



Pilot Program

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The EMSTARS Pilot program will allow the project team to fully test the application in a live environment while also providing a phased transition. The marketing of Pilot participants and successes of the system as more participants come on board will also be a key benefit of the program.

It is also important to point out that the primary focus of the alpha and beta testing stages will be to prove out the system's XML upload and validation services and identify any problems in those areas. We will also be evaluating the communication and submission status tools that will be used by the Data Unit during this timeframe. However, the entire system with full reporting will not be available until towards the end of the pilot testing phases as this will be one of the last components to be deployed prior to full system startup in July 2008.

We will employ a multi-staged Pilot program as described below:

Stage	Agencies	Submissions	Focus Area
Pilot Stage I - Alpha 08/01/2007 to 09/30/2007	1 agency Jacksonville	Frequent submissions; may require multiple per week	Focus on XML Upload / Secure FTP component and associated XML Schema and content validation rules; Live testing & fixes for security and account maintenance pages
Pilot Stage I - Beta 10/01/2007 to 01/31/2008	10 agencies Jacksonville, Clay County, Gadsden County, Aeromed, Reedy Creek, Miami, Coral Gables, Marion County, Leon County, Polk County	Weekly submissions at first moving to monthly	Focus on XML Upload / Secure FTP component and associated XML Schema and content validation rules; Live testing & fixes for Online Training Early testing of prototype reports
Pilot Stage II 02/01/2008 to 4/30/2008	Alpha & Beta agencies plus 20-25 new agencies (check the web site for the most current list of participants)	Monthly submissions beginning with Jan 2008 data	Focus on testing the Communications & Submission Status components; User acceptance testing for Reporting components