

**Bowling Green State University**  
**BG@100 Information Item**  
**ESC Submission: May 19, 2008**

**Identification Information:**

<i>Reference Number</i>	CSS-0006
<i>Functional Area</i>	Financial Aid
<i>Title</i>	State Aid and FA Reporting for HEI

**Background Information:**

The BGSU Student Financial Aid (SFA) Office is required to interact with a variety of state organizations that provide aid to our students. This interaction is made up of a series of both automated and manual processing. The majority of these agencies are Ohio based but they also work with other states on a regular basis including Pennsylvania, Vermont, and the District of Columbia.

The student roster data for these programs are received by SFA in a variety of formats, entered and processed onto the SAM system to build the student awards, and finally the disbursement data extracted out of SAM and sent back to those agencies for verification of the actual dollar amounts applied. Some State of Ohio programs such as the Ohio College Opportunity Grant and Ohio Academic Scholarship have a significant volume of activity and are handled by automated processes. These programs are administered by the Ohio Board of Regents within their Higher Education Information (HEI) system and have requirements for automated reporting.

The PeopleSoft CSS product does not include a state aid module. User schools create a variety of solutions to fill this gap, from customizing delivered fields to developing bolt-on solutions. Based on the information gathered during our fit-gap sessions, a bolt-on solution is recommended to accommodate for not only the current state aid programs but the anticipated new state aid programs that SFA must implement in the next few years as well.

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A bolt-on solution will be developed to provide SFA various capabilities to receive and process State agency data. Data tables will be defined and created to store information received on the applicant rosters. Both incremental and cumulative record storage is required to meet the different state program data file requirements. These fields will then be available to other processes such as packaging for awarding purposes via equations. And finally, the required disbursement reports will be initiated from the bolt-on as well as other SFA related HEI reports.

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Creating a bolt-on process will allow for the best solution for this mandated processing. It will provide SFA with the necessary structure to store and manage student roster information and allow them to do all required processing and reporting from a single entry point inside CSS.