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Q4 2019 PBS Software Updates

Introduction

The purpose of this *Notepad* is to discuss the most recent enhancements to the PBS WebApp interface, which is now available with Version 19.4.9 for the January 2020 bid period:

- Fixed message bar on Pairing/Training screens (19.3)
- Enhanced drop down and selection spinners (19.3)
- Standardized date / days list order (19.4)
- Simplified Start Bid Group (19.4)
- Bid screen icons to remain fixed (19.4)
- Sped up sign-in/synchronization process (19.4)

In addition to these enhancements, several bugs have been fixed.

Reminder: You must clear your browser cache before using the WebApp to submit bids for the January 2020 bid period. Instructions for clearing your browser cache can be found in the [PBS Reference Handbook](#) starting on page 17. The PBS Reference Handbook can be found at the following link:

<http://www.alpa.org/dal/-/media/DAL/Documents/Committees/PBS/Other/PBS-Reference-Handbook.pdf?la=en>

Fixed Message Bar on Pairing/Training Screens

The dark gray message bar on the Pairing and Training screens of the WebApp is now fixed in place and displays regardless of the use of a filter. This will prevent the screen content from appearing to 'jump' as messages appear/disappear.



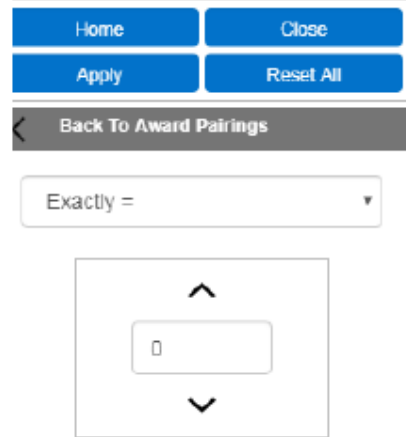
Enhanced Drop Down and Selection Spinners

Some bid options and filters, such as Total Legs In Pairing, require the bidder to provide a number associated with a data type (Legs in this example). With the previous versions of the WebApp, the bidder would have to choose the data type, even though it was the only option, *before* the “spinner” would appear that allows the bidder to set the number. This has been streamlined. For bid options and filters with a single data type, the spinner is now active automatically.

Standardized Date/Days List Order

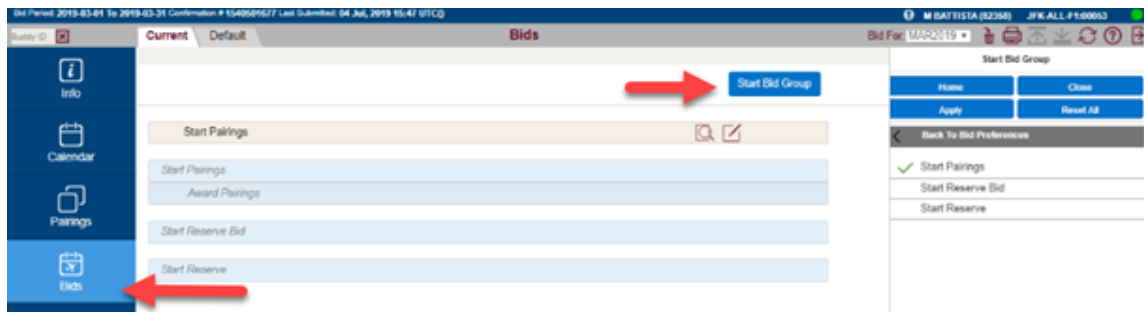
The WebApp now presents date/day sub options in the same order across all bid options and filters. All date/day lists follow this basic order:

- Dates List
- Dates Range
- Dates Time Range
- Days Of Week List
- Days Of Week Range
- Days Of Week Time Range
- Time
- Weekends



Simplified Start Bid Group

The Start Bid Group button has been moved to the right side of the screen, just to the left of the bid menu. Clicking the button activates the bid group options as a list in the bid option area. This reduces the number of clicks required to start a new bid group.



Bid Screen Icons to Remain Fixed

The Bid Screen now always displays the bid icons (such as copy, paste, etc.) in the top right of the screen next to the Start Bid Group button. In instances where an icon is inactive, it now appears in grey, and is not selectable.



Sped Up Sign-In/Synchronization Process

The WebApp now consolidates calls to the database which should speed up the sign-in/synchronization process.

Bug Fixes

The following bugs from prior versions have been corrected:

- If Departing On – there was an error that would occur with the If Departing On bid option if the same date number appeared twice in a bid period (1 Feb & 1 Mar for example)
- Carry Out/Depart On combination – if a Carry Out bid option was combined with a Depart On option the WebApp would return invalid results
- Forget – a Forget bid option would sometimes show 'NaN' if the bid option it referenced was changed
- Incorrect version number and year displayed on Calendar tab
- Traditional Calendar View – the vertical lines on the calendar were sometimes misaligned
- Training Identifier (Pattern) display – training identifier now wraps so that it no longer causes days/dates display to be misaligned
- Bid Copy – there was an error that would prevent bidders from copying historical bids
- Total Credit/In-Period Credit Display – Total Credit and In-Period Credit were sometimes displayed incorrectly on the Calendar and Results tabs
- Offline Mode – there was an issue that would cause the WebApp to overwrite bids that had been saved during Offline Mode

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