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Announcing Version 8.0 of the Integrated Automated Travel System (IATS) DFAS Begins Limited Deployment and Live Testing

PSC is pleased to announce a milestone in the development and planned release of the next major version of the IATS travel suite. This major release of IATS is the first since DFAS renewed the IATS contract with PSC in the fall of 2020. The renewed contract required several major enhancements requested by DFAS that pave the way for a planned migration of their offices to the MILCLOUD 2.0 platform. Upon award of the contract PSC delivered IATS version 8.0 and since that time PSC has worked with DFAS to revise and iterate on those initial requirements. During that time PSC released incremental travel system updates versions 7.3.0 and 7.3.1 that addressed important regulatory, and user suggested changes.

From June 7 PSC will work with DFAS to support the initial deployment of IATS version 8.0 at select DFAS travel centers. General availability of IATS is scheduled for September 2021.

The primary enhancements in version 8.0 are:

- Support for and integration with Microsoft SQL Server 2019.

IATS has now been enhanced to support and integrate with Microsoft SQL Server. IATS 8.0 for DFAS customers now requires Microsoft SQL Server and includes a custom tool to migrate IATS 7.3.1 Sybase databases to the Microsoft platform. This enhancement expands on the existing previous integrations with Oracle and SAP SQL Anywhere (**formerly Sybase**).

- Full support for CAC and Microsoft Active Directory authentication.

IATS has had for some time limited CAC authentication but now with version 8.0 IATS is, not only fully CAC authenticated but also integrated with Microsoft Active Directory. This optional configuration provides increased security and centralized access control.



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The enhancements requested by DFAS are the most significant to be delivered in almost five years. Many travel offices may however find that these changes, designed to aid DFAS in their planned cloud migration, cannot or should not be implemented at this time in their own offices.

For this reason, PSC is happy to further announce the release of IATS version 7.4.0 which is also part of the soft rollout this summer and final DVD release in September.

IATS version 7.4.0 includes all regulatory changes, travel computation enhancements and user reported bug fixes that are in version 8.0. However, and most importantly, **version 7.4.0 remains compatible with SAP SQL Anywhere (previously Sybase)**. Sites that choose to upgrade to version 7.4.0 will find the upgrade the same as previous IATS version upgrades.

PSC will continue support of IATS compatibility with SQL Anywhere as well as Oracle for the foreseeable future. SQL Anywhere has proven to be a reliable and low maintenance database solution. **PSC will continue to support this alternative, especially for customers who have contracted directly with PSC and informed PSC of their intent to stay with SQL Anywhere.** We understand that for other users DFAS will continue to sponsor IATS with SQL Anywhere for some limited time.

For more information, please contact PSC or the DFAS IATS Help Desk.
