



U.S. General Services Administration

# DLA/NASASP/GSA Quarterly Call

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Office of Personal Property Management

# PPMS Updates

- PPMS is live!
- We are aggressively working to identify and remedy systems issues – thank you for your patience!
- PPMS Resources:
  - User Guides
    - State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP) User Guide
  - Training Presentations
  - On-demand training videos
  - Local Area Property Officers & PPMS Champions

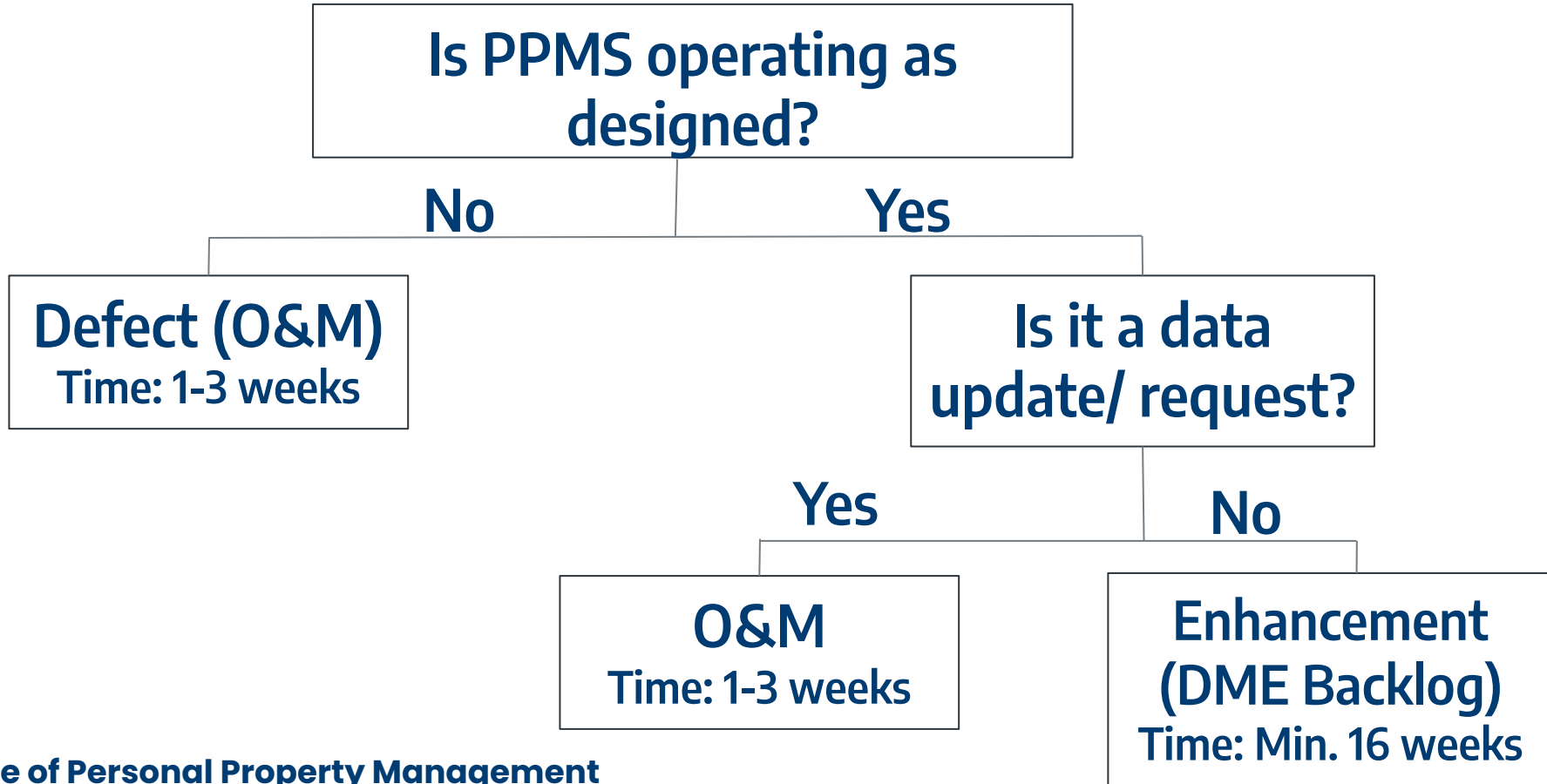
# What to Expect

- Every new system will have issues
- Now that we've developed the base system, we will spend the next several months/years:
  - Correcting system defects
  - Implementing enhancements
- **Please be patient**, as this is a long process. GSAXcess was originally launched as an MVP system with system enhancements added over time (10+ years.)

