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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President, and  
Members of The Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker, and  
Members of The House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

Pursuant to HRS section 27-43.6, which requires the Chief Information Officer to submit applicable independent verification and validation reports to the Legislature within ten days of receiving the report, please find attached the report the Office of Enterprise Technology Services received for the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services' Systems Modernization Project.

In accordance with HRS section 93-16, this report may be viewed electronically at <http://ets.hawaii.gov> (see "Reports").

Sincerely,

  
Douglas Murdock (Aug 17, 2020 14:01 PST)

Douglas Murdock  
Chief Information Officer  
State of Hawai'i

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# Hawaii Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project

Final IV&V Status Report  
for Reporting Period: July 1 - 31, 2020

*Submitted: August 13, 2020*

# Overview

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# Executive Summary

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*In July, the project team continued to refine the project delivery framework (requirements, architecture, schedule, approach). Some project deliverables were completed this month resulting in notable improvement in the Requirements Analysis/Management and Deployment categories. However, the project schedule continues to be in flux and further revisions are anticipated when the Lessons Learned Action Plan is documented/applied to the project schedule while activities for future releases are underway. With a fully executed contract amendment in place for three months, it is time for the Project to focus on delivering quality services and solution to the State of Hawaii.*

May	Jun	Jul	Category	IV&V Observations
M	M	H	Project Management	The Project Management category comprises most IV&V findings, which consist of risks and issues specific to the project schedule, solution architecture, quality of project artifacts, communications, the impact of COVID-19, DHS Staffing and UAT readiness.
M	M	M	Configuration and Development	The project team continues to gain an understanding of the ASI's development approach and how the BES application will be built. A deeper understanding is expected to be gained in August, when the ASI further defines the architecture, completes and delivers the remainder of the of Release 0.1 deliverables and updates the schedule to align to the approach described in the DD&I Plan.
M	M	M	System Design	Workflow (the sequence through which work passes from initiation to completion) was inconsistently addressed during the BES design sessions. As part of the BES Optimization re-planning effort, the ASI is adjusting the project schedule to ensure the design of workflow is consistently addressed in all functional areas. There was no material change to this category in this reporting period.

# Executive Summary



May	Jun	Jul	Category	IV&V Observations
			Deployment	The ASI's planning and approach to Release Management were identified as opportunities for improvement during early M&O releases. The ASI is planning to apply lessons learned from Release 0.1 to future releases.
			Requirements Analysis & Management	DHS and the ASI continued to 'break down' the project's functional requirements to eliminate the instance of 'partially met' requirements. This activity is scheduled for completion in August per the project schedule. As DHS and the ASI agreed to the final list of BES Optimization requirements during this reporting period, this category was moved to a low criticality.
		N/A	OCM & Knowledge Transfer	There are no IV&V findings in this category during the July 2020 reporting period. The DHS staffing finding previously in this category was moved to the Project Management category.

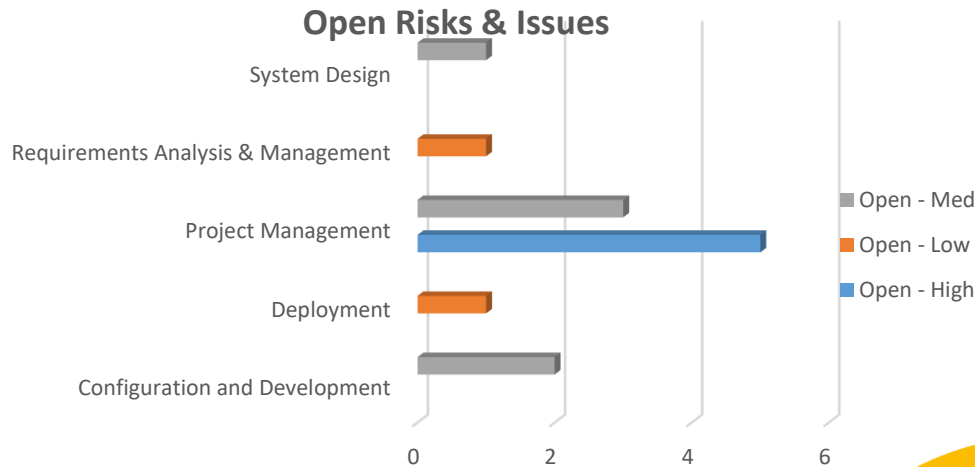
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# IV&V Findings and Recommendations

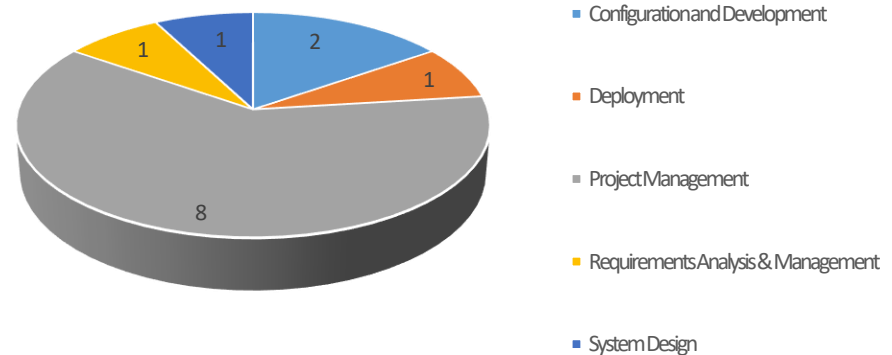
# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



As of the July 2020 reporting period, PCG is tracking 13 open findings (8 risks and 5 issues) and has retired a total of 37 findings. Of the 13 open findings, 8 are related to Project Management, 2 in Configuration and Development and 1 each in Requirements Analysis and Management, System Design, and Deployment. IV&V opened three new findings and retired six findings during the reporting period. The following figures provide a breakdown of our open risks and issues by criticality and category.



