

Department of Energy PARS User Training PARS with Encore Analytics - Empower

## The Department of Energy's Project Reporting and Assessment System (PARS)

PARS Overview, Module 1 PARS User Basic Training

Welcome to the first of six sessions which comprise an introduction to the Department of Energy's Project Reporting and Assessment System. This system is the Department's project management information system, a recognized best practice by Project Management Institute. Each session is approximately 50 minutes in length. Following this course, there is an advanced course which provides the user with project-based scenarios to highlight ways to use this system for performance analysis and forecasting based on contractor project performance data uploads from their Earned Value Management System. This system is designed for users which include the contractor managing the project, the federal project director, the DOE program oversight, and DOE headquarters independent project analysis. The analysis and reporting capabilities of PARS provide decisions makers at all levels with tools to best manage these projects over their lifecycle as well as a repository for data and documents for projects reporting to PARS in accordance with DOE Orders.



This first session will focus on the first three training objectives and the user gaining an understanding of PARS and how it is organized. When you complete all six sessions of the PARS user basic course, you will earn 6 CEUs. Any session may be repeated as a refresher as needed in the future. There will be questions throughout the training and the user will need to achieve a passing score being 70% or better to successfully complete this course.

There is an advanced course which targets Synthesis and Evaluation on Blooms Taxonomy by using PARS to evaluate and forecast project status as well as where the key issues are that hinder or help the project success. This course is a pre-requisite for this advanced course along with the EVMS 24X7 course. (TBD – is there an updated name for EVMS course?)

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#### MW2 Need to identify how contractors will get credit? Matthew West, 7/1/2020

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### **PARS** Overview

- All projects with a TPC greater than \$50M
   There are multiple parts to PARS, each of are required to report progress and provide documentation in the Project Assessment and Reporting System (PARS) at Critical Decision (CD)-0 and thereafter, in accord with Appendix C. After CD-2 is approved for projects with a TPC greater than \$50M, earned value reporting shall apply. (DOE Order 413.3B 06-21-2023 -Admin Change 7)
- PARS implemented in 2010 based on a 2008 root cause analysis and corrective action plan to improve project and program management
- Empower added to PARS in 2018

- which will be explored in more detail throughout this course
  - Overview and assessment (OA) tool
  - Federal project director toolbox
  - Data Upload tool
  - Empower
  - Document Management System (DMS)
  - IP2M METRR
  - DIQ
  - Reports & tools
  - Support

Reporting to PARS is required for all capital asset projects at the Department of Energy over a specific threshold as set in DOE Order 413.3B, Program and Project Management for the Acquisition of Capital Assets. The current threshold which requires a project to report to PARS are projects with an estimated total project cost (TPC) of \$50 million or more. DOE Programs, such as NNSA, EM, SC, and others may also place projects with and estimated TPC less than \$50 million into PARS for oversight and analysis.

In 1999, the first of several studies into why DOE projects did not finish on budget, on time and/or with the scope baselined and documented. In 2008, the Department conducted a root cause analysis of project management failure. A 2010 corrective action plan included implementing a project management information system at the department level to provide insight and forecasting for leadership at all levels to both support early identification of projects not meeting their baseline and to support decisions earlier in the lifecycle to help these projects either improve or allow leadership to cancel the project, change the scope, schedule, or cost, or accept a baseline change.

From 2010 to present, PARS includes multiple parts and tools to support the user. These tools have been updated over the years to improve the tools or meet emerging security requirements. The most recent change was in 2019, removing the BIRST business intelligence tool for analysis and reporting and adding in a commercial tool to analyze and report on Earned Value Management data called Encore Analytics Empower.

As mentioned, PARS is several components and tools to support a user. Each of these are listed above and will be looked at in more detail as we move through this course.

### A Project Management Information System

 Project Management Institute identifies in the Project Management Book of Knowledge 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (ANSI/PMI 99-001-2021) that a Project Measurement Domain to provide timely and accurate information is required. "The value of measurements is not in the collection and dissemination of the data, but rather in the conversations about how to use the data to take appropriate action."

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- AACEi in Skills and Knowledge of Cost Estimating, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed also supports that an organization "...needs to measure project performance for a quality program..."
- This Departmental Project Management Information System (PMIS) meets the requirement of the corrective action plan in 2010 and is based on multiple recommended best practices

PARS is the Department's PMIS. It is a recognized best practice for project management by Project Management Institute and others such as AACEi. It is a Department requirement in DOE Order 413.3B for capital asset projects above a specific threshold and recommended as a tool used to manage project, not just report to the federal government to meet a contract requirement.



