

## Beta Group Helps Resolve IRA Issues

Earlier this month, training for the Pilot User Group was deferred when it was discovered that the performance of IRA slowed down considerably when large reports were run. The Project Team needed an intensive and quick user analysis of the way we use the tool and recommendations on alternatives that would work for the entire user community. They asked a subset of the original pilot user group, to be named the Beta Group, to spend several hours during the second week of December reviewing tool functionality and reporting business processes, testing changes to financial reports, and providing feedback in order to improve IRA system performance.



Final recommendations of the Beta Group will be used to modify IRA and ensure the release to the user community as close to mid-February as possible.

### Possible solutions for IRA performance issues include

- *Review reporting and analysis business processes* – identify why large datasets are needed, and whether those needs can be met by the reporting tools in a more efficient way
- *Make server/database configuration changes* – optimize the system's ability to process data quickly
- *Make IRA report modifications* – reduce the amount of data returned to the browser for display
- *Bring IRA report output into Excel* – allow users to bypass their browser for viewing/analyzing large amounts of data
- *Use Oracle Answers to write IRA reports* – allow advanced users to perform more targeted reporting and analysis

Stay tuned to the *IRA:FR Newsletter* for more details.

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## Town Hall Meetings Scheduled for January

### Dates

**January 16, 20, 21**

### Time

**2:00–3:30 p.m.**

*(all sessions)*

### Locations

*Jan. 16 & 20*

**Kellogg Auditorium  
Dartmouth Medical School**

*Jan. 21*

**Borwell 658W  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock  
Medical Center**

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