users.

2.2 Upgrade Reminders for Pegasys 6.2.3 Users

Prior to the upgrade, users should follow these steps to ease their move to Pegasys 6.5.0:

1. Clear items from the Inbox, including any ad-hoc routing tasks.

2. Apply all necessary approvals to partially approved forms, including VSS invoices and CCRC forms.

3. Process all forms that are in "Held" or "Rejected" statuses.

3 Queries

Pegasys provides a number of tools that enable users to extract pertinent information from the system in order to track the movement of funds throughout GSA's business. These tools include a suite of online queries, such as the Undisbursed Payment, GL Account Detail, and Vendor Queries. The following section highlights functionality updates to existing queries in Pegasys 6.5.0.

3.1 Certification History

Pegasys 6.5.0 provides an audit trail (called "Certification History"), recording the User ID, the action of applying or removing approvals from records on the Undisbursed Payment query, as well as when records are held, released, or rescheduled. The certification history *[Exhibit 3-1 - Certification History]* is available from the Undisbursed Payment query and Payments Awaiting Replacement query, and always accessible from the payment transaction accounting line. Refer to *Section 6.3 Automated Disbursements: Payment Auditing and Payment Remittance Information Change* for more information.

Exhibit 3-1 - Certification History

3.2 GL Account Detail and Transaction Journal Queries

Pegasys release 6.5.0 adds additional clarity to financial information by consistently displaying debits and credits throughout the system, regardless of the nature of the transaction. Users benefit from these changes by viewing transaction-level and trial balance-level General Ledger account balances that always display debit balances as positive amounts and credit balances as negative amounts.

Specifically, the enhancement ensures that the General Ledger Account Detail Query captures General Journal amounts to complement the other transaction amount information already found in the query results. The amount fields, which reflect a general ledger-related dollar value (i.e., positive to debit and negative to credit), are relabeled to highlight their association with a General Ledger account balance amount rather than the transaction amount.

This enhancement can be viewed in *Exhibit 3-2 - GL Account Detail Query* below.

Exhibit 3-2 - GL Account Detail Query

3.3   Vendor Queries

Pegasys 6.5.0 has modified vendor searches in the system to include additional search criteria and to display additional results so that a user can make a more informed vendor selection. The new search criteria fields include Agency Location Code, CCR Enabled, Address Active Status, Prevent New Spending, and Currency Code as seen below in *Exhibit 3-3 - Vendor Activity Query.* The search results will display expanded information such as Vendor Address Line information, CCR status, Vendor Address Active, Prevent New Spending, and Currency Code for easy and accurate selection.

Exhibit 3-3 - Vendor Activity Query
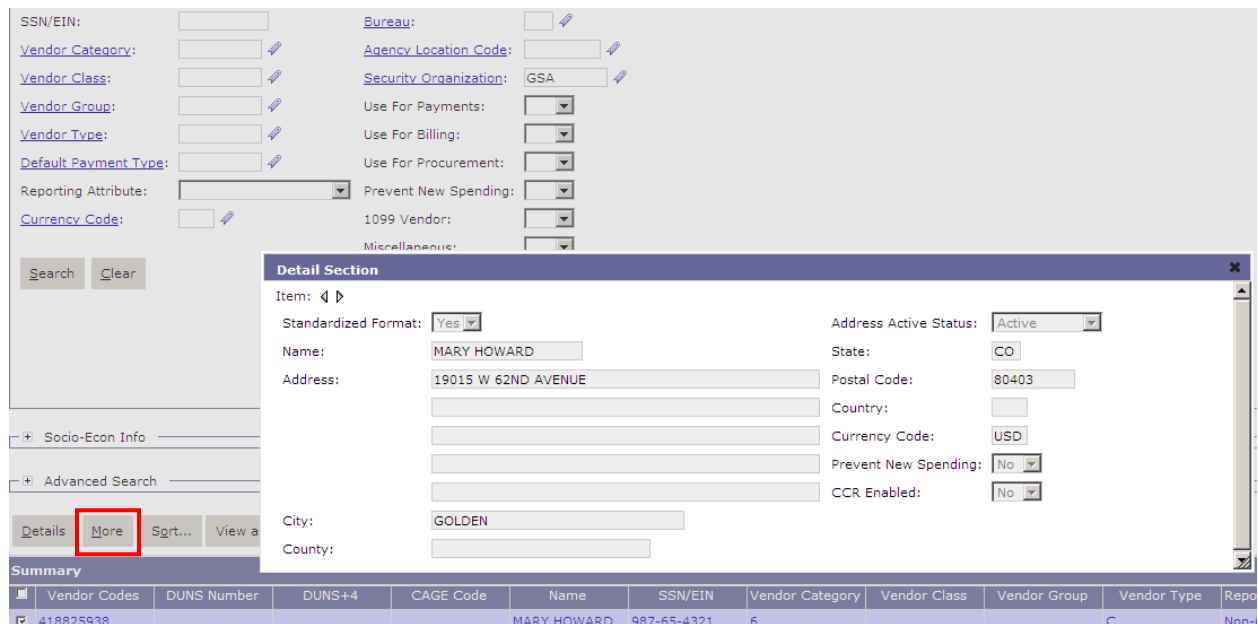
Additionally, a *More* button has been added to the Vendor Code Maintenance table, Vendor Activity Query, and Review Vendors Query. The new *More* button allows the user to view vendor record details at a glance without opening the vendor record as seen below in ***Exhibit 3-4 - More Button.***

Exhibit 3-4 - More Button

Pegasys 6.5.0 presents a new style for the search results on the Vendor Activity and Review Vendor Queries, the Credit Card Reconciliation page (for more information on the Credit Card enhancement please refer to ***Section 5.6***), and the new Summary tab that has been added to transactions throughout the system (for more information on the Summary tab please refer to ***Section 5.8***). This new style offers more user interface features, such as the ability to move columns and expand column width. Pegasys will continue to enhance Pegasys screens with this new style in future releases.

