

OA:	INITIATIVE ID:	FY-2000:	FY-2001:	FY-2002:
STB	STBOO001	\$65	\$67	\$69

TITLE:

UNIFORM RAIL COSTING SYSTEM AND WAYBILLS (URCS)

DESCRIPTION:

THE UNIFORM RAILROAD COSTING SYSTEM INCLUDES THE COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND MANUAL PROCEDURES USED TO PROVIDE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD (STB) WITH COST, REVENUE, AND OPERATIONAL (TRAFFIC FLOW) INFORMATION ON US RAILROADS. THE PROJECT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN ACTIVITIES. THE FIRST CONSISTS OF DEVELOPING FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF THE COST OF TRANSPORTING FREIGHT BY THE US CLASS I RAILROADS. THE SECOND ACTIVITY CONSIST OF DEVELOPING, MAINTAINING, AND ANALYZING THE CARLOAD WAYBILL SAMPLE.

URCS IS A REGULATORY RAILROAD COST ACCOUNTING SYSTEM DEVELOPED IN-HOUSE BY THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION (ICC) AND MAINTAINED IN-HOUSE BY THE STB. IT CONSIST OF THREE PHASES. PHASE I DEVELOPS AN US CLASS I RAIROAD DATA BASE FROM SEVERAL SOURCES USING SEVERAL COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND STANDARD DATA BASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, SUCH AS, DEC 1022 AND MICROSOFT ACCESS. PHASE II CONSIST OF A SINGLE FORTRAN PROGRAM APPLIED ANNUALLY TO THE PHASE I DATA BASE TO DEVELOP CLASS I RAILROAD SYSTEM AVERAGE UNIT COST ESTIMATES AND OPERATING STATISTICS. PHASE III CONSIST OF A SINGLE INTERACTIVE PC DOS FORTRAN PROGRAM THAT DEVELOPS SHIPMENT COST ESTIMATES BASED ON THE PHASED II OUTPUT.

CARLOAD WAYBILL SAMPLE IS A STATISTICAL VALID SAMPLE OF US RAILROAD TRAFFIC DRAWN FROM US RAILROADS THAT TERMINATE FORTY-FIVE HUNDRED CARLOADS ANNUALLY. EACH YEAR'S SAMPLE IS MAINTAINED IN A SINGLE ASCII DATA FILE. SEVERAL IN-HOUSE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED PC FORTRAM AND C+ PROGRAMS ARE USED TO ANALYZE THE SAMPLE AND PROVIDE REPORTS WHICH SUPPORT THE STB'S RATE AND RESEARCH EFFORTS.

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STB	STBOO002	\$244	\$345	\$357

TITLE:

CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

DESCRIPTION:

CASE IS AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM THAT AUTOMATES THE ENTRY, MAINTENANCE AND REPORTING OF INFORMATION ABOUT STB CASE PROCESSING. IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE WORK PROCESS FOR ALL STB STAFF INVOLVED IN CASE HANDLING. IT SPECIFICALLY ENCOMPASSES THREE MAJOR TYPES OF FUNCTIONS:

1. CASE ENTRY AND TRACKING - THIS INCLUDES ASSIGNING AND MANAGING DOCKET NUMBERS, INITIALIZING AND RECORDING DATA FOR CASES FILED, AND TRACKING/REPORTING OVERALL CASE STATUS AND EVENTS.
2. PLEADINGS/PARTIES MANAGEMENT - THIS INCLUDES RECORDING/ DESSEMINATING DATA ABOUT ALL CASE PLEADINGS FILED, RECORDING/MAINTAINING DATA REGARDING ALL CASE RELATED PARTIES AND ENSURING/RECORDING PROPER SERVICE OF ALL CAS DOCUMENTATION.
3. MILESTONE/ACTION ITEM MANAGEMENT - THIS INCLUDES TRACKING PENDING/COMPLETED CASE ACTIVITIES, MAINTENING DATA REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY ASSIGNMENTS AND MONITORING/REPORTING DEADLINES/"RUSH" STATUS REQUIREMENTS FOR ON-GOING CASES.

THE CASE DATA RESIDES IN AN ORACLE 7 DATABASE. PROGRAMS ARE WRITTEN IN UNIFACE.

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STB	STBOO003	\$456	\$443	\$462

TITLE:

LOCAL AREA NETWORK

DESCRIPTION:

LAN - THE STB LAN PROVIDES A MEANS OF SHARING INFORMATION AMONG ALL STB USERS AND A COMMON COMPUTER INTERFACE. THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE LAN ARE AN NT 4.0 SERVER, A NOVELL 3.11 SERVER, 150 WINDOWS 95 WORKSTATIONS CONNECTED USING ETHERNET PROTOCOL, 3 WINDOWS 3.11 WORKSTATIONS, LOTUS NOTES 5.0 GroupWare.

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STB	STBOO004	\$157	\$162	\$167

TITLE:

Financial Analysis/DAFIS

DESCRIPTION:

The Board procures its general ledger accounting, accounts payable, and external financial reporting from FTA on a reimbursable basis. The Board performs financial monitoring and resource utilization and projection based on the accounting information accumulated in DAFIS. This includes formulation of budget requests for upcoming fiscal years submitted to the Department, OMB, and the Congressional Appropriations Subcommittees, which are based on the analysis of the DAFIS obligations and developmental priorities for the upcoming fiscal years. In projecting current fiscal year resource utilization, staff monitor personnel compensation expenses along with non-personnel expenses to ensure responsible fiscal year utilization of the enacted appropriation.

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STB	STBOO005	\$68	\$70	\$72

TITLE:

Personnel/Payroll System - EPA

DESCRIPTION:

The Board procures its time and attendance processing, payroll processing, personnel management system access, and labor distribution reporting from EPA on a reimbursable basis. The Board performs payroll monitoring and FTE reporting and projection based on the payroll information accumulated in EPAYS system. Oversight and monitoring ensures that personnel and payroll financial data input by EPA is correct and timely. Information provided by the labor distribution reports provides FTA with account totals to verify the biweekly downloaded data processed for interface into DAFIS.

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