# What PPMS Is

- A **minimum viable product**, or MVP
  - The **bare minimum** product we need to do our jobs
  - Not highly customized (e.g., no custom TCNs)
- Benefits: Newer system with many improved features (e.g., photo editing and rich-text descriptions)
- Drawbacks: Some lost functionality that was built into GSAXcess over the 20+ years the system was online.

# How PPMS Requests Work



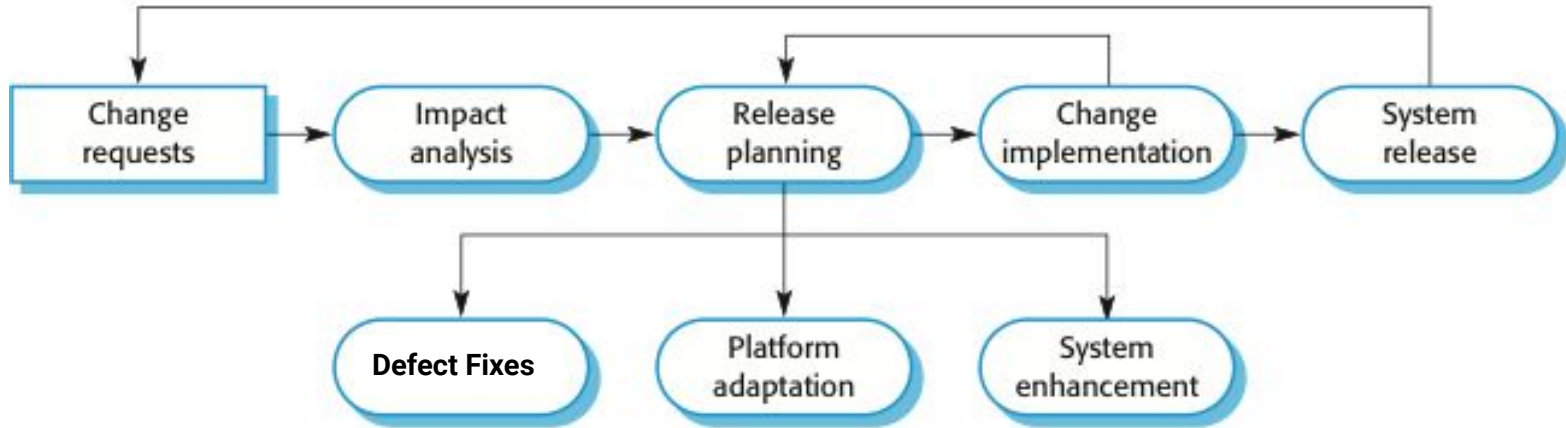
# PPMS Request Examples

Requested Feature	Defect	Enhancement
Search function not operating for SASP users	X	
Search should save		X
Update location search to include a radius search (by city/ state/ zip)		X
Add TCN to advanced filters in Search		X
Unable to add to cart	X	
Photo upload issues: (1) Receiving errors that photo files cannot be upload, (2) Photo files as images in "In Progress" status for extended periods of time.	X	
Ability to filter Property Requests so that the user can see the newest ones at the top.		X

# PPMS Development Updates

- All updates (including defects and enhancements) are handled by the same group, so:
  - We have to **prioritize all updates** by level of severity, impact, etc.
  - **Balance the activities** among all 3 of our systems (PPMS, CFL, and Sales)
- We are implementing fixes as quickly as possible.

# PPMS Development Updates



Implementing **changes requests** (e.g., defect fixes and enhancements) is a multi-step process that includes development, testing, implementation and more.