Example: Pegasys defaults the Vendor Code column as the first column from the left on the Review Vendor Query as seen in ***Exhibit 3-5 - Review Vendor Query Before.***

Exhibit 3-5 - Review Vendor Query Before

User Joe Smith would prefer the Vendor Name column be the first column to the left. With Pegasys 6.5.0, Joe can now move the Vendor Name column to be the first column and expand the Vendor Name column so that the entire Name is displayed as seen in ***Exhibit 3-6 - Review Vendor Query After***.

**Exhibit 3-6 - Review Vendor Query After**

4   Display and Navigation

The following section highlights the page display and system navigation changes in Pegasys 6.5.0.

4.1   Preferences: Styles

Pegasys 6.5.0 has simplified the Preferences options by removing several preferences including color, schemes, fonts, and style samples and by offering two themes on the "Styles" tab *[Exhibit 4-1 - Styles Tab]*. While the Default theme continues to be a choice, a new theme, Simple, was added. The Simple theme is a crisp and clean arrangement that makes the screen easy to read.
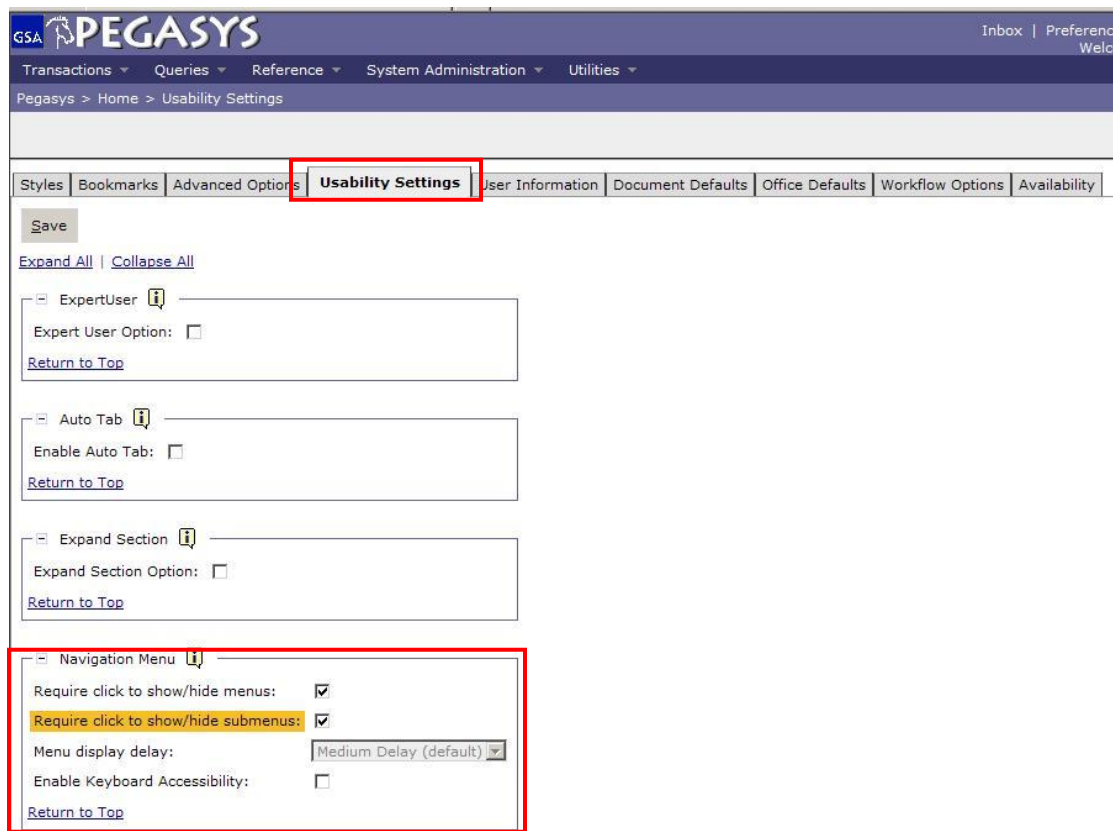
Exhibit 4-1 - Styles Tab
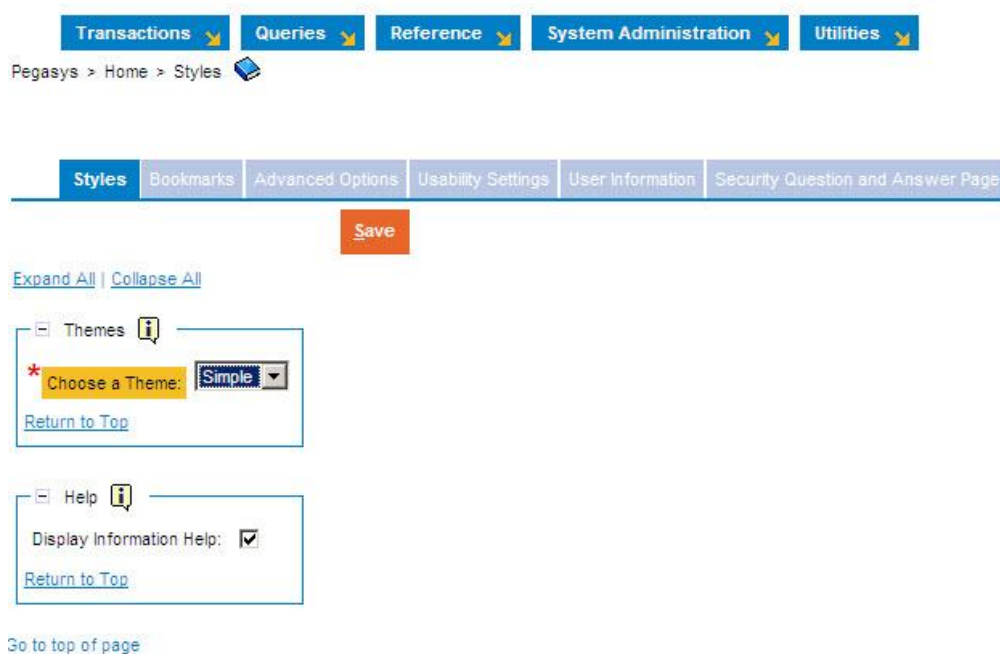
4.2   Preferences: Usability Settings