### Open Risks & Issues by Category

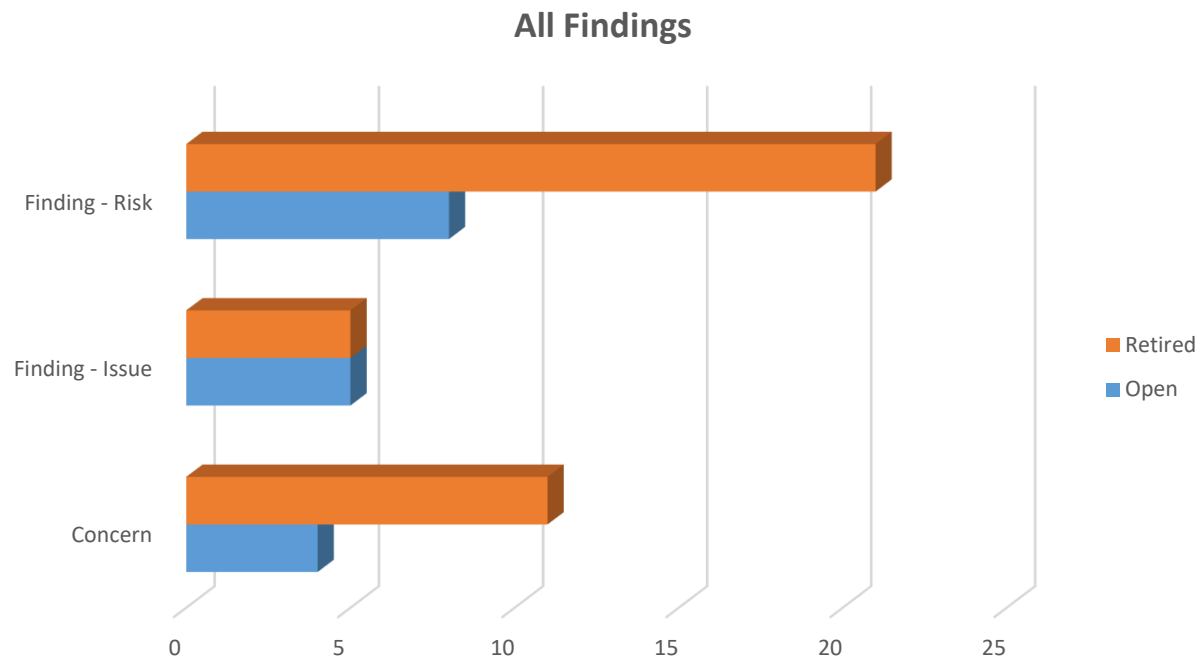




# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



The following figure provides a breakdown of all IV&V findings (risks, issues, concerns) by status (open, retired).



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Findings Opened During the Reporting Period

#	Finding	Category
	No new risks or issues were opened in July 2020; Three new preliminary concerns were opened and are described on page 12 of this report.	

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Findings Retired During the Reporting Period

IV&V retired six findings this month. Of those, DHS accepted the risks associated with two findings. When this occurs, although IV&V may continue to believe the finding represents a risk to the project, the finding is retired based upon the client's acceptance of the risk. All findings retired in this reporting period are listed in the table below.

#	Finding	Category
26	<p>Risk - Schedule delays may occur due to the lack of detail in the project schedule.</p> <p>The ASI has added detail to the schedule and stated in the 7/21/2020 Schedule Meeting that the BI-5 Schedule structure is complete, and a re-baseline was submitted to DHS week of 7/27/2020 to approve.</p>	Project Management
27	<p>Risk - Schedule delays may occur if the baseline schedule does not have proper resource loading.</p> <p>The BI-5 Project Schedule does have task resources and hours allocated however, the ASI does not plan to maintain resource allocations and resource leveling within MS Project, they will use internal ASI tools to manage their resources.</p>	Project Management
46	<p>Concern -Unplanned rework may result from prototyping based on systems that will be retired. Requirements should drive design so that the BES application supports new/updated business processes.</p> <p>With the delivery of the updated BI-6 DD&amp;I Plan, the process is now documented and better understood by the project team. Prototypes are iterated to address BES Requirements prior to client demonstrations.</p>	Configuration and Development
50	<p>Concern - The ASI's staffing model is not being adjusted to accommodate the BES Optimization approach.</p> <p>This concern is being closed by IV&amp;V, as the State accepted this risk. If similar concerns arise in the future, DHS will work with the ASI to resolve.</p>	Project Management

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Findings Retired During the Reporting Period - Continued

#	Finding	Category
51	<p>Risk - Insufficient requirements elaboration prior to executing the contract amendment may result in a solution that does not meet DHS business needs.</p> <p>In July, DHS and the ASI agreed to the final list of the BES Optimization Contract requirements.</p>	Requirements Analysis and Management
52	<p>Concern - The ASI's management of subcontractors has not been documented in a formal management plan.</p> <p>This concern is being closed by IV&amp;V, as the State accepted this risk. If similar concerns arise in the future, DHS will work with the ASI to resolve.</p>	Project Management

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations




## Preliminary Concerns Investigated During the Reporting Period

#	Finding	Category
53	The System Architecture documentation is scheduled for completion after multiple releases are in development, and some releases are already completed. This is further complicated by the current lack of finalization of both SSP and BES UI standards and coding standards.	Systems Design
55	<b>New</b> - Test Case creation without functionality acceptance from JAD/JAR sessions. IV&V is researching how the JAD results including acceptance criteria is carried over or linked to the use cases and testing processes.	Testing
56	<b>New</b> - DHS and IV&V lack of participation in the BES Project Architecture and Agile Development meetings. Some DHS staff and IV&V are not included in the Architecture and Agile Development meetings. This prohibits DHS and IV&V's ability to understand how the project team is accomplishing the work and resolving issues that may impact the project, user, client and solution.	Project Management
57	<b>New</b> - Roles and responsibilities of the BES "Product Owner" and communication of this role's activities with DHS and the project team is not clear. The Product Owner is responsible for working through issues and prioritizing the work with the development team. IV&V is researching how along with the frequency of the communication of these issues/questions and priority decisions are communicated to BESSD and DHS PMO.	Project Management

