

FDSS NEWSLETTER

AT A GLANCE

Completed Milestones

Project Approval Lifecycle (PAL) Process:

- PAL Stage 1: Business Analysis
COMPLETED Sept. 2021
- PAL Stage 2: Alternatives Analysis
COMPLETED Aug. 2023
- PAL Stage 3: Detailed Requirements
50% complete
- PAL Stage 4: Project Readiness & Approval

Announcements

- PAL Stage 2 was approved!
- Our name search is ongoing, we'll share some new choices soon!

Upcoming Meetings

Over the next 3 months, come hear us provide updates at the following meetings:

- CCHLME monthly
- CalREDIE Local Users Call

SINCE LAST TIME...

Thank you for checking out our 2nd issue of the FDSS Newsletter! We have made substantial progress since Issue 01 that we're excited to share. PAL Stage 2 has been fully approved, and we have released Phase 1 of the main Design, Development, and Implementation (DD&I) Procurement to the vendor community in October. Our search for a contractor to build the FDSS has begun!

Phase 2 will begin in January and over the next 6-8 months, vendors will be creating their development proposal and a demo FDSS product for the State to evaluate. At the end of this procurement period, a vendor will be selected to begin building FDSS. Check out the FAQs for more information on Phases 1 and 2.

We want to say a HUGE thank you to all of our stakeholders who took the time to read our 1000+ functional requirements and provide feedback! We read all your comments and implemented many of your suggestions. We're grateful for your knowledge and expertise. We know that your input and collaboration is helping to bring FDSS to life to support our work to protect public health in California!



STATUS UPDATES

Project Updates

- You may be wondering what happened with renaming FDSS. First, thank you all for voting. There was a clear winning name but among all the CDPH acronyms, CNDR (California Neurodegenerative Disease Registry) was already taken. We have some new options, please be on the lookout for our next voting poll, coming soon!
- The Data Assessment RFO Procurement is inching closer to its release in a selected vendor community! The contract is expected to begin in Jan. 2024.
- We hired a new team member! Meet Benjamin Basinger →



Next Steps

- Writing our next procurement: Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) is next up! Read our FAQs below for more.
- Continue our communications plan as we strive for greater visibility among stakeholders. If you'd like to have the FDSS Team speak at one of your LHJ or Program meetings, please let us know and we'd be happy to!

FAQs

• Q: Once the DD&I Procurement is released, what happens?

A: Once the Procurement is released, we will spend 6-8 months conducting the procurement with our California Department of Technology (CDT) partners. Phase 1 will open the procurement to the vendor community where any vendor can bid with their proposed solution in a written response. Phase 2 will begin with the selection of the top 3 vendor proposals to move forward and create a proof of concept demo product. At the end of the procurement period, a vendor will be chosen and begin 2 years of system development before FDSS goes live!

• Q: What are the other procurements for?

A: Design, Development, & Implementation (DD&I): Main contractor to create FDSS.

Data Assessment and Planning (DAP): Ancillary vendor to complete a data environment assessment of CalREDIE, complete data cleaning, and make a recommendation on legacy data migration.

Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V): Ancillary vendor to make sure project vendors are in compliance with scope and contracts.

Project Management: Ancillary vendor to provide project management services to make the project remains on schedule, within scope, and within budget.

Organizational Change Management and Training (OCM): Ancillary vendor to work with CDPH and LHJs to prepare users for cutover and provide training.



Greetings, I'm Benjamin Basinger (he/him/his), and I'm thrilled to be a new member of the FDSS team. I hold an MPH degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

In my free time, I enjoy traveling, staying active, playing the piano, and indulging in a wide spectrum of science fiction and fantasy media.



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