In Pegasys 6.5.0, users can adjust their Usability Settings by selecting the "Usability Settings" tab through the Preferences menu, as shown in *Exhibit 4-2 - Usability Settings*. From this tab, users can choose to expand a menu and sub-menu by either hovering over it or by clicking on it. On this tab, users are also able to set how quickly the menus display after being selected. The default settings for the Navigation Menu are:

- Require click to show/hide menus: Checked.

- Require click to show/hide sub-menus: Checked.

- Menu display delay: Medium Delay (default).
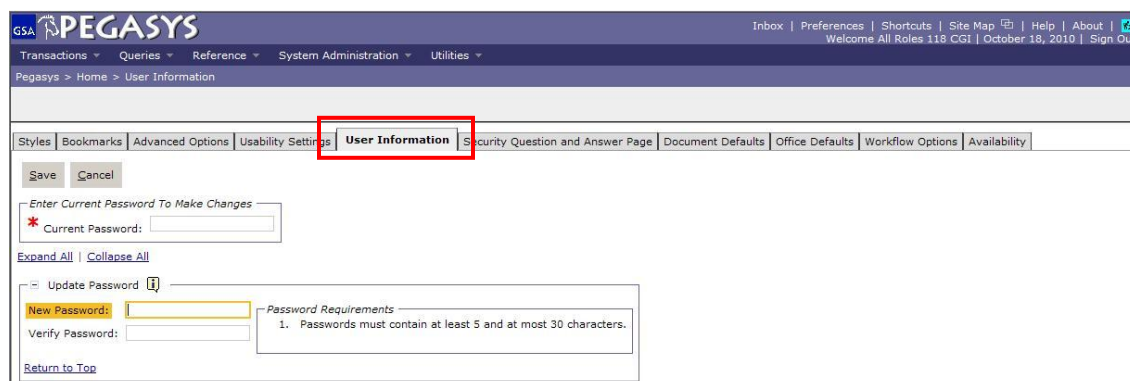
Exhibit 4-2 - Usability Settings

Also in Pegasys 6.5.0, the Change Password tab in the user Preferences has been replaced with a new "User Information" tab as shown in ***Exhibit 4-3 - User Information***. From this tab users can change their password as well as review guidance on how the new password should be formatted per their specific Policy setting. Before making any changes, the user is required to enter their current password.

Exhibit 4-3 - User Information

4.3 Homepage: User Name on Menu Bar

Pegasys 6.5.0 now displays the username of the current user in the top-right corner of the Menu bar and is present on every Pegasys page, as shown in **Exhibit 4-4 - User Name**. This is particularly useful for users who have multiple login-ID's to remind them of the current ID they are logged in with.
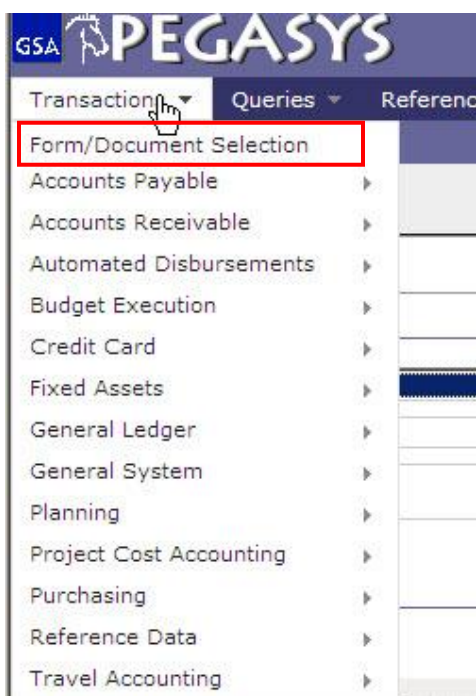
Exhibit 4-4 - User Name