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Project Management


#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
2	<b>Issue – Late Delivery of project deliverables may result in schedule delays.</b> The ASI is behind schedule on some of the Solution Optimization (e.g. BI-5 Project Schedule), R 0.1 (e.g. testing documents), R 0.2 (e.g. Requirement Validation) and R 0.3 (e.g. Kick-off) and R 0.4 (e.g. Workflow Requirements Validation) deliverables and work products. The ASI reports these delayed tasks have not impacted the critical path as defined by the MS-Project Tool. IV&V maintains this issue as a high criticality finding since the project schedule is not approved by DHS, the schedule continues to be updated with new target complete dates, and the late tasks span multiple releases.	

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prior to acceptance of the new baseline, finalize the needed updates to the project schedule to address the outstanding items/issues identified by DHS, the ASI, and IV&amp;V.</li></ul>	In process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Establish the process for DHS and the ASI to mutually agree to the revised project schedule baseline.</li></ul>	Complete
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Establish the process for on-going schedule management and weekly updates, utilizing the Schedule Management sub-plan of the Project Management Plan (BI-04).</li></ul>	In process

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Project Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
29	<p><b>Issue - Uncertainty and/or a lack of communication around long term architecture decisions could lead to unexpected impacts to the project budget, schedule, system design, and planning decisions.</b></p> <p>In July, DHS and the ASI have noted a lack of communication around the portal strategy. For example, some stakeholders were unclear whether the portal online applications for Medicaid and BESSD would be combined and/or replicated in both portals, or if they would remain separate.</p>	

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ASI should continue to document the architectural details in the BI-12 System Architecture Deliverable and if possible, review draft content with DHS and IV&amp;V.</li> </ul>	In process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS should finalize the Portal strategy and communicate the strategy with the stakeholders and project teams.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project should vet possible architectural change impacts to the platform, M&amp;O, MQD, and BES systems before finalizing architectural decisions.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efforts should be made to increase communication to create an awareness of possible architecture changes so that they can prepare for the possibility of a change. For example, if there is a possibility that the platform could change then analysis/design could focus on platform agnostic design and avoid extensive efforts in refining a platform specific design.</li> </ul>	

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Project Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
42	<b>Risk – Project delays and disruption in DHS operations may occur if ASI communications with DHS regarding key (urgent/time sensitive) project information does not improve.</b> The Release 0.1 Lessons Learned sessions identified several areas where communications must improve. The ASI is currently working with DHS to develop an action plan to address the communication issues along with the other areas identified for improvement.	M

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Request ASI enhance processes and planning for project communications and include key project communications to DHS in the project schedule.</li></ul>	In process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ASI establish a single communications channel to manage all ASI to DHS communications and ensure regular communication to DHS.</li></ul>	In process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Update project communications plan with enhanced communication processes.</li></ul>	Complete



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Project Management


#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
43	<p><b>Risk - Due to key DHS, BES and ASI Project Team members departing and/or transitioning from the project, succession planning and knowledge transfer is needed to ensure there are no gaps in knowledge and leadership on the project.</b></p> <p>This finding was moved from the OCM Knowledge Transfer to Project Management category as requested by DHS to avoid confusion with the OCM work being performed by the ASI. Transition plans for the DHS PMO staff are in place and DHS' PMO team is working with DHS and BESSD Executive Leadership to identify new owners of some of the tasks. Concurrently, DHS is working to gain approval to fill open positions and recruitment is ongoing. This month the need for the Data Steward and DHS Conversion Lead was realized, these are both key positions to aid the conversion activities and the BESSD data business needs. DHS is actively working to identify staff to fill these roles.</p>	

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state should develop a transition plan for the project and PMO resources as identified in the RFP, which includes DHS PMO and DHS DDI resources (reference RFP section 3.4.3 'DHS Staffing'). It should also include possible project resource impacts considering the COVID-19 economic impacts to the State.</li> </ul>	In process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ASI should develop a transition plan for each key resource as required by the RFP (reference RFP section 3.5.1.2 'Benefits Eligibility Solution Project Staffing'.)</li> </ul>	Closed

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Project Management


#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
47	<b>Risk – The COVID-19 pandemic and the related "stay at home" order could hinder project activities and negatively impact the project schedule and budget.</b> On July 13, the Governor has announced plans to delay a program that would allow trans-Pacific travelers to skip the mandatory 14-day quarantine in Hawaii if they test negative for COVID-19 until September 2020. The project continues preparations and plans for some level of remote UAT and Training.	

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ramp up efforts to setup, train, and assist stakeholders on remote work devices and tools and make every effort to help them to become highly functional with remote access technology (e.g. MS Teams/Skype).</li></ul>	In process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Suggest the project and DHS create a detailed, documented risk mitigation strategy and plan that is reviewed regularly and revised to address the current state of the COVID-19 threat and related impacts over the next 6 to 12 months. The plan should include the possible economic impacts to the state budget directly related to project resources.</li></ul>	In process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Update the OCM Plan to include any new activities or updates to planned activities to aid the organization through this COVID-19 pandemic in the short and long term.</li></ul>	In process

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Project Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
48	<b>Risk – The CMS Outcomes-Based Certification Requirements have not been published by CMS, which may impact the project schedule and funding.</b> No update during this reporting period, IV&V will follow-up with DHS and provide an update in the next report.	

