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Integration Partner Transition *NSLDS Briefing*

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Project Overview

- NSLDS is a comprehensive repository of information about Title IV Aid recipients and their loans, grants, lenders, Guaranty Agencies (GAs), servicers, and schools. It provides an integrated view of Title IV loans and grants during all stages of their life cycle from aid approval through disbursement, repayment, default, and closure.
- As NSLDS has evolved since its implementation in 1994, it has become much more than an analytical and reporting system and, today, supports key operational requirements. (See page 4 for specific capabilities)
- NSLDS is comprised of multiple databases created to serve different purposes.
 - Active Database – Designed to hold loan-level information for open student/borrower accounts. While the Active Database was designed to hold open loan-level information, it actually contains both open and closed loan-level information for student/borrower accounts.
 - Archive Database – Designed to hold loan-level information for closed student/borrower accounts. The Archive Database has never been populated with data.
 - Online Statistical Abstract (STAB) Database – Created in response to research teams requesting a random and statistically valid sample of NSLDS data.

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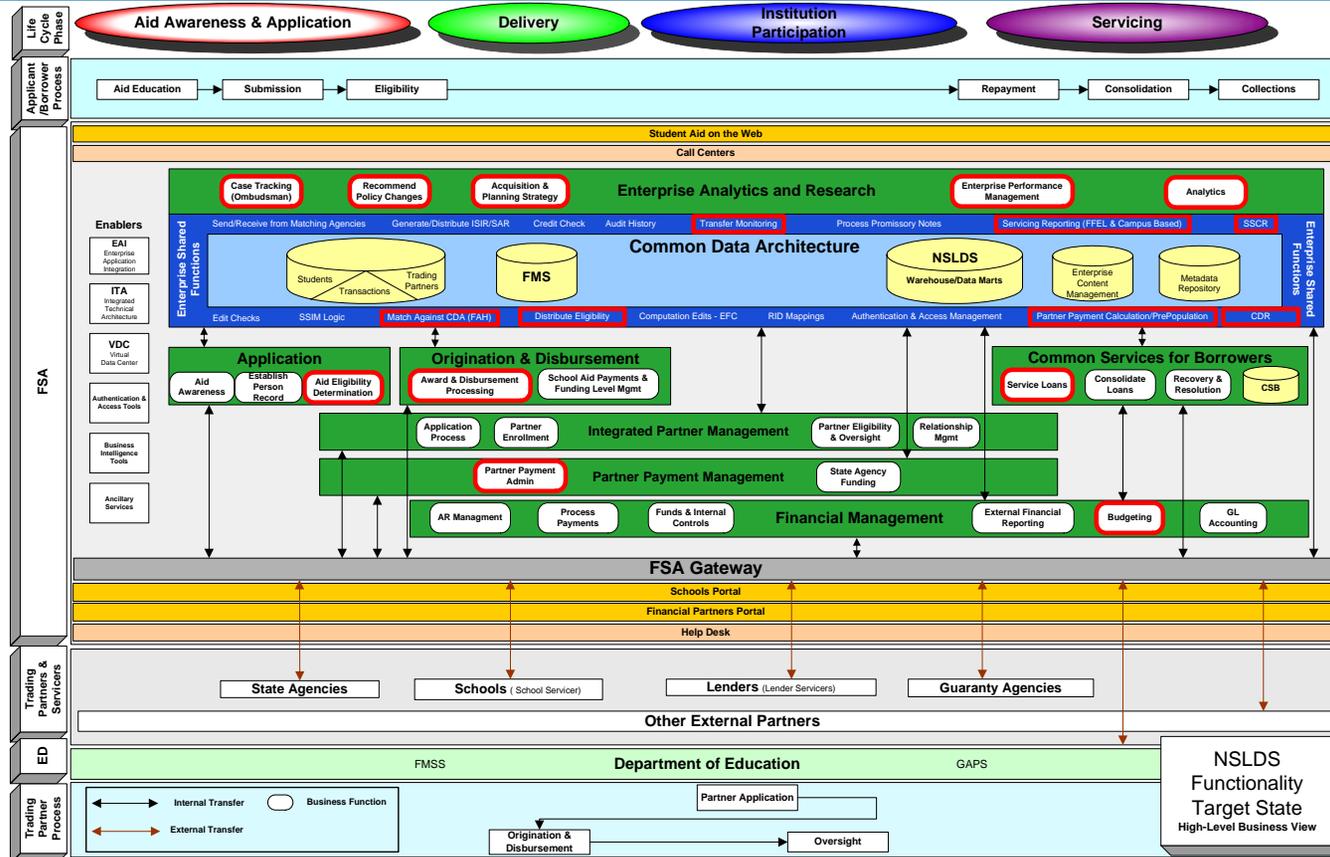
Business Functions