Whether a federal employee or a contractor, you must request an account to access PARS. You do not need one for this course, but if you have one, it is helpful to use what you have learned and go into the system to find each part of PARS.

Federal employees at the Department of Energy have the employee self service portal set up when they join the Department and only need to request a PARS account following the instructions in the "How to get a PARS Account document.. This document is located in the Departments PM-MAX site at the following URL. If you do not have a PM-MAX account, please request from pars\_support@hq.doe.gov. We have also provided this document in this training course (ATTACHED AS PDF AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLIDE)

Contractors or employees of other federal agencies must be sponsored in the DOE Management Information System, which validates a need to access DOE headquarters systems. This, as well as accessing the ESS tool, must be done from a computer on the DOE domain. After you obtain your PARS account, you can access PARS from any computer with internet access. If you have an HSPD-12 PIV card, you will be able to register it to access PARS.



The URL located on this page, will get you to the PARS home page. Even if you do not have an account on PARS, you can copy this URL and put it into your browser and save it as a favorite. URL is https://pars.doe.gov.



Before diving into the project assessment and reporting system or PARS, lets define what PARS is and is not. The tools and activities depicted in the shaded triangle, which include a contractors cost and schedule tool, documents generated by contractors and federal users, support requests, and federal assessment narratives are outside of the PARS boundary. In addition, the PARS extractor, provided as a tool to contractors to take data from Deltek Cobra and Oracle Primavera P6 data files is also outside of the PARS boundary, as it is used to help contractors prepare data files for upload to PARS.

PARS is a grouping of applications in a Microsoft Azure environment. There is as document management system utilizing Azure blob and one primary database.

A contractor upload data to PARS monthly either using JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) or the legacy comma separate value (CSV) format, both of which are described in the Contractor Project Performance (CPP) Upload Document. This document is available in the PARS support area at https://json.pars.doe.gov/

The primary analytical and reporting tool is a commercial product from Encore Analytics, called Empower. We will spend a good deal of time reviewing the basics of Empower in future sessions. In addition to Empower, there are reports build by DOE using a SQL reporting tool which have basic performance information and all the data from the

overview and assessment side of PARS.

There are also some staging databases and other applications to support security and administration of processes within PARS.

One key point to take away is that only the contractor data reported in the CPP upload goes to Empower. This means the performance management baseline and management reserve are represented in Empower. To also include the federal contingency (dollars and time), other direct costs, and fee, which help make up the performance baseline, these values are presented in the SQL reports. Analysis of both the SQL reports and Empower are needed to get a full picture of the project for that reporting period.

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We will now look at the PARS pages within the Azure environment. First, we will at the Project page. This is selected by clicking on the PROJECTS link in the PARS menu row near the top of the screen. On this page you will see the projects that you have access to, which may only be one or several hundred. If you are at the job site, such as a contractor or federal project director (FPD) then likely you will have a short list of projects. At the DOE program level, you will see all of the projects within your Program. This is generally over 100 for the larger programs like NNSA, Environmental Management, and Science. Programs with less capital asset projects will have only a few. At the DOE headquarters level, you will have access to all project, which as of January 2024, was over 500 projects. There are also a few folks from each program that have access to all to support benchmarking work within a program.

One this screen there is the ability to select all projects, those which are active, on hold, information technology, cancelled and completed increment, other and program. Generally you are selecting "Active". These are projects meet the threshold for reporting to PARS in accordance with DOE Order 413.3B and are between Critical Decision (CD) 0, Mission Need and CD 4 – Project Completion. The project lifecycle at DOE include phase gates from CD-0 to CD-4 as described in DOE Order 413.3B. This order is in PM MAX at the following URL. The category of "Parent" refers to a project with one or more child projects. This is similar in a sense of a program as defined by Project Management Institute not to be

confused with a DOE program such as the Office of Science.

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"Information Technology" projects are those managed to DOE Order 415 rather than Order 413 and is used by DOE programs which choose to do so. The category of Cancelled / Complete provide information on projects which are no longer active, as they were cancelled by the department or they are complete or past CD-4. This includes projects which have past CD-4, but are still in the process of closeout, which can take six months or longer to complete.