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DHS to continue dialogue with CMS regarding the project's approach to OBC and MITA alignment to ensure all CMS requirements are met by the BES Project.</li></ul>	In process

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Project Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
49	<b>Issue – Poor quality project deliverables may lead to rework and negatively impact the system design, testing artifacts and project schedule.</b> The ASI re-submitted multiple deliverables during July, mostly centered on the BES Optimization changes. The BI-10 deliverable for Release 0.1 was iterated again and is currently under review. The BI-20 deliverable quality for Release 0.1 was improved from other deliverables and has been accepted by DHS. As such, IV&V is reducing the criticality to Medium. IV&V recommends leaving this open until Release 0.2 deliverables have been reviewed and quality has proven to be improved across deliverables.	M

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>IV&amp;V recommends that a facilitated root cause analysis be performed by the ASI with DHS and IV&amp;V in attendance. Quality issues are rarely generated by a single entity in a project, so there could potentially be multiple causes or root causes of this current condition. Once the root cause(s) are identified, IV&amp;V recommends immediate action be employed to resolve quality concerns on in-process deliverables prior to submission of subsequent deliverables</li></ul>	In process

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Project Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
54	<p><b>Issue – Poorly planned and executed UAT could lead to implementation delays and delivery of a solution that may not meet all business needs.</b> The lessons learned for Release 0.1 was primarily focused on the areas needing improvement for UAT - with two sessions held this month and another session needed to complete the lessons learned activity. Primary areas of concern included deliverables not being completed in the order required by the contract, and DD&amp;I Plan, lack of clear scope, inadequate training on the UAT process, difficulty using the tools to track defects (another training issue), inadequate test environment (only 1 user role, not secured) and poor planning/facilitation of the UAT processes by the ASI. The ASI has committed to improving UAT in the future releases - stakeholders expect to see evidence of improvement in the planning process/pre-requisite deliverables in future releases.</p>	

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IV&amp;V recommends that DHS works with the ASI to validate all pre-requisites are met prior to UAT start, in order to facilitate comprehensive testing.</li> </ul>	In process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IV&amp;V recommends that if DHS staff need to log defects in the ASI's new tools, that a deeper level of training will need to be provided on the toolset.</li> </ul>	Not started
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IV&amp;V recommends that a comprehensive set of user roles is made available for testing. There is currently only one user role available, which blocks the ability to perform negative testing for user roles.</li> </ul>	Not started
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IV&amp;V recommends the ASI and DHS review the UAT process for KOLEA for lessons learned, as remote UAT testing was performed successfully on that project.</li> </ul>	Not started

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Configuration and Development


#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
12	<b>Issue – Changes in direction regarding the preferred platform for portal development may impact project schedule and cost.</b> DHS, ASI and IV&V have noted a lack of a clear portal strategy and the communication around the portal strategy. For example, some stakeholders were unclear whether the portal online applications for Medicaid and BESSD would be combined and/or replicated in both portals or if they would remain separate. It appears the MQD portal rewrite will include an online application for MQD services, not BESSD services. The BES portal is likely to include a combined (MQD/BESSD) online application. There appears to be some lack of clarity around the long-term portal strategy for both MQD and BESSD.	M

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue discussions with the ASI and DHS to understand how the project will pursue alternative methods to integrate the 2 portals in order to simplify and enhance the customer portal experience.</li></ul>	In process

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations




## Configuration and Development

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
16	<b>Issue – Lack of clear understanding of the DDI approach may reduce effectiveness of JARs and JADs.</b> The ASI continues to provide further details of their hybrid-Agile implementation approach including describing how they intend to utilize new Application Lifecycle Management and development tools. DHS testers have recently reported a lack of clarity around testing which led to confusion and challenging UAT sessions.	
Recommendations		Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Once all details of the ASI's Agile approach become available and are communicated to DHS, IV&amp;V will assess and monitor DHS's understanding and project productivity.</li></ul>		In process

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## System Design

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
38	<b>Risk – Due to the sequencing of JADs addressing Workflow at the end instead of during current JAD sessions, the project could be faced with significant design rework, which may result in schedule delays, and impact the quality of solution design.</b> The Workflow JAD sessions planned to be conducted in July 2020 (per the ASI BI-5 Project Schedule dated 7/27/2020), however they have been delayed and a new planned date has not been published.	
Recommendations		Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The ASI to define how the workflow/task functionality will be refined and integrated into the system designs. Communicate this approach with the project team and train the Business Analyst session facilitators.</li></ul>		In process



# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Deployment


#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
40	<b>Risk - The planning and approach of the ASI Release Management practices were identified as an area to improve during early releases.</b> Release 0.1 completed User Acceptance Testing, however the ASI is still working to complete development of the majority of the associated documentation deliverables needed to memorialize the release effort. Lessons Learned sessions occurred on 7/23/20 and 7/28/20 to determine what went well and what can be improved upon for future releases. There were 36 total items reviewed, 31 of which fell into the 'can be improved upon' category.	

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assign a Release Manager to manage all details of planned releases.</li></ul>	Complete
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop a Release Plan document for each release, that provides details of the planned release and all associated configuration items, clear assignments for all staff involved in all tasks, a schedule for completion of all tasks and activities, planned release status communications, and back out procedures should they be necessary.</li></ul>	In process

# IV&V Findings and Recommendations



## Requirements Analysis & Management

#	Key Findings	Criticality Rating
41	<b>Risk - Due to a lack of clarity regarding “Partially Met” requirements in design artifacts, full traceability of requirements may be hampered, and all requirements may not be fully met.</b> The ASI and DHS continued this effort during the reporting period. Per the latest project schedule, this is anticipated to be completed by late August (8/25/2020). With the number of requirements still remaining to be split being limited, IV&V has reduced the criticality of this finding to Low.	