- NSLDS supports 10 key business functions
 - Student Aid Eligibility
 - Pre/Post Screening to determine a student's aid eligibility
 - Financial Aid History
 - Assist students and schools in tracking the student's financial aid history.
 - Provide schools with flexibility to manage student access to data during loan origination
 - Student Transfer Monitoring
 - Monitoring a transfer student's financial aid history and alerting the current school when there are significant changes
 - Loan Transfer Tracking
 - Assist borrowers in locating the current holder of their loan(s)
 - Track loan transfers and sales over the life of a loan
 - GA Fee Payments & Reasonability
 - Data used for GA fee payments and determining reasonability of summary level data reported to FSA financial forms.
 - Cohort Default Rate
 - Calculate draft and official cohort default rates
 - Calculate notional default rates
 - Enrollment Tracking
 - Provides mechanism for schools in reporting student status changes correctly and in timely manner to the holder of the loan
 - Audit and Program Reviews
 - Plan and assist in the performance of audits or program reviews of GAs, servicers, and schools to verify adherence to Dept. of Ed policy
 - Research and Policy Development
 - Research trends in support of short and long term policy development
 - Budget Formulation and Execution
 - Promote budgeting and ad hoc research

Relationship to FSA's Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal	Applicable to Project?	If yes, why?
Modernize & Integrate Systems	N/A	<p>Note: While NSLDS is not directly applicable, the pieces of NSLDS are essential elements in the target state and will be integral in helping FSA achieve its strategic goals. (See following page)</p>
Improve Program Integrity	N/A	
Reduce Costs	N/A	
Improve Products & Services	N/A	
Improve Human Capital	N/A	

Relationship to FSA's 'Big Picture'



NSLDS is mandated by law as part of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and its functions are critical to the Target State. The tasks currently supported by NSLDS will be performed by multiple Business Capability Areas and Enterprise Shared Functions instead of originating from the physical NSLDS system. Furthermore, the current NSLDS data will be migrated to the CDA, which will provide a more comprehensive view of transactional and historical data. The analytical capabilities enabled by NSLDS will be enhanced by the integrated student and school views provided by the CDA.

Delivery Process

- Status Meetings (Bi-weekly)
- Quality Meetings (Monthly)
- Software Configuration Control Board Meetings (Monthly)

Project Schedule

- NSLDS continues to have an ongoing operational schedule.
- A one year contract was awarded to Applied Engineering Management in January 2004 with four more optional years.

Project Deliverables

- Status Reports (Weekly)
- Performance (Quality) Report (Monthly)
- NSLDS Maintenance Plan (Deliver 30 days into transition Quarterly Update)
- Application Software Maintenance Plan (Quarterly Update)
- Configuration Management Plan (Quarterly Update)
- System Performance Monitoring Plan (Quarterly Update)
- System Capacity Plan (Quarterly Update)

Next Steps

- The role of NSLDS in the FSA Target State Vision is currently being examined as part of the Data Strategy II effort.
 - 152.1.3 Data Strategy Target Vision Functional Gap Analysis