Each project has a PARS ID, assigned by the PARS team when the project is loaded. This is unique to each project. The screen also displays other key information to include the DOE program, the Project Name, the DOE Project Number which is the number used by the financial offices at DOE to denote a project and is assigned when the first request for funding is sent forward to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress. This can be some time after the project has CD-0 and is entered into PARS. Also listed are the Headquarters (PM) analyst, the Federal Project Director (FPD) and if the contractor is uploading project performance data. If so, the red circle under Empower exists. Each project has a Reports folder as well with three reports we will discuss in a future session.

If you have many projects, you can filter using the box stating "Search for a Project". You can enter in a PARS ID, Program, Project Acronym or other to help you get to the project you want to enter. You can select the Project Name as a link to go further into the project <del>or</del> select the Empower red circle to go straight to the Empower application for this project and the same for the Reports icon if you want to go straight to the Reports folder for this project.



Coming to PARS is a nomenclature to track projects better and deal with the larger number of options that are coming to PARS based on program needs.



By selecting the Project Name, Sample Preparation Laboratory (SPL) in this example, you will go into the overview and assessment section of PARS. The first view which comes up by default is the Project Overview seen here. There is basic information on the project to include current assessments (Green, Yellow, Red), key contacts, which critical decision it has approval for, if there are approved baseline change proposals, estimated total cost, and date for project completion (CD-4) and others. There is a bar for project milestones, which if used (CHECK)...

One the left side of the screen, there are three other tools. First is a menu to go into the OA Overview, the FPD Toolbox and the CPP Upload site. Depending on your role you will see some or all of these. For instance a FPD does not see the CPP Upload link and the Contractor does not see the FPD Toolbox link.

Below these links are three icons, one to Project Documents, one to Empower, if the Project is uploading CPP data, and one to Project Reports. The Project Documents link takes the user to DMS or Document Management Section of PARS for this project and once there, there is "Return to Project" link to get back to this page. The Empower and Project Reports links take you to Empower for this project or the reports folder for this project. Empower opens as a separate window over the top of this page. Below the Project Reports link is a Project(s) Shortcut where you can enter a different PARS ID or Acronym as well as a list of projects to which you have access to help you move to another project with returning to the main Projects Page.

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The OA (overview and assessment) overview page has four bars you can expand into. The first is the project attributes bar. This provides basic information on the project to include attributes seen in the picture, definers, key dates, assigned contacts, and those who have been unassigned from the project. All users can change these, but each change is reviewed and if there is not a supporting document in the DMS section, the Office of Project Management will contact the project to either get the supporting document or to change it back. An example is a change of FPD. The new FPD is assigned and the old FPD is unassigned. Their needs to be a document which is traceable in document management section (DMS) to support this change. The intent is that all information is auditable. All can make changes, as it is the intent to keep the records in PARS up to date at all times.

As key dates change, this is the location to make these changes. The dates in the next Project Records area – Key Dates does not change once added to the record.



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The Critical Decisions area tracks basic information and notes from the CD approval documents placed in the DMS. Once added, these are not changed as they are the approved status at the time signed. Baseline Change Proposals which are approved are also recorded here, when there is a change to the performance baseline as approved by the project management executive. This is not where routing baseline change requests within the contractor budget base are recorded. Basically, if you are making an adjustment to the performance baseline to cost, which includes federal contingency, scope or schedule, after it is approved with a new performance baseline, it is recorded here.

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Key Performance Parameters along with scope are used to measure a project success. At CD-2, Approve Performance Baseline, and at CD-4, Project Complete, these parameters and the scope are reviewed to make sure there is agreement that the project delivered the scope and key performance parameters within 110% of the cost set at CD-2 to determine if the project is a success or failure. This metric is shared with the Government Accountability Office and others as a measure of the Department's success on capital asset projects. The target is to be 90% or better on a three-year rolling average. There is a guide on how to establish KPPs at (URL). TBD – enter URL

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In the Monitoring section in PARS, the Assessments area provides access to the assessment for the FPD, DOE Program and the DOE headquarters analysts to state what they believe the estimated total project cost and CD-4 date are as well as free text narrative to document their current understanding of the project for that month. These are recorded each month and saved in PARS as an auditable record. PARS tools, such as Empower, SQL Reports, and, for the FPD, site walk downs provide information to assist in these narratives. We will see in the Project Reports folder where you can access these from past months as well as the current month.