Recommendations	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Determine a requirements management and design artifact that provides full accountability of where every component of a requirement that is listed as 'Partially Met' is satisfied, ensuring that each requirement is Fully Met and can be validated as such.</li></ul>	In process

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# IV&V Status

# IV&V Engagement Status



IV&V Engagement Area	May	Jun	Jul	Comments
IV&V Budget				
IV&V Schedule				
IV&V Deliverables				PCG submitted the final June IV&V Monthly Status Report.
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) IV&V Progress Reports				The first quarterly CMS Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) IV&V Progress Report is on hold until IV&V and DHS determine the appropriate time to submit the report.
CMS Milestone Reviews				The first CMS Milestone Review date has not yet been determined.
IV&V Staffing				John Grieco joined the HI BES IV&V team.
IV&V Scope				

Engagement Rating Legend		
	The engagement area is within acceptable parameters.	
	The engagement area is somewhat outside acceptable parameters.	
	The engagement area poses a significant risk to the IV&V project quality and requires immediate attention.	



- IV&V activities in the July reporting period:
  - Completed – June Monthly Status Report
  - Ongoing – Review Deliverables for BES project
  - Ongoing – Attend ASI project meetings, (see [Additional Inputs](#) pages for details)
  - Reviewed available BES Optimization contract amendment documentation
- Planned IV&V activities for the August reporting period:
  - Ongoing – Observe BES JAD and Workgroup sessions as scheduled
  - Ongoing – Observe Weekly Project Status meetings
  - Ongoing – Observe bi-weekly BES Project Risk and Issue meetings
  - Ongoing – Monthly IV&V findings meetings with the ASI
  - Ongoing – Participate in weekly DHS and IV&V Touch Base meetings
  - Ongoing – Review BES artifacts and deliverables

# Deliverables Reviewed



Deliverable Name	Deliverable Date	Version
BI-02 Project Status Report Deliverable	Weekly as delivered	N/A
BI-05 Schedule Re-Baseline	Weekly as delivered	N/A
BI-06 System DD&I Plan (SOAP)	07/02/2020	2.1
BI-06 Design, Development, and Implementation Plan (SOAP)	07/27/2020	2.6
BI-10 Release 0.1 Functional and System Design Document	07/16/2020	1.3
BI-10 Release 0.1 Functional and System Design Document	07/22/2020	1.6
BI-20 Release 0.1 Test Scenarios, Test Cases, and Test Scripts	07/01/2020	1.3
BI-21 Functional and Technical RTM DED	07/29/2020	1.9
BI-22 Release 0.1 System Test Report	07/07/2020	1.0
BI-22b Release 0.1 UAT Evaluation Report	07/23/2020	1.0

# Additional Inputs – Artifacts



Deliverable Name	Artifact Date	Version
Unisys Contract Amendment 3	4/17/2020	N/A
Draft User Interface Standards	N/A	N/A
Draft Coding Standards	N/A	N/A
Release 0.1 Test Artifacts	07/28/2020	N/A



## Meetings and/or Sessions Attended/Observed:

1. PCG Internal BES Project Meetings x7 (07/01/2020, 07/02/2020, 07/06/2020, 07/13/2020, 07/20/2020, 07/27/2020, 07/29/2020)
2. BESSD PMO, IV&V Weekly Meeting x5 (7/1/2020, 07/08/2020, 07/15/2020, 07/22/2020, 07/29/2020)
3. BES Status Meetings x5 (7/1/2020, 07/08/2020, 07/15/2020, 07/22/2020, 07/29/2020)
4. BES Schedule Review Meetings x4 (07/09/2020, 07/16/2020, 07/21/2020, 07/28/2020)
5. BES Change Control Board Meeting (07/08/2020)
6. BES Release 0.2 Kick Off Meeting (07/02/2020)
7. BES SSP R 0.2 Prototype Demo (07/10/2020)
8. June Draft Report Review DHS and ASI (07/13/2020)
9. ASI Touchpoint (07/14/2020)
10. Release 0.1: EBT Card Inventory MFV Updates Meeting (7/13/2020)
11. Draft UI Standards Walkthrough Meeting (7/14/2020)
12. Bi-Weekly Deliverables Walkthrough (07/07/2020)
  - a. BI-22
13. Bi-Weekly Deliverables Walkthrough (07/21/2020)
  - a. BI-6
  - b. Java Coding Standards
  - c. BI-12 FMM
  - d. BI-22a
14. BES Release 0.1 Lessons Learned X2 (07/23/2020, 07/28/2020)
15. BES R0.2 Questions Meeting (07/23/2020)
16. BES BI-10 Discussion (07/24/2020)
17. SSP 0.2 Requirements Review Meeting (07/28/2020)
18. BES Data Conversion Meeting (07/28/2020)








# Appendices



# Appendix A – IV&V Criticality Ratings

Criticality Rating	Definition
 H	A high rating is assigned if there is a possibility of substantial impact to product quality, scope, cost, or schedule. A major disruption is likely, and the consequences would be unacceptable. A different approach is required. Mitigation strategies should be evaluated and acted upon immediately.
 M	A medium rating is assigned if there is a possibility of moderate impact to product quality, scope, cost, or schedule. Some disruption is likely, and a different approach may be required. Mitigation strategies should be evaluated and implemented as soon as feasible.
 L	A low rating is assigned if there is a possibility of slight impact to product quality, scope, cost, or schedule. Minimal disruption is likely, and some oversight is most likely needed to ensure that the risk remains low. Mitigation strategies should be considered for implementation when possible.

# Appendix B – Findings Log

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- The complete Findings Log for the BES Project is provided in a separate file.