4.4 Menu Bar: Transactions

Pegasys 6.5.0 now displays the Form/Document Selection query as the first option on the Transactions menu rather than the last option as seen in Pegasys 6.2.3 **[Exhibit 4-5 - Transaction Menu].**

Exhibit 4-5 - Transaction Menu
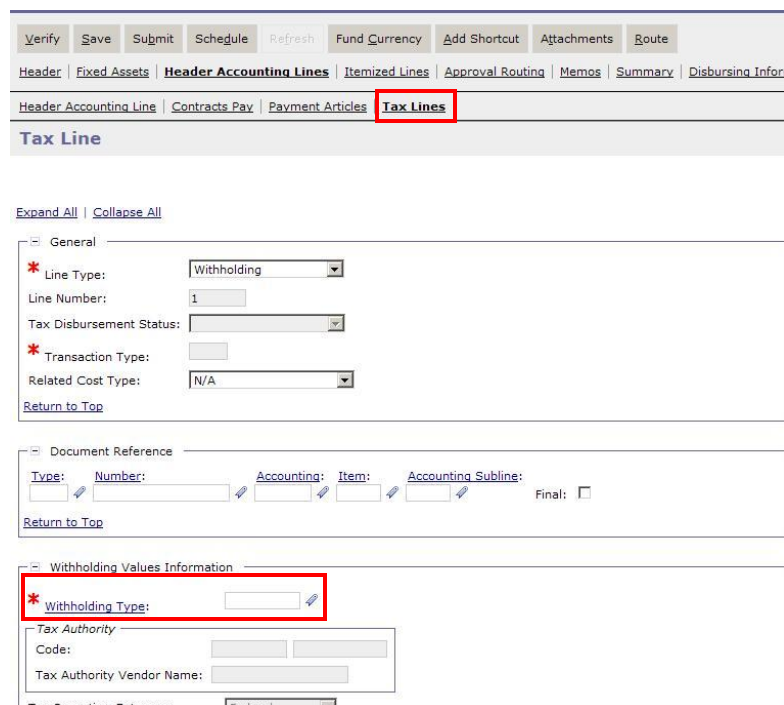
5 Subsystem Enhancements Affecting All Users

The following sections highlight additional functionality changes by subsystem in the Pegasys 6.5.0 release affecting all users.

5.1 Automated Disbursements: Taxes on Reimbursements

In Pegasys 6.5.0, tax lines have been added to the Payment Authorization (IP), Third Party Payment (TP), and Order (IO). Users will use the new *withholding type* field, **as shown in Exhibit 5-1 - Tax Lines**, on all tax lines which are associated with a taxing authority and a reporting category to ensure proper payment and reporting. Users can access the *withholding type* field by navigating to the "Header Accounting Line" tab and "Tax Line" tab on IP, TP, and IO documents.

The existing Tax query supports the additional types of taxes and taxing authorities and the existing Withholding Payment batch process (PAYWHING) supports the new payment thresholds, taxing authorities, and accounting classifications by withholding type.

Exhibit 5-1 - Tax Lines

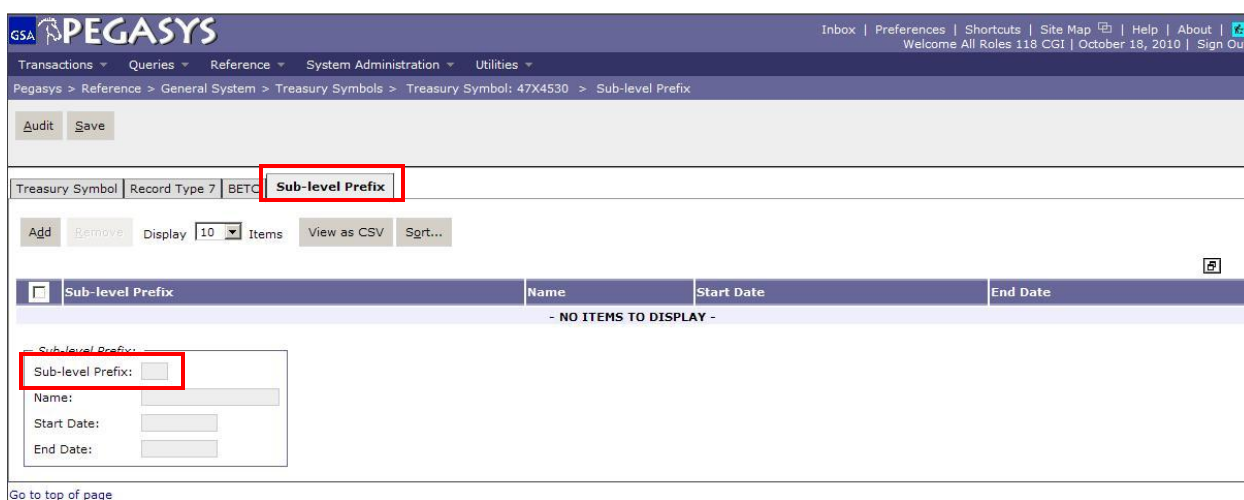## 5.2 Budget: Budget Period Edits

In Pegasys 6.5.0, the Budget Period Edits enhancement provides GSA with more budgetary flexibility for multi-year funds by removing the limitation that required GSA to withdraw available budget authority at the end of the initial year to facilitate further distribution of funds in the next fiscal year of a multi-year fund. This enhancement alleviates the enforcement of the edits on a fiscal year by fiscal year basis unless the OMB requires re-apportionment. The budget creation category documents (AA, AO, AC, SC, AL,

SL, AQ, and SW) and the reprogramming category document (RP) have been updated to reflect the period edit enhancement.

