



ICBS Re-engineering Project Vision Statement

The purpose of this document is to describe the vision for the automated system that will be developed by the NWCG-sponsored ICBS Re-engineering Project.

There are three key goals for the ICBS-R Project:

- 1. Introduce an improved system architecture that will allow the use of ICBS not only by National Caches, but also by Local Area Caches.**
 - The project will satisfy a desire by the cache community for a consistent approach to automated cache systems nationwide. This standardization will result in more trained system operators available when caches are impacted by high incident demands.
 - The system will allow greater inventory visibility for increased decision support and efficiency.
 - Cache personnel will be able to easily view and share information with other caches, reducing duplicate data entry in separate databases.
 - The system will help the cache community meet OIG recommendations for fully utilizing and reporting the nationwide cache system inventory.
- 2. Satisfy the essential business needs of the nationwide Cache system:**
 - Address existing ICBS change requests.
 - Provide increased reporting and system output capabilities (e.g. special labels).
 - Introduce the capability to interface with various collections and billing, fiscal and property management systems.
 - Ensure the system assists the entry and retrieval of accurate cost and financial data, which will contribute to improved incident cost accounting and billing.
 - Fully accommodate unique catalog items: Publication Management System (PMS), Remote Automated Weather System (RAWS), National Incident Radio Support Cache (NIRSC), National Symbols System, etc.
 - Provide the capability to fully and accurately track item and kit subcomponents throughout the issue-return-refurbishment-process.
 - Provide caches the option of using bar code and/or smart card scanning technology to significantly increase the accuracy and efficiency of several cache processes (e.g. receiving, returns, annual inventory, etc.).
 - Support the system and its users with comprehensive training, user support and change management systems.
- 3. Exchange data on a real-time basis with the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS).**
 - Reduce the limitations of current manual ordering processes by introducing automated resource ordering capability to the cache community.
 - Eliminate entry of identical data into the two applications.