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FGIS: An EPPC Journey

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FGISonline



A portfolio of interconnected business applications modernizing operations, digitizing recordkeeping and increasing traceability within the national inspection and weighing system.

Official Standards

- Factors/Methods/Tests
- Commodity
 - Grades
 - Grading Limits
 - Classing
- Rates/Fees
- Approved Equipment



Authorizations

- Organizations
 - Designations
 - Delegations
 - Cooperators
 - Official Service Points
- Equipment
 - Checktest Results



Licensing

- Licenses defined for particular commodities and functions
- Exams established to obtain particular license
- Multiple tests may be necessary to satisfy a particular exam.
- Managed Question/answer pool.
- Successful completion results in automatic addition of license to individual profile.



Service Delivery

- Inspection
- Weighing
- Certification
- Billing
- Volume Reporting



Quality Management

- System Performance
- Individual Performance
- Opinions and Referees



Distributed Platform

- FGISonline Distributed platform provides operational continuity for commodity loading operations
- Initially deployed in 2009
- FGIS has avoided dozens of outages since initial deployment without downtime.



Customer Focus

- Organizations register to obtain an FGIS customer number.
- Records made available through a variety of channels
 - Website
 - Emailed twice daily
 - Webservice
 - Elevator View
- Individual record verification



- Exploring methods to validate and authorize interested parties access to information.
- Exploring options to meet stakeholder requests for centralized result and certification access.

Modern & Secure

- Successfully upgraded to the current Microsoft technology suite in April
- Security Guidelines established by National Institute of Standards & Technology
- Independent 3rd party testing and verification
- Active Authority to Operate (ATO)





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EPPC: Elimination of Pens, Paper, and Calculators



- Automation of information and work flow, integrating instrumentation and delivery of near-real time information to applicants
- Tailoring and enhancing business processes to support traceability from request through result, bill, certificate and report
- Common patterns to support monitoring and quality control
- Streamlining processes to increase efficiencies



EPPC / MyFGIS



- At a glance, users will be presented with information targeted to their organization, role and location:
 - What I am doing today?
 - How I am currently performing?
 - What's the status of the equipment where I am working?
 - When do I review the collected information?

Benefits

- Greater customer access to information
- Reduce manual data entry & error potential
- Faster, more accurate certification
- Traceable billing line items



Commitment to Continuity

- Commodities are moving 24x7x365
- We are on-site in many locations
- Internet Access not guaranteed.
- Continuity of operations is paramount



Every Minute Matters

- Customers use our results immediately (<30 seconds) to direct grain flow
- Cargo valued in the millions of dollars
- Customer impact in the \$10k's/hour
- Outage Resistant system design will allow fully offline operation, while providing near-real time information online when connectivity is available



Why now?

Cost Avoidance



- Service Delivery errors \$112k/year
- Prefilling paper forms \$3.2 M/year
 Eliminating manual processes \$1.2 M/year
- Continue focus on improved customer service and stakeholder engagement
- Technology is available
 - Blockchain / Microservices / Cloud / Mobile

Blockchain



- Exploring future for disconnected system
 - only pending blockchain pilot at USDA in FY18
 - support integrated instrumentation data collection
- USDA Blockchain Workshop August 20, 2018
 - Secretary Purdue focused on appropriate use



Office/Organization Management



- Upgrading Customer Information Management (CIM)
- Enabling role/permission management
 - Roles: Role Manager, Service Requester, Service Request Preparer, Certificate Viewer, Bill Viewer, Inspector, Manager
- Contractual Service Agreement management
- Review license status, equipment status
- Service point request management

Service Request Cart: M/V VENTURE

Service Request Number: 157

Service Provider		ß
Customer Name:	BZ Test (35)	
Service Request Date:	10/25/2017 1:57:53 AM	
Provider Name:	FGIS - Portland Field Office (70)	
Account	FMMI	
PO:		
Contract:		

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Location:	Columbia River Elevator	
Address:	123 AnyStreet	
City:	Portland	
State, Zip, Country:	OR 11111 USA	
Notes:		

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Group 1

Product Details	
Product Description:	Yellow Com

Ship Name:	M/V Venture	
Stowage Arrangement:	Original	

Ship
2,000,000 Pounds
Export
Bulk
JAPAN

Services

Summary Inspection: Original Ø Set 1 Cusum, Cusum, 40 (2,000,000 lb) sublots, 25,000 lb, Graded 2, Option 2 Grade and Factor (per sample) Test Weight Per Bushel (54.00 lb/bu min), Sublat Moisture (%), Sublat Heat-Damaged Kernels (0.20 % max), Sublot Damaged Kernels Total (5.00 % max), Sublot, Cusum[3.00 max, 1.00 min] Broken Corn And Foreign Material (3.00 % max), Sublot Heating (N/A), Sublot Live Weevils (ct), Sublat Other Colors (%), Sublot Odor (N/A), Sublat -----





Other	CDIDIS	(%),	Sublot	

Odor (N/A), Sublat Other Live Insects (ct), Sublot

Aflatoxin RapidTest

Aflatoxin (ppb), Sublot, Qual

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Certificate previewed, confirmed by Customer after preparation and review



Traceable Inspection

- All Samples will get an identifier/QR code
- Each portion will get an identifier/QR code
- Each inspection pan will get an identifier/QR code







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Federa	Test Portion ID: ABCD9999ABCDABCD	
Grain Insp	Assigned Tests: ABCD3333ABCDABCD	
action Servi	Work Portion 95DECD34DF436DEA	
ce	Sample ID: ABCDABCDABCD9999 WHEAT	

Versioning & Reporting

- Information will be locked, logged and auditable at the point of collection.
- Information collected will be rolled up and aggregated.
- Logs, Bills, Certificates and Reports will be automatically created.
- Near-real-time result delivery



Upcoming

- Service Request
 - Targeting Beta training environment available in early FY19
 - Coordinating Production rollout for FY19
- Iterative functionality rollouts to establish workflow and add depth of service



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