5.3   Budget: Common Government-wide Accounting Classification Structure (CGAC)

In support of the Common Government-wide Accounting Classification (CGAC) initiative, Pegasys 6.5.0 includes the addition of the Sub-level Prefix Code which is a component piece of the Treasury Symbol. These values enable GSA to capture necessary, organization-related data, and access the collected data through reports and queries. A new tab titled "Sub-level Prefix" has been added on the Treasury Symbol reference table to capture the *Sub-level Prefix Code*, as shown in ***Exhibit 5-2 - Sub-level Prefix***.
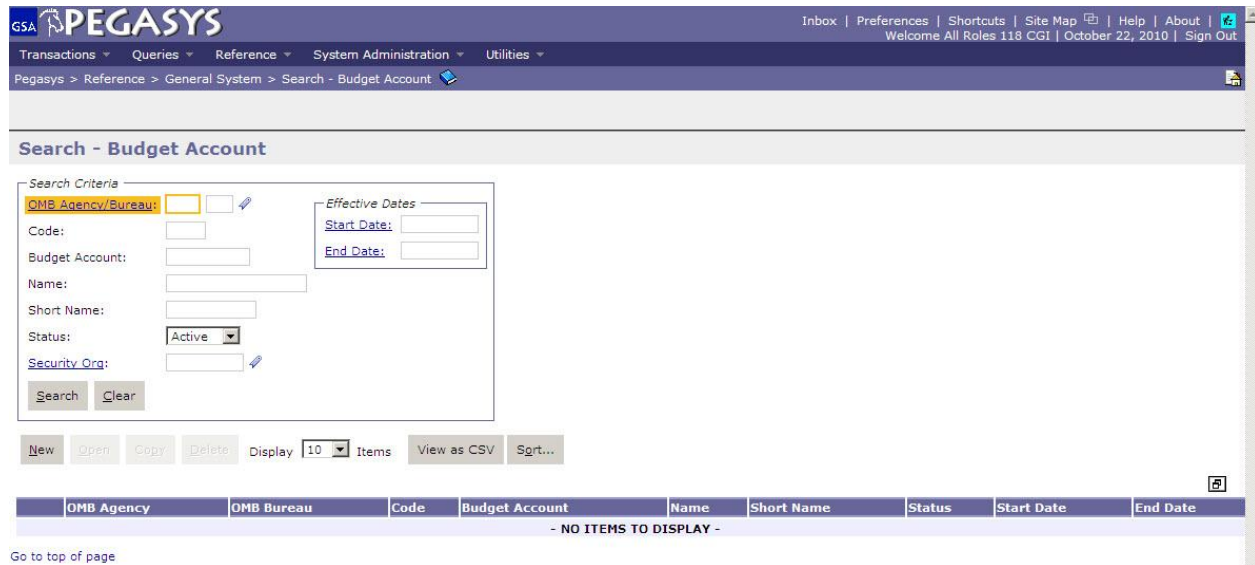
Exhibit 5-2 - Sub-level Prefix

This enhancement also includes the new Budget Account reference table *[Exhibit 5-3 - Budget Account Reference Table]*. The Budget Account structure is made up of the OMB (Office of Management and Budget), OMB Bureau, and the Budget Account Code and is necessary to identify transactions for reporting to OMB.

Exhibit 5-3 - Budget Account Reference Table

5.4   Budget: Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Pegasys 6.5.0 supports the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) by providing GSA with complete transparency on GSA spending associated with recovery money. GSA can indicate if a Fund is subject to the Recovery Act on the Fund maintenance table *[Exhibit 5-4 - Recovery Act Checkbox]* and produce for any time frame, the Financial and Activity Report, which provides cumulative year-to-date amounts and a listing of transactions that were processed using Recovery Act funding. This report can be run by accounting classification elements, vendors, agreements, and/or contract numbers for retrieval of more specific Recovery Act funding transactions. GSA can analyze the results of the report and determine if changes and/or adjustments need to be made to the records.

This enhancement provides a warning message on the form when interest or penalty charges are going to use Recovery Act funding, as well as a warning message to prevent using Recovery Act funding for Fixed Price contracts.

Exhibit 5-4 - Recovery Act Checkbox

5.5   Cost Allocation: Cost Allocation Accumulate Quantities

Pegasys 6.5.0 provides GSA a tool to distribute centrally charged costs or centrally collected revenues to the program, organization, or activity that benefits from or drives the particular cost or revenue. A new Accumulate drop down box *[Exhibit 5-5 - Cost Allocation Accumulate Quantities]* allows GSA to set up allocation definitions to be accumulated for cost, quantity, or both. Quantity will be available on all cost allocation offline processes, queries, and reports so that the results at each step in the process can be reviewed.

The Reconciliation Notebook has also been updated to include one-to-many reconciliation models (i.e., single statement line to multiple transaction accounting lines or accounting strips), many-to-one reconciliation model (i.e., many statement lines to a single transaction accounting line or accounting strip), and one-to-one combination reconciliation model (i.e., single statement line to a combination of transaction accounting lines or accounting strips).

