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### New Inflation Indices for 2018 Available (partial update)

Inflation index information for 2018 is starting to arrive. While not all services have released their indices yet, we want to provide what we can in the short term. A custom inflation table is available for download now. It includes indices for the services listed below.

- Army
- Navy
- US Marine Corps
- Coast Guard

Please log in to <u>ACEIT.com</u> and visit the User Resources > Downloads section for directions on how to include these updated indices in your ACE models. We will publish the full 2018 Inflation Indices as soon the remaining information is made available. Check future eNews emails for updates.



## New System Work Breakdown Structures (WBSs) Available

One of the benefits of ACE highlighted in the first module of our ACEIT 101 course is the inclusion of the government standard WBSs. Today the ACEIT library contains over 40 built-in structures. We recently added two new system WBSs as well as updated another to reflect revised guidance.

The new structures are for DHS Security and IT systems. They are program-centric, life cycle and product-oriented WBSs or cost element structures (CESs) that provide a standardized format to support life cycle cost estimates (LCCEs), cost reporting, earned value management (EVM), and scheduling.

# DHS Information Technology (IT) Life Cycle Cost (LCC) WBS – supports various IT systems

- Developed software-intensive IT systems
- Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) software-intensive IT systems
- Automated Information System (AIS) / Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
- Hardware-intensive IT systems

DHS Security System WBS - provides a comprehensive account for all Security System types

The **FAA Standard WBS** has been updated to version 5.1. It establishes a common framework and uniform work activity definitions for use by the acquisition management workforce when planning life cycle acquisition management activities and estimating associated costs. Work activity is engineered to define, obtain, and support the air traffic control and other FAA services mandated by law and needed by the aviation industry and flying public.

The new/updated WBS structures can be downloaded from our website and replace the current system WBSs.

## New/Updated 2017 Inflation Indices

As with the government standard WBSs, we continue to work with organizations to gather new and update existing Inflation Indices. This month we've added or updated inflation indices for the following groups.

· Added DHS indices based on OMB, BEA and DCB salary table guidance

- Updated FAA indices and added new salary escalation rates.
- Updated NRO indices

**Note:** These indices reflect 2017 guidance. We are waiting for the 2018 guidance and will publish the full 2018 indices as soon as they are available.

If your organization has WBS or Indices information to add or update to ACE please contact <u>ACEIT\_Support@tecolote.com</u>.



\*\*\*\* Seats are Still Available for the March ACEIT 101 class in Washington, DC \*\*\*\*

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## ACE 7.4/7.5 - Formula bar display problems with Windows 10

by ACEIT Support | Feb 16, 2018

Application: ACE Versions: 7.4, 7.5

Problem: When clicking in the formula bar the cursor disappears and the bar is cut in half, covering up the bottom

portion of the text. Also the Auto-complete drop-down does not appear as expected.

**Solution:** Ensure that the display settings font scaling is set to 100% or 125%.

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