ROSS Version 2.16.10 Release Notes

This is a synopsis of the new and corrected functionality included in ROSS version 2.16.10. The primary objective for this release is to provide high-value improvements for ROSS users, address issues identified for the VIPR/ROSS interface, and correct various defects.

Installation

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

New or Changed Functionality

- A resource that is unfilled from a subordinate request associated with an open assignment roster is now also removed from the position on the Assignment Roster screen.
- Contract start date and end dates are now evaluated consistently throughout the application, when counting resources, assigning resources and when managing contracts. A warning is displayed when a user fills with a contracted resource whose contract has an end date within 14 days.
- Update notifications for VIPR resources are no longer sent to Altaris-CAD.
- VIPR data, including IBPAs and resources are now automatically deleted by the system when no longer needed. Additionally VIPR vendors and resources can now be converted to ROSS records.
- “State” has been added to the list of Availability Areas on the Resource Status screen. State resources are included in resource counts with GACC resources.
- User account in the NAP can now be searched from ROSS when adding a user account to ROSS from the User Accounts screen.
- The Merge Incident function has been updated to not copy frequencies from the source incident to the destination. Documentation is now added to any request for which the financial code is updated.
- Documentation can now be captured on the resource order, resource and vendor when a resource declines an assignment.
- Incident numbers are now compliant with the NWCG standard, and can contain 6-10 alphanumeric characters as well as periods and hyphens. Incident number (otherwise known as local identifier) refers to the final portion of the Incident Code, for example the “000001” in AB-CDE-000001.
- External systems such as ICBS are now notified when an incident is identified as a merge child.
- A primary fax contact received from VIPR for a vendor will now overwrite a primary fax contact on the vendor that was entered in ROSS.
- For a VIPR DPL update that fails due to a duplicate resource name, the error message now includes the resource name and provider to simplify resolution of the problem.
- Multiple purchase agreements are now allowed for the same vendor and catalog item.
- The VIPR/ROSS interface has been updated to allow agreement numbers to have a length of 16 or 17, in support of the VIPR 10.0 release.

Reports Changes

- AR-Historical reporting has been simplified by removing unused query items.
- AR-Historical no longer has “live” data. The data in AR-Historical will be refreshed nightly, so reports will show results as of the last refresh. Reports using the ROSS-AR package will continue to display live data.
- A standard report has been added to show vendor declined assignments.

Defects Fixed in this Version
• The unique constraint error has been fixed when adding and removing a default cache on the External Systems tab of the Organization screen.
• The Resource Status workspace in ROSS Reports now filters results correctly when the user selects only a GACC in the WP-DISPATCH-001 GACC/Dispatch widget on the Global Settings page.
• A bug when searching for non-overhead resources on the New Overhead Resource screen has been corrected.
• The maximum length of 2,000 characters for a message on the Message Board is now enforced by the New/Edit Message screen.
• A bug when updating the configuration for the diagnostics tool has been corrected.
• The value displayed in AR-Historical reporting for At Inc Duration has been fixed.
• A bug that allowed double transfer of a resource has been corrected. The double transfer caused the resource to become unusable.
• Performance of the Resource Item screen has been improved.
• The Altaris-CAD/ROSS interface has been improved by preventing leading and trailing spaces in resource names, as well as simplifying the lookup of resources in ROSS when a message is received from Altaris-CAD. Users will receive an error when entering a resource name that contains leading or trailing spaces.
• A bug that caused vendor bypass documentation to be added to non-VIPR requests has been corrected.

Additional Changes
• Usernames in ROSS are now always saved in upper case.
• The ROSS ESB has been upgraded to webMethods v9.12.
• Updates have been made to allow ROSS to function correctly under WebSphere 8.5.5, in preparation for a WebSphere upgrade.
• A back-end process that queried for reminders and is no longer needed has been removed, to reduce unnecessary load on the database.