The following credit card statuses have also been modified or added in Pegasys 6.5.0:

- The previous 6.23 'Open' status is now 'Loaded' in 6.5.0.

- The previous 6.23 'In Process' status is now 'Available' in 6.5.0.

- Two new statuses were added in 6.5.0, 'Accepted' and 'Partially Reconciled'.

The following have also been added to the Reconciliation screen:

- A Clear button, which allows users to clear previous search results.

- A new Credit Card Status drop down box that gives users the option to choose to view results based on a credit card status of inactive or active.

- An item collection to reduce scrolling on the Transaction/Accounting box. This box has also been designed with most widely used fields, with many of the fields offering edit in place functionality.

- A new Reconciliation Activity section which displays a summary of reconciliation activity information when a statement line or series of statement lines are selected.

- The ability to drag columns to a desired location as well as expand and contract the column width in each section of the Credit Card Reconciliation screen.

Pegasys will also maintain a reconciliation history as the reconciliation notebook will capture a more accurate audit trail of reconciliation actions, including capturing the User ID associated with each action. The credit card batch jobs have also been updated to allow for the processing of multiple credit card types as well as multiple approval groups.

5.7   Multi-Tenancy: Relationship Edits

Pegasys 6.5.0 has expanded on the relationship edit functionality allowing users to use any field currently on any Pegasys transaction form or document including those added through extensibility in an edit check. A new *Name* field has also been added to the 'Relationship Edit' tab on the Relationship Edits Reference table *[Exhibit 5-7 - Relationship Edit Name Field]* allowing the edits to be queried by a descriptive name rather than a number, as seen in Pegasys 6.23. Also new to 6.5.0, is the elimination of a server reboot to enforce relationship edit updates. All edits marked as enabled will be immediately enforced in the Pegasys environment.

Exhibit 5-7 - Relationship Edit Name Field

5.8 Purchasing: Consolidated Accounting Summary Page

Pegasys 6.5.0 has added a new "Summary" tab to all documents with header and itemized lines which provide an enhanced summary view of the transaction's accounting lines. This tab allows users to view accounting information at a glance, make changes to existing lines, and add new header or itemized lines such that data-entry resembles entry of information in cells within a spreadsheet application *[Exhibit 5-8 - Summary Tab]*.

As mentioned in *Section 3.3*, the "Summary" tab also allows a user to click on a column heading and drag it to a preferred location as well as expand or contract a column width.

Exhibit 5-8 - Summary Tab
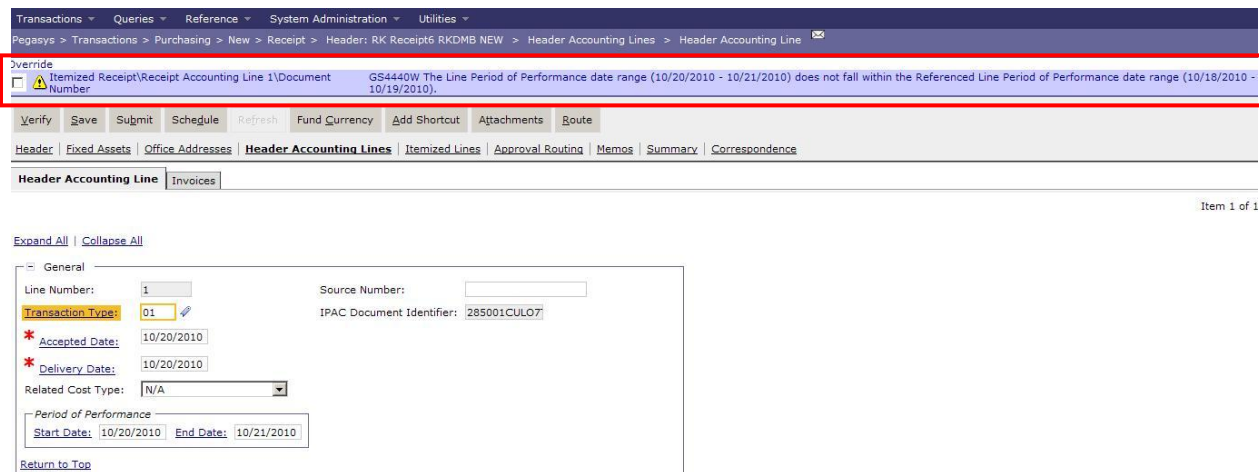
5.9 Purchasing: Contract Effective Dates

Pegasys 6.5.0 introduces the ability to process transactions linking to contracts even if the transaction document date is outside the contract's effective date. In the event that a transaction must be processed against contracts outside of its effective date, rather than receiving a hard error as seen in Pegasys 6.2.3,

Pegasys 6.5.0 triggers an overrideable error allowing the transaction to be processed as shown below in *Exhibit 5-9 - Contract Effective Dates*.

Exhibit 5-9 - Contract Effective Dates

5.10   Security: Security Improvements

Pegasys 6.5.0 now displays the last successful login time, number of login attempts since a user's last successful login, as well as any unsuccessful attempts a user may have had *[Exhibit 5-10 - Login Information]*.

