
Improving U.S. Government Export License Automation Systems

Initiative: The U.S. Government has recognized that current U.S. Government automation systems that support export license processes regulated by the Departments of State and Commerce need to be improved and modernized. Currently, the export license review systems at the Departments of State, Commerce, and Defense are characterized by multiple case processing systems with limited connectivity; significant amounts of information transmitted by paper; limited analytical tools to support license reviews; disparate and inconsistent databases; and limited transparency for license applicants.

The U.S. Government will spend \$30 million over three and a half years to modernize the various systems associated with the export license review processes. The modernized systems will be designed and implemented with two overarching objectives in support of U.S. security and foreign policy interests: (1) improving the tools needed for effective reviews of export license applications; and (2) providing the necessary automation for a more efficient and speedier process to meet global defense and commercial marketplace demands.

The initiative will design and acquire systems for license processing and analysis with standard interfaces, common data elements, privacy, and security. One objective is to move toward an eventual, near-paperless system. In this regard, an early priority of this effort will be systems that support the electronic submission of the often voluminous technical data and other information that now accompanies license applications mostly in paper form.

The project is named USXPORTS and a program office has been established. For further information on the project, interested parties may contact the USXPORTS Program Management Office at 703-416-8860.