ROSS Version 2.16.4 Release Notes

This is a synopsis of the new and corrected functionality included in ROSS version 2.16.4. Known issues and workarounds are included. The primary objective of this release is for ROSS to read Dispatch Priority List (DPL) information from VIPR, improve the Search for Resource screen, and improve the Fill with Agreement and Fill with Local Purchase functions.

Installation

Users will need to accept a new client update upon logging in after the deployment.

New or Changed Functionality

- VIPR Interface: ROSS will read Dispatch Priority List data from VIPR, including vendors, I-BPA contracts and resources. This data will be automatically brought into ROSS once per day, eliminating the need for it to be manually entered. The Pending Request will contain a new VIPR tab that will display resources from VIPR in the order of the priority ranking from VIPR. Filling a request with a resource that is not the highest rank available will require the selection of a Bypass Reason for each skipped resource. A new Fill with VIPR option will also be added to the Action button on the Pending Request screen, to allow filling requests for non-statused items such as porta-potties, tents, and Service – Mobile Mechanics. Each GACC will be able to view the VIPR equipment in their subordinate dispatch centers if a corresponding request is in that GACC's pending request screen.
- Search for Resources: The Search for Resources screen has been improved with many more search fields, additional columns in the grid, the ability to Go To other screens, and a Print button to output the contents of the grid to a spreadsheet.
- Buying Team Changes: Additional data fields have been added to the application for data collected by buying teams and procurement resources. A buying team flag and date are now available on the New Request screen to specify that Equipment and non-NFES Supply and service requests have been sent to a buying team or procurement resources. The Fill with Agreement and Fill with Local Purchase screens have been modified to add many optional fields used by buying teams and procurement resources, and a new report is available from the Request Status screen to produce the Buying Team List spreadsheet for an incident.
- The Shipping Address for an NFES request will now require that a zip code be entered.
- Diagnostic Tool - If you have been experiencing slowness or connectivity issues, this tool will execute a list of diagnostic tasks that provide information about the local client's environment for support personnel. The diagnostics will be reviewed by the ROSS contract personnel. This tool can only be used after you have a ROSS Helpdesk Ticket number. The diagnostic tool icon is located on the login screen or go to FILE -> System Check.

Reports Changes

- The Resource Order Form will now contain the full header on first page only, and a "continuation header" on following pages. There will also be an option to show only the continuation header on all pages.

Additional Change Requests and Defects Fixed in this Version

- Resource Item screen fixed so that the Preferred Jetport screen is only displayed for Overhead resources that don't have a jetport assigned.
- Organization screen fixed to allow Vendors to be deleted even if they reference a Contractor Type.
- Changes have been made to the ROSS client to keep the connection to the server alive, and reduce the number of CORBA errors being experienced in the field.
- Fixed error that caused prepositioned resources to return home instead of back to the preposition when released from a wildfire by CAD
- When a resource is on an assignment roster and the qualification is removed, they will be removed from the roster and the request can be filled without issue.
- When a contract equipment resource has been filled and unfilled on a request, the link to that contract will be severed in the report.

Other Known Issues and Workarounds

- When editing multiple requests marked as 'Buying Team Requests," the Buying Team checkbox is not checked. If you desire to uncheck them, you need to check the box, uncheck the box and click OK.

Other

Please contact the IIA Helpdesk if you find there are any additional issues.