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The FPD Toolbox provides the FPD or their designee a place to manage four federal components of each project. The contractor is responsible for reporting earned value management data which covers the performance measurement baseline and management reserve. The FPD manages federal contingency for both cost and schedule, fee, and other direct costs by the federal team. These are managed in four checkbook formats. When CD-2 is approved, the PARS team loads the initial deposit in each as documented by the project management executive. The FPD should list each transaction as they occur. The narrative should contain enough detail to support auditing these records as needed, which could be the record number in a change control log or a full description for the transaction.

One key item to note, in reporting, PARS maintains these transactions, but does not use them in reports until they catch up with the latest contractor reported values. For example, if the FPD provides \$2 million from contingency to the project on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the upload from the contractor this period is for status date May 25<sup>th</sup> reports will not reflect the transaction until the contractor status date upload covers July 1<sup>st</sup>. This prevents the \$2 million provided from appearing lost rather than being received by the contractor. You can still look at this toolbox and a couple of reports which are only for the toolbox and see the transaction took place, but full reporting will be in place once the contractor data matches the time period. Likewise, if on July 1<sup>st</sup> this \$2 million was transferred from contingency to cover new directed scope, the audit trail should be complete once the contractor's status date includes July  $1^{st}$ . If not, then you would need to make sure all was recorded appropriately in the EVMS.



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This format provides data on the cost side to the work package level by element of cost and by activity level in the schedule, again by element of cost. This is the retired standard for DOE contractor uploads, supporting the detail needed for contractors to self-surveil their earned value management system, as well as the federal team seeing that they are. CPP data structure will be further explored in the advanced PARS user course.

Several vendors are adding the capability to generate this format for DOE reporting. Currently Cloud EVM can and others are adding a reporting feature. DOE provides an extractor that works with Deltek Cobra and Primavera P6 to help generate files for this upload format. There are contractors who have written their own tools to generate this format. Again the format standards are in the CPP Upload document.



The JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) Format is the new CPP upload requirement and the transition to JSON is underway. PARS is able to upload JSON into test servers as of March 2024 and into production servers by July 2024. There is a CPP JSON DID available online at json.pars.doe.gov

The JSON format is structured similarly to the CSV providing data on the cost side to the work package level by element of cost and by activity level in the schedule, again by element of cost. The JSON format also supports the detail needed for contractors to self-surveil their earned value management system, as well as the federal team seeing that they are.

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In addition to uploaded contractor data, there are documents from both the contractor and the federal projects members. In PARS the document management system (DMS) hosts these records. There are three record types, project records, contractor records and the monthly reports shared with senior DOE leadership. All users can all see these documents with the only limitation being on controlled documents, to include "Official Use Only" (OUO) and Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information" (UCNI) data. These are documents which under the label of Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Each DOE program decides who can see these documents. Any one can load OUO or UCNI documents, but only those approved can see them.



### DMS: Access Request CUI

- Request CUI through your program
- HQ personnel are given CUI access by design
- HQ does not determine program level access

For anyone who needs to see these CUI documents, there is a request form. This form sends the request to the program PARS administrator for approval. Once approved, the user is able to both load and open CUI documents. For headquarters members of the DOE, this is already approved. In many cases contractors will not have access to see these CUI records as they may contain one company's proprietary information which should not be shared with another company. Those items which are UCNI also need to be provided to users with a need to know.

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	465	EM	Calcine Disposition Project	CDP	INL	Active			
	467	EM	Integrated Facility Disposition Program (IFDP)	IFDP	Oak Ridge	Active			
	538	EM	Saltstone Disposal Unit #6 (SDU6)	SDU6	SRS	Completed and Close	d		
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The Reports option. Here you have access to both project reports (4 per project) which update every hour and for those at the Program level and higher, there are reports which list all projects in a program and for headquarters DOE, there are reports with all projects in PARS. For each program there is a folder with your acronym (NA, FE, EE, NE, etc.). Also this is where program specific custom reports are found. We will go over the project reports in detail in a later session.



PARS now contains the DOE instance of IP2M METRR available for contractor and federal use enterprise-wide. Advanced session will have training on the use of IP2M METRR. Additional courses for use and facilitation are available from Arizona State University.



The support tab provides reference material. When you get your PARS account, spend some time going through what is provided here. There are many help guides, such as how to register your PIV card, how to set your password recovery questions, how to upload contractor project performance data, the JSON wiki, and much more.



