

# Post Design Service Tasking

An automated business process for deployment within a Collaborative Working Environment.

Post Design Service Tasking (PDST) is an automated business process that was developed from an actual IPT post design service process. It is intended for deployment alongside LSC Group's Commitment Monitoring System (CMS).

Traditionally, to aid task tracking, a paper-based process requiring separate local databases at both the IPT and Design Authority is employed. PDST allows tasks to be generated, reviewed, amended and approved - whilst monitoring the actual, against planned, expenditure. It also automatically updates CMS to ensure accuracy of data, and reduce or remove duplicated effort. Set within a CWE, PDST provides a seamless electronic business process linking the IPT and the Design Authority.

PDST also has the capability to capture all of the peripheral, unstructured dialogue about each PDS task as it progresses to completion. It provides a complete and transparent audit trail of all activities and actions throughout the entire process, contributing to continuous business improvement.

Additionally, PDST provides source data to trigger the updating of the Forecast of Outturn (FOO), which is automatically generated by the CMS. All of this is achieved through background processing activity that exploits data captured from normal day-to-day business processes.

PDS functionality, coupled with CMS inherent tracking of requisition tasks, provides IPT financial staff and Section Heads with a real-time picture of committed and projected expenditure for both tactical and strategic planning purposes. PDST provides IPT Business Managers with an easy to use, cost effective, process driven tool that gives full monitoring and auditing of the status and progress of requisitions and tasks. This ensures business process consistency, whilst at the same time reducing the amount of time spent on routine reporting activities.



## Post Design Service Tasking, designed to enhance IPT financial management.

Standard Internet Explorer desktop access provides a familiar interface, delivering an easy to use, enhanced financial management system.

- PDST is an automated IPT financial business improvement process that monitors planned and actual expenditure against PDS Tasks.
- Integrated with the LSC Group Commitment Monitoring System, PDST provides input to the FOO to refine end of period reporting.
- CMS provides the PDS contract reference data. An 'enter once, use many times' strategy provides the list of values presented to the PDST task originator. This reduces the amount of data-entry required, and the risk of introducing errors into the overall PDST tasking process.