Exhibit 5-10 - Login Information

To change their password, users should now navigate to the "User Information" tab accessed through the Preferences menu. Depending on a user's policy settings, they can now set security questions on the "Security Question and Answer" tab also accessed through the Preferences menu as seen in *Exhibit 5-11 - Security Question and Answer Page.*

Exhibit 5-11 - Security Question and Answer Page

5.11 Vendor Management: Generation of Unique Vendor Code

Pegasys 6.5.0 allows GSA to generate a unique vendor code when establishing new vendors via vendor forms or directly on the vendor maintenance table. Instead of requiring the user to manually enter a vendor code, Pegasys 6.5.0 now automatically generates a unique vendor number based on the numbering system that GSA defines on the new Vendor Code Formats table.

The functionality to generate a vendor code will be similar to that of document number generation. Once the vendor code number format has been designated on the Vendor Code Formats maintenance table *[Exhibit 5-12 - Vendor Code Formats],* the *Generate* button should be available for use.

Exhibit 5-12 - Vendor Code Formats

6   Enhancements Affecting Finance Users

The following sections highlight additional functionality changes by subsystem in the Pegasys 6.5.0 release affecting finance users.

6.1   Asset Management: Merging Fixed Assets Workflow Models

Pegasys 6.5.0 combines the Obligation Link Model (OLM) and Asset Number Link Model (ANLM). It is no longer necessary to designate one model or the other as the only model used for a fiscal year, under Fixed Assets Options, due to the removal of the OLM/ANLM flag. The ANLM model allows GSA to create the asset first and then reference it on obligations. Subsequently, the OLM model allows the user to create the obligation first and then reference it on an asset while it is being created.

6.2   Automated Disbursements: Disbursing Control Report

Pegasys 6.5.0 provides GSA with the ability to verify that the payment files, or output files, generated by the Payment Generation batch process match the information recorded in the Pegasys tables. Any discrepancies that might exist in the comparison are displayed on the Payment Generation batch execution report. If no discrepancies exist in the comparison, the system writes a message on the execution report indicating that no discrepancies are present and reports the statistical information related to the comparison.

When available, the following payment information will be verified:

- ▪ Payment Vendor Code.

- ▪ Vendor Name.

- ▪ Payment Amount.

- ▪ Vendor Bank Account Type.

- ▪ Vendor Bank Account Number.

In addition to individual payment verification, the report will compare the number of and the total paid amount between the Pegasys schedule and the generated payment file.

6.3   Automated Disbursements: Payment Auditing and Payment Remittance
       Information Change

Pegasys release 6.5.0 provides an audit trail (called "Certification History"), that displays undisbursed payment information including when payments are approved, disapproved, held, released, rescheduled and the User ID associated with these actions. The certification history is available from the Undisbursed Payment query and Payments Awaiting Replacement query by clicking the *History* button *[Exhibit 6-1 - History]*, and available from the payment transaction accounting line by clicking the *Certification History* button *[Exhibit 6-2 - Certification History]*.

GSA can indicate whether to track certification history with a setting on the Disbursing Office maintenance table. Additionally, banking fields, including ABA Number and IBAN/Bank Account Number, will be accessible from the Certification History on the Undisbursed Payment query.

Exhibit 6-1 - History

Exhibit 6-2 - Certification History

6.4 General System: Correspondence

Pegasys 6.5.0 introduced a new Correspondence tool which allows GSA to document external communications within a payment or invoice document. After a customer submits a correspondence record in VSS, the system notifies the Pegasys user of a new correspondence receipt via a workflow task.

On the new "Correspondence" tab *[Exhibit 6-3 - Correspondence Tab and Exhibit 6-4 - Correspondence Window]* users can capture customer phone calls, emails, and internal notes any time without reprocessing the transaction. Users also have the ability to respond to a vendor correspondence record and transmit correspondence to VSS by checking the Public Publishing checkbox on the correspondence record. In addition, GSA has the ability to attach documents directly to the

"Correspondence" tab and email the contents of a specific record on a transaction to any valid email address.

Exhibit 6-3 - Correspondence Tab

Exhibit 6-4 - Correspondence Window

Pegasys will maintain the history of each individual correspondence record each time a correspondence record is added, modified, deleted or emailed. For example, a user entered a Correspondence record on July 1, 2009 and modified the record on July 6, 2009, July 10, 2009 and July 20, 2009. The History of that Correspondence record will show four (4) records in the History.

Users also have the ability to add account level correspondence in Pegasys. The account level correspondence screen can be found by navigating to the Vendor Activity Query and clicking the Address Amounts button on the Account Summary tab. The individual record can transmit to VSS if Public Publishing is checked. The system will default the Public Publishing Flag to False (unchecked).

6.5   Vendor Management: Vendor Name Discrepancy Report

Pegasys 6.5.0 allows GSA to identify transactions that may have out-of-date vendor information. The Vendor Name Discrepancy report displays obligations and both itemized and training order documents that have a vendor name which does not match the vendor name currently in the vendor tables. This enhancement will help GSA easily identify documents that require novation ensuring the documents have up-to-date vendor information.

6.6   CCRC

6.6.1   Support Central Contractor Registration Connector Debarred Flag

Pegasys 6.5.0 has improved the reliability and efficiency in the maintenance and tracking of a vendor's debarment status in the Central Contractor Registration Connector (CCRC) and Pegasys by automating these processes. CCRC will receive a file of debarred vendors from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS), using the BPN daily and/or monthly extract files. CCRC will then be updated to display and maintain the debarred flag and transmit the debarment status to Pegasys where the vendor record will be updated appropriately in order to prevent future transactions with debarred vendors.

