Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) Mass Update Process for Continuous Learning, Pay Pool, and Demo Date

As part of the AT&L Statement of Work (SOW), there are six new mass update processes for AT&L that were implemented in Patch 52.16 on 18 Apr 04. This document provides instruction on three of the six new mass update processes. The remaining three processes have not been completely tested, are not ready to use. Users are cautioned not to use them until further information and instructions are released to the field

The following instructions should be followed and applied to properly manage and execute the mass update process. While routine AT&L business rules are embedded with the mass update process, the user is cautioned that it is possible to unintentionally update an employee or position record with sensitive acquisition program information that might not apply to that record by using the wrong person or wrong position data.

Creating File for Upload

The first step in mass updates is to create an upload file. It is recommended that users build it as a spreadsheet and save it as a comma delimited (.csv) file. Users can also create files in Notepad (txt); however, the samples provided below are for spreadsheets. The following outlines the file build:

The file layout for each of the six mass update processes is outlined below. The first file layout is for the mass update to Position or Employee Data. This allows the mass update of either employee data or position data in the same mass file update.

Acquisition Mass Update Structure

Continuous Learning, Pay Pool, Demo Date

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2	3	Continuous Learning	People/Enter and Maintain	ACQ Continuous
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3	4	Continuous Learning	People/Enter and Maintain	ACQ Continuous
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4		File Source POC –		
		Name, Telephone		
		Number, e-mail		

ACQ Continuous Learning

Pay Pool Identifier for ACQ Demo Participants

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3	6	Pay Pool Identifier	Work Structure/Position /Extra Position Information	Demo Project Information

Note: Position is valid after mass update.

Demo Date Information

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2	11	Social Security		
3	1	Demo Location Code*	People/Enter and Maintain /Special Information	Demo Date Information
4	11	Date Entered Demo	People/Enter and Maintain /Special Information	Demo Date Information

Note 1: Position remains valid after mass update. Note 2: *Item Nr 3 is listed as "Demo Location Code" and in DCPDS it is listed as "Demo Type".

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Optionally, after saving the file you can view it using Notepad. Saving the spreadsheet as a comma delimited file and opening the file in Notepad will allow the user to see the structure. Any record changes can be made either through Notepad or the spreadsheet and saved for later file update. User can open Notepad as follows:



Right click, select 'Open With'

Select 'Notepad'.



ENTERING MASS UPDATE INTO DCPDS

Next you must sign into DCPDS using the **CIVDOD Demo Process Administrator** responsibility and then into Mass AT&L Update. A picture of that screen is outlined below.



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Click on the Mass AT&L Update to view the request page as shown below.

Mass AT&L Name – provide a unique name for each update.

Mass Process Type – click on the List of Value table to select one of the six AT&L mass processes.

Input File Name – Click the Browse button to find the appropriate ASCII file (either a .csv or .txt file) that is to be loaded that matches the Mass Process Type.

File Source POC – Type name and DSN phone number of the person providing the source file. Process Date – Select a current date or a date in the future in which the mass file needs to be processed. Once you have identified the Mass Process Type, selected the input file, and the process date, press the Load ASCII File button. This will result in the following screen display.

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Acquisition Data Mass Update Warning List (printable)

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