# Appendix C – Acronyms and Glossary



Acronym	Definition
APD	Advance Planning Document
ASI	Application System Integrator
BES	Benefits Eligibility Solution
CCWIS	Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System
CM	Configuration Management
CMMI	Capability Maturity Model Integration
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CR	Change Request
DDI	Design, Development and Implementation
DED	Deliverable Expectation Document
DHS	Hawaii Department of Human Services
DLV	Deliverable
E&E	Eligibility and Enrollment
EA	Enterprise Architecture
ECM	Enterprise Content Management (FileNet and DataCap)
ESI	Enterprise System Integrator (Platform Vendor)
ETS	State of Hawaii Office of Enterprise Technology Services
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard
HIPAA	Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
IDM	Identity and Access Management (from KOLEA to State Hub)
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IES	Integrated Eligibility Solution
ITIL	Information Technology Infrastructure Library



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IV&V	Independent Verification and Validation
KOLEA	Kauhale On-Line Eligibility Assistance
M&O	Maintenance & Operations
MEELC	Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment Life Cycle
MEET	Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment Toolkit
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MQD	Hawaii Department of Human Services MedQuest Division
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
OE	Operating Environment
OIT	Department of Human Services Office of Information Technology
PIP	Performance/Process Improvement Plan
PMBOK®	Project Management Body of Knowledge
PMI	Project Management Institute
PMO	Project/Program Management Office
PMP	Project Management Plan
QA	Quality Assurance
QM	Quality Management
RFP	Request for Proposal
ROM	Rough Order of Magnitude
RMP	Requirements Management Plan
RTM	Requirements Traceability Matrix
SEI	Software Engineering Institute
SLA	Service-Level Agreement
SME	Subject Matter Expert

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Acronym	Definition
SOA	Service Oriented Architecture
SOW	Statement of Work, Scope of Work
VVP	Software Verification and Validation Plan
XLC	Expedited Life Cycle

# Appendix D – Background Information



## Systems Modernization Project

The DHS Enterprise Program Roadmap includes contracting with three separate vendors with the following high-level scope:

- ESI or Platform Vendor – responsible for the shared technology and services required for multiple Application vendors to implement and support functionality that leverages the DHS Enterprise Platform.
- ASI or ASI Vendor – responsible for the DDI of the Benefits Eligibility Solution (BES Project) enhancing the currently implemented Medicaid E&E Solution (KOLEA) and providing support for the combined Solutions.
- CCWIS Vendor – responsible for the DDI of the CCWIS Solution to meet the needs of child welfare services and adult protective services (CCWIS Project) and providing support for the Solution.

## Systems Modernization IV&V Project

IV&V performs objective assessments of the design, development/configuration and implementation (DDI) of DHS' System Modernization Projects. DHS has identified three high-risk areas where IV&V services are required:

- Transition of M&O from DHS' incumbent vendor to the ESI and ASI vendors
- BES DDI
- CCWIS DDI

On the BES DDI Project, IV&V is responsible for:

- Evaluating efforts performed by the Project (processes, methods, activities) for consistency with federal requirements and industry best practices and standards
- Reviewing or validating the work effort performed and deliverables produced by the ASI vendor as well as that of DHS to ensure alignment with project requirements
- Anticipating project risks, monitoring project issues and risks, and recommending potential risk mitigation strategies and issue resolutions throughout the project's life cycle
- Developing and providing independent project oversight reports to DHS, ASI vendors, State of Hawaii Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and DHS' Federal partners

# Appendix D – Background Information



## What is Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V)?

- Oversight by an independent third party that assesses the project against industry standards to provide an unbiased view to stakeholders
- The goal of IV&V is to help the State get the solution they want based on requirements and have it built according to best practices
- IV&V helps improve design visibility and traceability and identifies (potential) problems early
- IV&V objectively identifies risks and communicates to project leadership for risk management

## PCG's Eclipse IV&V® Technical Assessment Methodology

- Consists of a 4-part process made up of the following areas:
  1. **Discovery** – Discovery consists of reviewing documentation, work products and deliverables, interviewing project team members, and determining applicable standards, best practices and tools.
  2. **Research and Analysis** – Research and analysis is conducted in order to form an objective opinion.
  3. **Clarification** – Clarification from project team members is sought to ensure agreement and concurrence of facts between the State, the Vendor, and PCG.
  4. **Delivery of Findings** – Findings, observations, and risk assessments are documented in this monthly report and the accompanying Findings and Recommendations log. These documents are then shared with project leadership on both the State and Vendor side for them to consider and take appropriate action on.

## IV&V Assessment Categories for the BES Project

- Project Management
- Requirements Analysis & Management
- System Design
- Configuration and Development
- Integration and Interface Management
- Security and Privacy
- Testing
- OCM and Knowledge Transfer
- Pilot Test Deployment
- Deployment





