

data prior to conversion, and testing the validity and accuracy of the data once it was on the new system.

OTFM Director, Donna Erwin, whose office spearheaded the conversion effort is very satisfied with TFAS, "The utilization of this commercial trust system provides state-of-the-market software, and enables the government to participate with other private sector trust companies in future enhancements and products of the system."

Eventually, the functions of TFAS will be interfaced with an asset management system currently under development. BIA's Trust Asset and Accounting Management System (TAAMS) will be responsible for tracking the land title, lease, billing and accounts receivable information for improved asset management. The interface of TFAS and TAAMS will complete the information circle on account and asset management to tribes and IIM beneficiaries.

The conversion of the trust fund accounts to TFAS is one of eleven separate projects described in the revised (February 29, 2000) High Level Implementation Plan, the Department's framework to implement comprehensive trust reform.

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