# Why does the DME Backlog Take SO long?

- GSAXcess had no major enhancements for the last 5 years
- “Releases” are typically:
  - 6 sprints (or 12 weeks) of development
    - Shared between U&D, CFL, and Sales
    - Includes security requirements and other “behind the scenes” updates
  - 1-3 sprints (or 2-6 weeks) of testing
    - Additional testing is also done concurrent with the next sprint development
    - Minimizes issues with production release

# Completed: Release #1 Updates

The following improvements were completed **before** **PPMS launch** based on anticipated year end requirements/ UAT feedback and will be released at the end of October:

- Check all/ uncheck all category search
- TCN search in history
- Annual user recertification requirements:
  - Download user list
  - Upload documentation to user profile
- Reporting tool for end of year reporting requirements

# In Progress: DLA/ DCMA Updates



The following have been completed **since PPMS launch** and will be released late September/early October:

- DCMA specific SF 122/123s with Plant Clearance information required for DCMA pickups
- Critical system fixes that are currently impacting ALL property reporting and sales (other lower priority fixes are being handled separately)

# Planned: Release #2 Updates

The following are **tentatively** planned for the second release (date TBD, likely Feb-Apr):

- Pushed Release #1 items (to accommodate DLA/ DCMA release):
  - Back button saving search
  - Radius search (to enable searching by DLA or other Federal site)
- Additional DLA/ DCMA Requests/Fixes:
  - DLA/ DCMA Quantity/ SRD updates
  - DRMO grouping for TCNs
  - Additional batch/ webservice changes as needed

# Temporary Updates: DLA/ DCMA



- DLA/ DCMA SRD/ Qty Changes + Denials
  - How to tell if this applies to your denials: the denial reason will say “agency requested change/ deletion via batch/ws”
  - What you need to do: If it says “change,” check if the property is still available
- Specialty FSCs and DLA reporting
  - How to tell if this applies to your ICNs: the item description will be modified
  - What you need to do: contact the site for more information

# Reminders



How to request:

- Exchange/Sale property in PPMS
- A new FEMA disaster code be added
- DCMA plant clearance information
- Custodian change (for SASP-reported property going to GSA Sales)

# Exchange/ Sale Property in PPMS

- DO NOT check out the property
- Follow the SAME procedure that you did in GSAXcess
- Fixed price sales POCs can be found at the GSA Zonal Sales Office site

# Adding a new FEMA Disaster

- Email [ppms@gsa.gov](mailto:ppms@gsa.gov)
  - Indicate “Disaster” in the subject line
  - Include the FEMA code for the disaster
- Turnaround time: same day (usually)



# DCMA Plant Clearance Information



- Email [ppms@gsa.gov](mailto:ppms@gsa.gov)
  - Include the TCN(s) that you will need the information for
- Turnaround time: 1 business day

# GSA Sales + Property Custodians

- **Only** the listed property custodian (PC) can approve sales via auction review
- If you need to make a change (eg, your PC is on vacation), email the GSA Sales POC/ SCO listed on the data sheet (or your notification email)
- Turnaround time: 1 business day\*

\*If they do not respond, you can elevate to the zonal sales manager.

# SASP Questions

# Why can't we see requested property by location?



- This is on our enhancements list!
- Radius search (to enable searching by DLA or other Federal site) is tentatively planned for the second release (date TBD, likely Feb-Apr of 2024)

# Can you explain the new TO numbers?



- The TCNs have changed in the new system (and SASPs are no longer able to edit any part of the TCN). The new format is as follows:
  - Alpha state code (NE)
  - 2-digit fiscal year (23 for this year; will update to 24 on 10/1/23)
  - 6 digits randomly generated (since the numbers are randomly generated, the TCNs will no longer be in sequential numerical order)
- Why was this change made?
  - There were issues with duplicate TCNs in the legacy system; this change will eliminate the occurrence of duplicate TCNs
  - The system is an MVP system, and having custom TCN control for the SASPs was deemed non MVP (MVP stands for Minimum Viable Product).

# Why are we getting so many DLA TOs?



- TCNs are grouped based on several criteria. The items on the TCN must have the same:
  - Listing AAC
  - Surplus Release date
  - Zip code
  - Priority (if selected)
  - Speciality FSCs are separated from the other FSCs (such as aircraft, vessels, weapons, or animals)
- In the past, DLA has been grouped by DRMO location versus listing AAC. We are working on an enhancement for this for sometime next year.

# Why do we have to see all of the old TCNs?



- Allowing visibility of all TCNS makes it easier for SASPs to easily find historical TCNs
- The oldest first is a known issue; we have added the ability to sort TCNs to our enhancement list.

**Thank you for your  
support and patience.**

**-GSA Office of Personal  
Property Management**