**Solutions that Matter**





16	Lack of clear understanding of the DDI approach may reduce effectiveness of all SEC Processes.	infors	Hiding - Issue	12/17/2018	Configuration and Development	Several DHS stakeholders have commented that the SI Design, Development, and Implementation (DDI) approach is unclear. While stakeholders can observe SI activity and have participated in some SI activities, they do not understand how it fits together and some activity objectives seem unclear. The SI conducted a DDI approach overview session during an initial SI session, however, not all stakeholders were present. IVV did not receive any DDI approach documentation or materials that could be referenced by stakeholders who may have missed to the overview session, by new members of the team, or by other interested parties.	Lack of stakeholder understanding and buy-in to the SI DDI approach and project activity objectives may reduce the effectiveness of JAD and JAD sessions as well as other BES project activities and decisions.	PCSI recommends one or more of the following to mitigate this risk 3, 4, 5 provide an additional DDI approach overview session for stakeholders and allow CR 2 to provide their knowledge and demand; the materials could be made available via the project SharePoint or e-referent their knowledge on demand; and make it clearly available to all project stakeholders.	1/31/2019	4	3	Med	Open	07/29/2020 - DHS leaders have recently reported a lack of clarity around testing which has led to confusion and challenging test scenarios. 06/29/2020 - The ASI continues to provide further details of their hybrid-Agile implementation approach including describing how they intend to utilize new Application Lifecycle Management and Development tools. IVV will continue to monitor for more details of the revised approach as made available. 02/27/2020 - IVV conducted Agile overview sessions for DHS, at their request, to gain a better understanding of the Agile methodology and make informed project decisions. The ASI has not published nor conducted any sessions with the project team to explain how they will adopt the Agile methodology for the BES Project. The ASI Agile approach is planned to be documented and shared with DHS in early June 2020. 04/29/2020 - DHS signed the BES Optimization contract amendment which changes the project DDI approach including moving from Waterfall to an Agile approach. While details of these changes have yet to be made available, this shift could introduce additional risks if DHS does not come to a good understanding of Agile principles and how the ASI will implement Agile. 02/20/2020 - The ASI conducted a walk-through of the LucidChart Process Diagrams for DHS, however, DHS has stated that and other ASI efforts to explain the big picture have not met their expectations or increased their understanding of the ASI DDI methods. Additionally, the project continues to move forward with the BES Solution Optimization. It is currently unknown if the Solution Optimization, or the inclusion of subcontractor development resources, will change or impact the ASI DDI approach. IVV will continue to evaluate this finding as additional details about the Solution Optimization are made available. 02/27/2020 - The ASI has recently provided DHS with a series of LucidChart Process Diagrams as a means to provide them with a better understanding of the "big picture" and how all the individual processes and analysis relate to each other and "fit together". Review sessions of these diagrams are planned. Additionally, the project continues to move forward with the BES Solution Optimization. It is currently unknown if the Solution Optimization, or the inclusion of subcontractor development resources, will change or impact the ASI DDI approach. IVV will continue to evaluate this finding as additional details about the Solution Optimization are made available. 02/13/2020 - In the January reporting period, the IVV team reviewed the existing BES Optimization proposal documentation and
12	Changes in direction regarding the preferred platform for portal development may impact project schedule and cost. (Lifelay v. Adobe)	infors	Hiding - Issue	11/28/2018	Configuration and Development	The project intends to utilize Adobe as the preferred platform for portal development, instead of Lifelay (which is currently used for the existing KOLA portal platform), as the BES project web portal solution. Adobe Forms is currently out of scope for the BES portal but is in scope for BES PDF production. This decision represents a change in scope and requires a CR, which is currently in process. ASI has given DHS a rough Order of Magnitude (OOM) estimate of \$2.4 million for this CR and has also provided a more detailed PIA. As of the date of this report, the Project is tracking this as a "Top level issue". It is unclear if DHS will be able to fund this CR or if it will involve de-scoping/swap.	If DHS executes a change request to implement Adobe as the BES portal solution, there will be a significant impact to the project budget. The ASI has stated that if the portal platform is not decided soon there will be schedule impacts as they need to staff for the appropriate solution. ASI has also stated they may be developing a solution in Lifelay until a CR is executed to move to Adobe.	Continue discussions with the ASI and DHS to understand if and how the project will pursue alternative methods to integrate the 2 portals in order to simplify and enhance the customer portal experience.	Q1 2019	4	3	Med	Open	7/31/2020 - DHS, ASI and IVV have noted a lack of clear portal strategy and the communication around the portal strategy. For example, some stakeholders were unclear whether the portal online application for Medicaid and BESID would be combined and/or replicated in both portals or if they would remain separate. It appears the MDP portal rewrite will include an online application for MCO services, not BESID services. The BES portal is likely to include a combined (MCO/BESID) online application. There appears to be some lack of clarity around the long-term portal strategy for both MCO and BESID. 06/30/2020 - DHS is no longer planning to create a unified portal for a required reduction in scope as part of the BES Optimization. DHS is close to awarding a contract to migrate the KOLA portal from Lifelay to Adobe, while the BES Portal will be implemented separately by the ASI in Lifelay. The ASI still plans to develop the combined application and has stated that the integration effort will be more complex under BES Optimization than it was in the original scope of work. 02/27/2020 - DHS has stated their intention to create a unified template portal for both MCO and BES. DHS is still in discussions with the ASI on whether implementing the BES portal in a unified Adobe-based platform is within their scope of work. Customer benefits (Obama health) of a unified portal could be compromised if the ASI implements a separate BES portal. 04/29/2020 - Progress for the KOLA Portal Modernization RFP was due 04/12/20. DHS is currently evaluating the proposal. 03/26/20 - DHS reported the KOLA Portal RFP was released this month. IVV is not clear regarding the new forward plan for the BES Portal requirement and will follow-up in April. 02/27/20 - The ASI has resubmitted JAD sessions for the BES portal design as of 2/12/20. IVV is not aware if the KOLA Portal RFP has been released. IVV will continue to monitor this and will provide an update in March. 02/12/2020 - IVV validated the DHS KOLA Portal RFP had not been released as of the end of January. IVV also confirmed that the BES Portal is still planned as a component of the ASI scope of work. IVV will continue to monitor this and will provide an update in February. 12/13/2018 - IVV has no update on the status of the DHS Portal RFP for the December Reporting period; however, understands that DHS is targeting the first of January to release the RFP. IVV will continue to monitor this activity in January 2020. IVV maintains this is a medium-criticality risk to the project as of the December reporting period. 