

Client	U.S. Federal Government Agency, shared service center
Profile	The agency operates a shared service center and provides diverse business management solutions within their agency as well as to over 150 outside federal agencies. Three of their clients are provided with implementation and support services under the agency's Shared Service Arrangement of Oracle Federal Financials.
Challenges	<p>The Federal Government has mandated that each federal agency must change its chart of accounts to a Common Government-wide Accounting Classification (CGAC) structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The customers' accounting flexfields did not track their financials in the way CGAC required. In addition, they needed to change the length of some of their segments and redefine the content.▪ Federal budget tables are not linked to code combination IDs; they instead have the actual accounting segment values in the tables.
Solution	<p>Implemented FlexField software by eprentise to map and execute changes to their existing charts of accounts, resulting in a restructured chart of accounts that complies with new standards for each client.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Used FlexField software to percolate changed accounting flexfield code combinations to each subledger of E-Business Suite for setup data and all transactions. Provided sophisticated exception reporting for mapping.▪ eprentise developed a custom module for federal agencies that reassigns the new CGAC-compliant Chart of Accounts values to the values in the federal budget tables.
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No on-going reconciliation between old and new charts of accounts. All code combinations were changed. Operations and reporting looked as if each of the clients had always been doing business using its new chart of accounts.▪ Retained all historical transactions while maintaining 100% relational data integrity in the instance.▪ Maintained a complete audit trail of all changes made.▪ Optimized accounting flexfield structures to comply with CGAC as well as support the current state and future growth of the organizations.▪ Avoided high-risk options and the costly and time-consuming effort of a consulting solution by using software.

"I've known Helene Abrams, the CEO of eprentise, for many years. eprentise is an Oracle partner. Helene has worked on large instance merge projects, and later developed the tools to help customers accomplish data mapping projects such as when customers need to change an existing chart of accounts structure and migrate transaction data to the new chart of accounts, or when other functional setup changes need to be changed after transaction data has been entered. Customers do these projects somehow and definitely have a need for solutions her tool can support." - Cliff Godwin, SVP Oracle Product Development