



FI\$Cal

Financial Information System for California

- The Financial Information System for California, also known as FI\$Cal, is a business transformation project for state government in the areas of budgeting, accounting, procurement, and cash management.
- The state agency implementing the project is working collaboratively with state departments and agencies to develop, implement, utilize, and maintain an integrated financial management system.
- The FI\$Cal system will replace the California State Accounting & Reporting System (CALSTARS).

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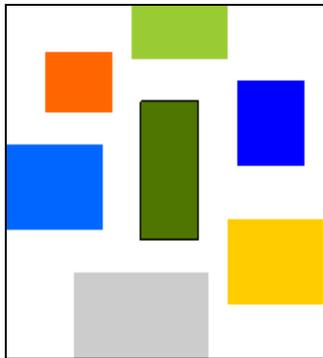


Technology Landscape within the State

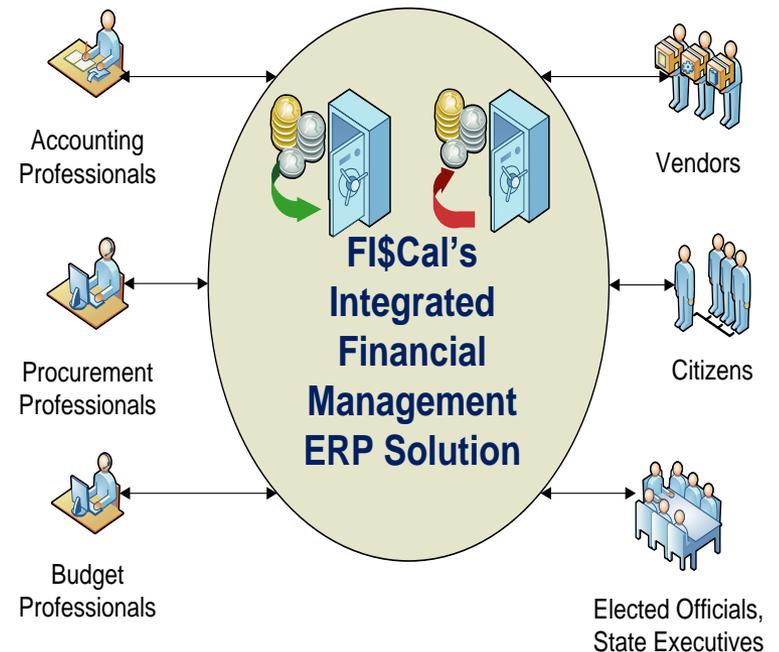
Before FI\$Cal:

The State manages Financial Management Systems that:

- Use **outdated** technologies that are costly to maintain
- **Lack functionality**
- Are **not integrated**
- Do **not** operate under Statewide standardized processes

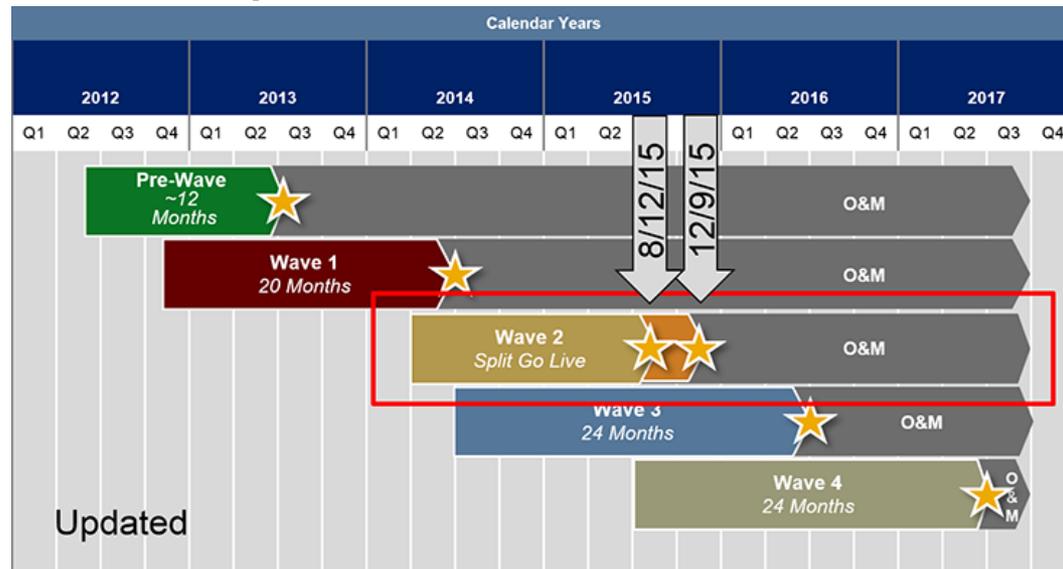


After FI\$Cal Implementation:



FI\$Cal Implementation at DTSC

- DTSC is part of Wave 2 of the transition and began closely working with FI\$Cal project leaders on implementation in the second quarter of 2014.
- Successful implementation in 2015 of budgeting and procurement systems.



Billing

- DTSC issues 1,100 bills to responsible parties quarterly.
- DTSC has unique and complex accounting and billing needs because the system must track multiple sites with multiple responsible parties.
- FI\$Cal is unable to meet DTSC's unique cost recovery billing needs, and so DTSC will continue to use its legacy system with data from FI\$Cal to generate bills.
- DTSC is moving ahead with a new cost recovery billing system within the state's IT approval process.



Challenges

DTSC is able to meet our payment obligations but has experienced some challenges with issuing bills. Some of the challenges include:

- Payroll data from the State Controller's Office has not reconciled with data from the FI\$Cal accounting log.
- The cost allocation process, which assigns costs to program activities, has not operated properly.
- General data configuration, debugging, and troubleshooting is an iterative process and inherent with any major information technology project.



Current Status

- DTSC is in production on federal grant billing and has been successful with issuing a few of its bills.
- DTSC and FI\$CAL are identifying, prioritizing, and solving the billing issues, and staff and management are meeting daily.
- Executive management at DTSC and FI\$CAL are meeting weekly to ensure the project stays on track and issues are timely resolved.