# Support: User Reference

- Guidance to assist the FPD with actions for each Critical Decision and event in PARS
- Many step-by-step screenshots and checklists







Support FAQs available to assist.



When you first set up your account, you will be asked to provide a second factor such as email, PIV, or Microsoft Authenticator. That will then be used for account lockouts or password resets. No additional steps needed to be in good shape.



PARS requires two-factor authentication as it is a moderate system or one that can host controlled unclassified information. As a reminder the program PARS official determines who has the ability to open a CUI document in the DMS, but anyone can upload a CUI doc.

If you have a HSPD-12 PIV card, please follow the instructions in the PDF located under the support tab or at the link above, to register your PIV card. The certificate on the card along with your PIN provides two factor authentication. For those using a password, you will be emailed a one-time code each time you logon to meet the two-factor requirement. A PDF with additional detail is provided in the slide.

You will also have a time limit where the system will time out in accordance with NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) standards for a moderate system. When you are 5 minutes out from the time limit, you will get a pop up with a timer and an opportunity to reset the clock to stay logged on.

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DOE HQ	Can see all projects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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This table provides a list of what each user permissions are. Note that all users can access Empower, Project Reports, the DMS, and the support areas of PARS. The View All category is a special area that a few member from each program have to support benchmarking for their program to provide a larger population of projects to include. With the exception of DOE Headquarters, each user is approved by the program they represent to include which role they are listed as. Contractors and FPD for example can only see the projects they are working on.

Change Requests
<ul> <li>Option 1</li> <li>In PM-CONNECT: https://community.connect.gov/x/iYi2Uw</li> <li>All users can submit a change request</li> <li>Will look for you to do so as we roll out new capabilities <ul> <li>Recommend dashboards</li> <li>Recommend or share reports</li> <li>Recommend or share charts</li> <li>Recommend functionality.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Option 2</li> <li>Use Feedback tool within PARS to identify enhancement or bug</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Annual Empower Users Group (EUG)</li> <li>DOE will consolidate recommendations from users to recommend to Encore Analytics at the EUG</li> </ul>

Every user has the ability to submit a change request for PARS. This tool is on the PM MAX site. For problems, be specific as to the issue and your recommendation on how to address the issue. For new functionality, please be specific as to what you request and how it will benefit PARS users. Also, if you have a recommendation for Empower, provide it here and we will consolidate and provide to Encore Analytics, either at the Empower Users Group each year or sooner if it addresses a problem with the tool.

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Checks on Learning	
<ul> <li>PARS is the DOE's         <ul> <li>Project Management Information System</li> <li>Required capital assess reporting tool for projects over a specific threshold</li> <li>Required for all DOE project to report data</li> <li>A and B</li> <li>None of the above</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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Who can see CUI documents in PARS?     A. All users     B. Program Approved Users     C. HQ DOE users     D. All Federal Users	
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THESE ARE PLACED HERE AT THE END – BUT CAN BE MIXED INTO THE TRAINING AT THE APPROPRIATE SPOTS.

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F. All of the Above

#### The IPMR Format 1 to 5 are required to be uploaded by a project contractor to the DMS site in PARS each month

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Project documents are those specific to a project. This can be the PDF copy of the Integrated Program Management Reports (IPMR) Format 1 to 5 each month or any of the critical decision documents. The IPMR is generated by the contractor and the critical decision documents are signed by a federal member of DOE. Reports and documents can come from all associated with the project.

To add a document to this tool, use the + new document to select the document to upload and then complete the meta data to help it be searchable. Once done, please upload. At this point you will lose visibility of it while the upload is reviewed to ensure the correct meta date is loaded before it is released for all to see. This generally takes on business day.

If a CUI document, The green filled in circle under CUI Icon would be black

A list of which documents are required and optional is provided in the PDF file attached. and in the PARS support area as well as the DMS page. This list is a good reference for users to know which document and what reference requires them apply to a project. Please note that Contractor generated IPMR Format 1 to 5 reports are required each month.

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Similar to project records there is a location for contractor records, There is not a choice for these to be OUO or UCNI, only project records can be CUI. In this location you will find items specific to a contractor rather than a project, such as their EVMS certification letter.

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Each month, the Department produces a report and dashboard for projects. This is the location that the final version of a monthly report for all active projects is recorded. We will discuss these more in the session on SQL reporting.