

# *CAMS Annual Users' Conference, June 11, 2002*

## *Attendee's Evaluation*

### *Do you think the Conference could be improved?*

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- 1 add functional systems such as procurement, property etc.
- 3 Greater emphasis on application details & demos. Less emphasis on high level management presentation.
- 5 geared more to the general user
- 7 It would require additional time, but it might be good to provide more info on "feeder" systems.
- 8 Can't think of anything. I simply regret that a lot of people missed to opportunity to attend. It was well done and well paced.
- 9 This would have been cool three years ago,  
The only applicable/good was session II
- 10 More focus on CAMS peculiarities work-a-rounds, CSC ARs and abilities. Need to focus more on the benefits that CAMS offers.
- 11 Target audience should be financial operations, program managers, administrativ offices, etc.
- 12 More of the same - great to have these sessions on an annual basis, maybe even more frequently -  
nice to highlight different high profile CAMS related initiatives -  
also nice to have a session from another government agencies as a point of comparison.
- 13 The breaks should be shorter.
- 15 Better presentation facilities. Tables too small to navigate with mouse
- 16 Repeat session (breakouts), so that people can see more than just one. Make then 1/2 hour.  
Provide beverages - coffee morning - water afternoon sessions
- 17 Education session on systems, JFMIP etc.  
Direction of Financial Management in DoC  
Better training for speakers  
Ask participants for topics  
screen speakers before conference.
- 19 Too hard to find your way around. (facilities)  
Very Cold. (facilities)  
Break out rooms to small - poor visibility. (facilities)  
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Breakout session need to have session descriptions and/or indication of type of audience would benefit the most by attending session (i.e., yearend audience -> Finance/people involved with general ledger entries)  
A lot of acronyms were not spelled/written out. Should not assume one acronym means the same thing for/to everyone (i.e., FACTS; ATB; COTS; etc.)  
Felt the conference was worthwhile until I attended the breakout session.
- 20 Breakout sessions. Need to specify audience, i.e., finance, budget, IT. Not clearly defined. Went to wrong session based on description.

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21	SGL discussion was not clear. It should have been much more concise and relevant.
22	Suggest a forum to discuss ideas for change.
23	More specific mission
25	Temperature was a little too cold.
27	Allow for longer breaks-out sessions so that information can be presented in greater detail. Perhaps next year, the general session can be cut short. Now that CAMS background / history have been in this 1st conference.
28	Provide free food!
31	Detailed training session on the various modules rather than overview
32	1st Conference great
33	Pictures of data screens, whether projected on screen or in handouts - very difficult to read.
35	Do a real offsite conference & provide coffee, bagels and lunch & afternoon snacks - give a cash awards - use as incentive for next year to draw a larger crowd.
38	It need to be communicated next time what user group should attend these sessions. Please organize the handouts better.
42	Include topics for users further down the chain of command. These are the users that enter base data and this would aid me greater understanding of what their entry serves.
43	Shorten break between session, have a database setup properly
45	For staff involved in the day to day implementation / operation of CAM, this conference added nothing to our knowledge.  This conference was solely to allow OFM/CSC to say they communicated.
49	The speaker for data warehouse presentation seemed to ramble on & on. To much detail & difficult to understand her. She had a real strong accent & difficult to follow.
50	Speaker for data wearhouse was hard to understand and could not see her.
52	More coordination between finance & budget - For example - Year-end close session only overced finance closing; no information on manual yr-end adjustments etc. (budget close-out)
53	more demos, breaks too long
54	Yes, more detailed demos (enter actual doc), Breaks between sessions should be shorter
56	Yes, need NOAA budget involvement taking into account line office needs. It was also geared to finance technicians more than budgetees.
60	Add one more break out session in the morning

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61	I'm sure it can but it was actually pretty good. I attended the year-end close session which wasn't as useful to me as a NIST client. Some of the discussion should be from NIST client prospective. Maybe agenda can include description of target audience for each session/
63	Focus the attention on the break-out session. They s/b in the morning when people are fresh and they s/b longer
64	Smaller conference rooms - especially basement noisy
65	End Earlier Have external guest in the 1st breakout sessions.
67	Spend general session time on actual experience of users; tips, tricks, features, bugs etc. CAMS History could have been eliminated in favor of charts only
68	More specific session & less history and politics
69	Breakout session could have been longer
72	Include more sample screens/demos
73	In next session have more breakout sessions.
74	Tailor to users' level NIST isn't using CAMS yet -- some speakers assumed the audience has a familiarity with their material
78	Add a 3rd breakout session in the A.M. even if they are repeated so we can attend 3 sessions instead of 2. Also combine E1 (end-user menu) with E2 (technical discussion of version deployment) seemed illogical.
80	The "user" fo the menu is probably not interested in version rollout and technical aspect brought out re. Version
81	Better directions and sign posted directing attendees to restrooms and breakout session locations.
82	It's the best around.
83	Attendance in the breakout sessions were poor. Don't keep breakout session last. At next years conference, start off with welcome & opening remarks , have 1 presentation, then a breakout session, lunch, 2nd breakout session, and finally have the wrap-up of General session. Because the wrap-up of General session was before breakout session, most people left after the wrap-up by Bob so not many people stayed for the breakout sessions. Also, more signs could have been posted directing people to the restrooms and eating areas.
84	-Breakout sessions should start right after lunch *Breakfast refreshments if possible.

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- 85 Focus more on the end user - conference was really focused on implementation efforts / tips for implementation teams. Wasn't really a "users conference" more of an implementation conference.
- Give prerequisites for intended audience for breakout sessions. The Budget Enhancement session was more technical than I would have thought.
- 86 1) There should be a short description pertaining to each breakout session.
- 2) It should start on time. The "live demonstration" was not a success because the hookup wasn't available.
- Too cold!
- 87 Make sure your computer connection works before workshop. You lose attention of audience while waiting to figure problem out.