11/27/2018 - IVV has no update on the status 7/31/2020 - The ASI is behind schedule on some of the Solution Optimization (e.g. BES Project Schedule, R 1.3 (e.g. testing documents), R 2.2 (e.g. Requirement Validation) and R 3.3 (e.g. risk-off) and R 4 (e.g. Workflow Requirements Validation) deliverables and work products. The ASI reports these delayed tasks have not impacted the critical path as defined by the MS-Project Tool. IVV maintains this issue as a high-priority since the project schedule is not approved by DHS, the schedule dates to be updated with new target completion dates, and the late tasks span multiple releases. 06/30/2020 - The ASI is behind schedule on Solution Optimization tasks and activities but maintains that critical path has been affected. IVV notes that several BES deliverables being updated by the BES Optimization have not yet been delivered by the ASI and/or approved by DHS, which is currently delaying BES test-run efforts. As such, IVV has increased the rating of this finding to High in June. IVV will monitor all tasks, activities and deliverables comprising R 1.3 during the next reporting period and will provide an update in the next report. 5/13/2020 - On 5/13/2020, the ASI retired the interim project schedule and published the BES Project Schedule, which will be updated on a weekly basis. Based on IVV's review of the project schedule, data related providing updated planning information (e.g. Communication Plan, BES DDI Plan, BES DDI Functional and System Design DDI) to DHS has been missed. While the ASI is tracking several outstanding items to update the schedule, there is not an DHS-ADO agreed upon process to baseline the schedule, which needs to occur. IVV will monitor closely and provide an update in the next report. 4/30/2020 - The ASI continued to provide weekly updates to the interim project schedule. The target dates for several deliverables were postponed this month to address a quality issue flagged by DHS. The ASI acted by completing a root cause analysis and root-cause process changes to improve the quality and potentially reduce or minimize the risk of deliverable delays in the future. The ASI reported in the 4/29/2020 status meeting that the impact of those delays will be mitigated or adjusted as the BES Project Schedule is further defined. The ASI published a draft BES Project Schedule, reviewed with DHS and IVV and is planning to present the BES Project Schedule to DHS for approval on May 15, 2020. 03/31/2020 - The ASI and DHS continued to work on the BES Optimization contract amendment. Once agreed upon, the ASI is planning to publish an updated schedule. To manage the
2	Late delivery of project deliverables may result in schedule delays.	none	Hiding - Issue	11/28/2018	Project Management	Based upon the project schedule dated 11/26/18 (refer to schedule for specifics), several due dates for project deliverables have been missed. As of the date of this report, these deliverables include the Project Management Plan (PMP), which is the formal document that is used to manage the execution of the project. In some instances, this risk may be compounded by a backlog of Deliverable Expectation Documents (DED) requiring approval and acceptance from the State.	Without a PMP that depicts all Project Management processes, the Project can suffer unapproved consequences to scope, schedule, cost, and quality parameters. Without a schedule that provides the required level of detail to manage the work, the project is at risk to be unapproved.	6/30/2020 Recommendations: - Prior to acceptance of the new baseline, Enable the needed updates to the project schedule to address the outstanding items/issues identified by DHS, the ASI, and IVV. - Establish the process for DHS and the ASI to mutually agree to the revised project schedule baseline. - Establish the process for on-going schedule management and weekly updates, utilizing the Schedule Management Plan of the Project Management Plan (PMP). 5/13/2020 - Provide the updates to the project schedule to address the outstanding items/issues identified by DHS and IVV. 5/13/2020 - Establish the process for DHS and the ASI to mutually agree to the revised project schedule baseline. 3/23/2020 - Add all tasks that have been performed or planned to be performed in the interim schedule. Closed 3/26/2020 - Effective 5/13/2020 the ASI is no longer maintaining the interim schedule. IVV recommends that the ASI complete the Project Management Plan deliverable, work with DHS and IVV for review and edit it as needed, and obtain approval of the PMP. This will help ensure that all processes within the project management entity are thoughtfully and collaboratively developed and implemented to meet the needs of the project. Review and update the project schedule to capture and discuss the late deliverable and tasks and deliver them; review needed mitigation actions along with identification and agreement with DHS on OOI to resolve the late activities and tasks. Updated Recommendation 10/29/2019 - Continue to manage and track the schedule to ensure deliverables are produced as planned. - Review the schedule critical path in the weekly schedule review meeting. - Continue to meet weekly with DHS to carry over new schedule change, schedule, and document the corrective actions that will be taken to address schedule delays and obstacle resolution. - Determine if the stopped work ITDS will impact the schedule, and update accordingly. - Determine if the stopped work ITDS will impact the schedule, and update accordingly. - Analyze the project schedule activities to identify any opportunities to make up time resulting from the current delayed activities. - Develop a process for determining what functionality will be delivered as part of an iteration, determine how many iterations there will be, and update the schedule accordingly.	TBD	4	5	High	Open	8/4/2020 - Paul Oliver and Rob Plummer - status update is accurate - no concerns expressed by the ASI. Rob indicated the R 1.4 Workflow activities are currently being updated. 8/3/2020 - Paul Oliver - The interim schedule was not intended to capture every task/activity. It was meant to capture the major/high level tasks to manage the project short term. The ASI team is focused on the long-term schedule aligned to the BES Optimization. The interim schedule is being used and reviewed weekly in the Unitary team meeting. The interim schedule will be used for approximately 1 month, targeting the end of April for the BES Optimization Schedule. 10/12/19 SB - The ASI is working in close collaboration with DHS on the schedule and are awaiting options to the project schedule and content and would be able to IV and IV reflect DHS's current state. As assessed earlier, the ASI and DHS are assessing options to simplify the schedule and work item tracking process. 09/12/19 SB - The ASI meets weekly with DHS to review the schedule in detail and will continue to do so. As assessed earlier, the ASI and DHS are assessing options to simplify the schedule and work item tracking process. 02/12/20 - The ASI and client are holding daily stand-up meetings to review progress made that day, any issues identified and the plan for the following day. These meetings typically review the schedule and review opportunities for pull-in. The ASI and client are also holding weekly status meeting with the entire team to review progress, issues, and activities coming up the following week with the objective of collaboration and joint ownership of the projects progress and schedule improvement. 3/13/18 Bill Thornton, Unitary Specific to the PMP, the DED was approved by DHS on 1/17/2019 and the deliverable submitted on 1/23/2019. Specific to the project schedule, the DED was approved by DHS on 1/23/2019 and the deliverable is planned for submission the week of 3/18/2019. 2/6/18, Bill Thornton, Unitary - Executive Summary Risk Feedback - The project schedule has been baselined but is needed. To be baselined based on the approval dates of the DED's. Deliverable delay - as deliverables are not approved - to be started until the DED is approved. Approved items to be included in the schedule for the next iteration.