Pegasys has been modified so that the Debarred Reason field will be defaulted with text stating that the vendor has been debarred in CCR and a comma delimited list of DUNS numbers that are debarred. Also, Pegasys will now prevent users from updating the Debarment Flag and Debarred Reason if the vendor is registered in CCRC. Finally, the Start Date and Expiration Date will be set to NULL if the vendor is registered in CCRC.

6.7   VSS

6.7.1   Customer Review and Update Payment Information

In 6.5.0, the VSS application will expand on existing vendor registration and profile functionality by allowing vendors to enter and maintain a physical, mailing, and remittance address and having this information transmit to Pegasys at the vendor code level. Functionality has been added to transmit additional Contact information to Pegasys' vendor maintenance table for any additional users added to the vendor profile in VSS. This enhancement has also added banking information fields to the vendor registration and profile allowing vendor administrator users with the appropriate permission to view and update this data.

VSS also provides GSA with the ability to allow non-CCR vendors to enter and maintain physical, mailing, and remittance addresses. If the vendor is registered in CCR and designated as such in VSS, then no vendor information is entered or maintained in the VSS database.

6.7.2 Dashboard and Customer Information

VSS 6.5.0 provides users with a Notices page upon initial login to VSS. The Notices page *[Exhibit 6-5 - VSS Notices]* provides an easy way to send either system-wide messages or targeted messages to specific customers by use of the 'Categories' functionality.

VSS Administrators have the capability to establish Notice Categories in VSS and can organize notices into these categories. VSS also provides the option to designate a category for public viewing using the 'Public Notice' flag; notices under a flagged category will show up on the log in page and be viewable for all before logging in.

Exhibit 6-5 - VSS Notices

Also new to VSS 6.5.0 is the Simple theme which applies to all screens in VSS. The Simple theme is a crisp and clean arrangement that makes the screen easy to read.

6.7.3 Header Accounting Lines with Vendor Self Service

The itemized lines tab on Awards, Orders, and Invoices in VSS have been renamed from "Itemized Lines" to "Lines". The lines tab now allows users to view the total for each header accounting line with the new *Total Line Amount* field.

6.7.4 Pegasys to VSS Client Single Sign-On

Pegasys 6.5.0 provides GSA with a seamless transition from Pegasys to the VSS application. The Pegasys to VSS Client Single Sign-On (SSO) provides users with the ability to access VSS from Pegasys without having to present additional VSS login credentials. Users can access VSS by navigating to Utilities – External Applications – Open VSS in Pegasys.

A VSS crosswalk table provides the ability to automatically associate Pegasys IDs with VSS IDs. Pegasys provides a token to VSS which is used to determine the VSS ID that should be used for log in to VSS. If the token is verified by VSS, the system additionally performs all verifications required to authenticate the user for successful login. Upon launching the VSS application from Pegasys via SSO for the first time (meaning the user currently does not have an association on the VSS crosswalk table), the VSS SSO Association page is displayed, allowing the user to determine if they would like to associate their Pegasys ID to their VSS ID for future logins. Upon presenting valid VSS credentials (ID and password), the user is logged into VSS and the user's credentials are stored on the VSS SSO crosswalk as an association with the user's Pegasys ID (to be used in subsequent logins).

6.7.5 VSS Item Collection and Sort Functionality

VSS 6.5.0 provides two new capabilities for item collections in VSS that currently exist in Pegasys. VSS customers may now export search results to a CSV format and sort search results based on multiple columns.

6.7.6 VSS Vendor Registration

VSS release 6.5.0 eliminates the requirement of a DUNS number for vendor registration. VSS allows registration by DUNS, agency location code, or email address. As a result, GSA can open VSS registration to additional customers, including individuals and other government agencies, without requiring those customers to have a DUNS number.

As a part of this enhancement, the Registration by PIN option will provide additional security surrounding vendor registration. This functionality allows GSA to pre-approve a registration in Pegasys and assign a GSA-provided PIN that may then be used by the vendor or customer to register in VSS. The VSS PIN registrations will ensure that only those vendors or customers that the GSA has pre-approved can access VSS. Additionally, the PIN feature may be used to authorize the registration of multiple accounts in one action.

7   Enhancements Affecting Non-Finance Users

The following section highlights an additional functionality change in the Pegasys 6.5.0 release affecting non-finance users.

7.1   PCAS: Expand Project Cost Accounting Billing Options

Pegasys 6.5.0 reduces the need for multiple agreements by supporting different billing models within a single agreement in the Project Cost Accounting System (PCAS). Pegasys now accommodates an agreement model where costs are billed to the customer at varying intervals or based on separate activity by moving the configuration of billing options on the agreement document to the line level.

This enhancement also supports billing based on estimated activity for the beginning of the life of an agreement rather than billing based on actual costs for the remainder. The activity to bill for a customer agreement can be modified throughout the duration of the agreement, even after bills are sent to the customer. If changes are made after billing occurs, the PCAS Project Bill Generation job will automatically determine how much needs to be billed for the next cycle based on the difference between the amount already billed and the new amount that needs to be billed.