

RID – eCB Interview

Attendance and Minutes

Wednesday, May 28 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Room 6411

I. Invitees/attendees are shown below:

Name	Email	Phone	In Attendance?
Calvin Whitaker	calvin.whitaker@ed.gov	202.377.3045	Y
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II. Agenda

- A. Review eCB Routing Identifiers (ID) and their relationships to other Partners responsible for routing schools, and others through the Enterprise.

III. Outcomes

1. Rich Bennett of FSA eCB identified the following existing issue: The “CB Serial Number” is limited to 9.999 different numerical identifiers (before the numbers “run out”). This issue is related to GAPS use of 4 digit identifiers. The CB Serial Number is six digits (the first two are always 0, and the last four match the GAPS Award Sequence Number).
2. In terms of Process, when a new user submits an Application on the eCB Website, a “Dummy Number” is created. The Dummy Number always begins with the letter “W0” followed by the four digits. This number is necessary since the eCB process can take 2 years and schools may not yet have an OPE-ID.
3. If the submitting school is an existing school, the data is moved to the existing serial number. If it does not yet exist in the system, a new serial number is created
4. All schools must complete FISAP prior to receiving a serial number
5. Approximately 80 – 100 new serial numbers are created per year. There are approximately 5-15 schools per year submitting that are not really new.
6. The CB Serial Number is the primary key in all tables because there are some schools that may submit the FISAP but not even have an OPE ID yet. These schools are assigned an OPE_ID of “All Zeros” in eCB.
7. Rich Bennett had to remove over 500 duplicate/otherwise problematic CB Serial Numbers which were duplicates...they were “zeroed out”
8. There are no duplicate OPE_IDs (except the all zero ones). All OPE_IDs in eCB end w/ ‘00’. This is because only mains are eligible for eCB.
9. The OPEID is used by eCB to:
 - a. Check eligibility.
 - b. Overlay updated name & address info (demographics)
 - c. Update DUNS (this is known to have caused data discrepancies with PEPS)
 - i. Rich said: “In the past, DUNS numbers were getting wiped-out in eCB due to the nightly PEPS feed”. In PEPS, new DUNS numbers were being wiped out with old ones – this is still an issue.
10. The CB Serial number is captured in PEPS. This is then fed to FMS (from PEPS) for use as an edit check on awards coming in (instead of a crosswalk between award #s and DUNS).
11. Rich said that the DUNS number is the only Identifier in the feeder file that goes to GAPS.
12. eCB does not store the payee DUNS number.
13. Schools are not supposed to enter any “Additional Locations” as unique eCB schools (but many do so anyway)
14. Rich Bennett maintains a “separate table” which is used to check the eligibility (which is done only for reporting campus).
15. Rich said that for eCB, swapping the main & branch campuses were easy...they simply change the OPE-ID (but impact to others’ systems remains unclear)
16. The following situations may necessitate such changes to the Main/Branch relationship:
 - a. Reporting Campus becomes ineligible and other campus will become reporting campus
 - b. A District is removed (?)
 - c. Mergers (e.g. “All of the Devry Institutes Merged”)

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- i. For this Devry situation, Rich did not change the OPE-IDs but instead asked the schools to create a new one
17. Rich said “our problem right now is that GAPS is using DUNS” and in order to make that work, eCB should have to go through a major “clean-up” to make sure that each DUNS number stored is unique
 18. The problem with Grantee DUNS is that every time it changes, there are ripple effect changes and it must be changed in several other places
 19. Each school changes their DUNS number approximately once a year (limiting effectiveness as an Enterprise-wide Identifier)
 20. Rich said “to get into eApp you must enter your TIN...and then that info is “out there for all to see”. – This is an access management issue to eApp.

IV. Action Items:

Action Item	Appox. Effort	Owner	Date Due
1. IP Team will follow-up with eCB Team POCs provided by core team members		Steve Jarboe	6/6
2. IP Team will post Meeting Minutes to eProject		Steve Jarboe	6/3