

## Q2 2020 PBS Software Updates

### Introduction

The purpose of this Notepad is to discuss the most recent enhancements to the PBS WebApp interface, which will be available with Version 20.2.1 for the July 2020 bid period:

- Prevent adding pairing bid option without selecting criterion
- Include edit/add mode detail on bid line
- Bid submission message change
- Change syntax for starting bid groups

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 July 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:**

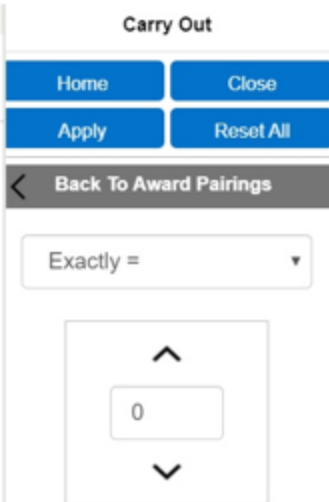
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### Prevent Adding Pairing Bid Option Without Selecting Criterion

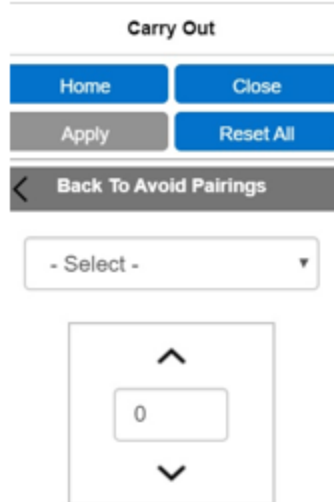
With the previous version of the WebApp, when the bidder selected a pairing bid option that required a criteria ( "=", ">", "<" or "Range") with a numeric value, the "=" criterion was the default selection as soon as the bidder clicked on the option and the Apply button was immediately enabled.

This would make it quite easy for the bidder to inadvertently add a bid option such as "Avoid Pairings If Carry Out = 0 Days", which would filter out most pairings from the bid package. The new version of the WebApp defaults to no selected criterion and forces the bidder to choose one of the available criteria before the Apply button becomes active.

#### Previous version:

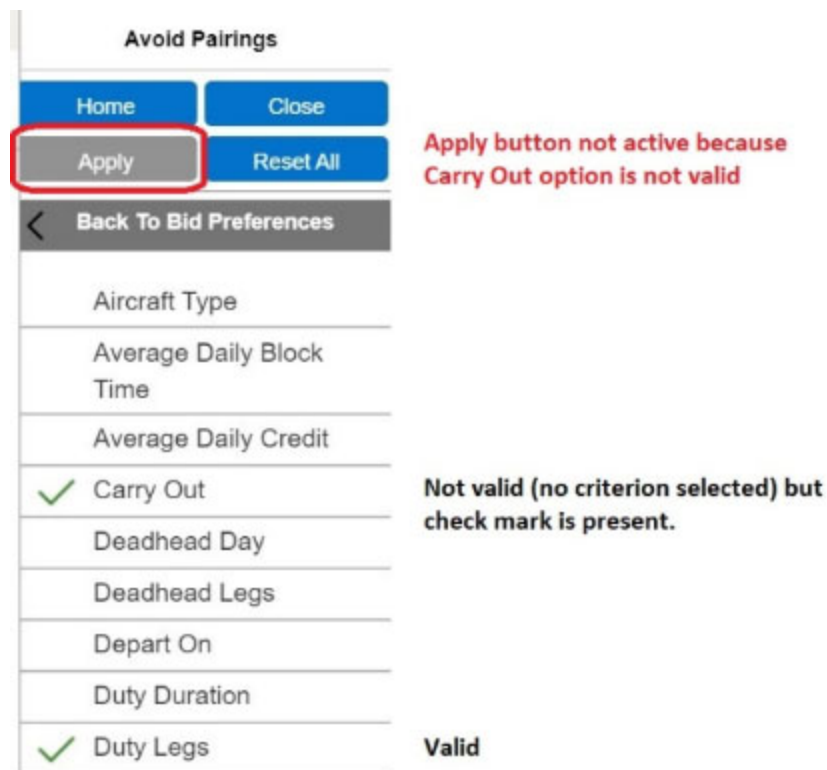


#### New version:



Note that with the new version, ‘ - Select - ’ is initially shown and the Apply button is disabled. This forces the bidder to choose a criterion for the numeric value before adding the bid option. Additionally, until the bidder chooses a criterion, a red error will be displayed at the top of the Bids screen: “Unable to get [bid option] pairing property; No items selected”. This change has been applied for any bid option with selectable criteria and a numeric value such as Carry Out, Duty Legs, Sit Length, etc.

**Warning:** Once a bidder clicks on a bid option such as Carry Out that has a selectable criterion, a green checkmark will appear next to the corresponding bid option in the list of options. The green checkmark stays there even if the bidder does not choose a criterion for the numeric value. As long as that bid option is checked and no criteria have been selected, the Apply button will stay disabled until the bidder does one of two things: 1) uncheck the bid preference, or 2) go back into the bid preference and choose a criterion. ***If the Apply button is greyed out and you don’t know why check for the red warning message at the top of the Bids tab and it will tell you which bid option is causing the problem.***



### Include Edit/Add Mode Detail on Bid Line

This enhancement adds a label at the beginning of a bid line specifying whether a new bid line is being added or an existing bid line is being edited. It also adds a box at the top of the Bids page specifying whether an add or edit is in progress.

Bid Period: 2014-11-01 To 2014-11-30 Confirmation # Bids Modified Last Submitted: 03 Mar, 2020 20:55 UTC

Buddy ID ✘ **Current** Default Training

**Editing Bid Line In Progress**

- 1 Start Pairings
- 2 Set Condition Minimum Credit Window
- 3 Set Condition Pattern Between 1 And 1 Days On ,With 1 Days Off (Minimum)
- EDITING BIDLINE: Award Pairings If Any Enroute Check-In Time Between 01:00 And 23:59
- 5 Prefer Off Nov 6, 2014 - Nov 7, 2014
- 6 Forget Line 5

*Award Pairings*

Bid Period: 2014-11-01 To 2014-11-30 Confirmation # 1564798260 Last Submitted: 03 Mar, 2020 20:55 UTC

Buddy ID ✘ **Current** Default Training

**Adding Bid Line In Progress**

- 1 Start Pairings
- 2 Set Condition Minimum Credit Window
- 3 Set Condition Pattern Between 1 And 1 Days On ,With 1 Days Off (Minimum)
- 4 Prefer Off Nov 6, 2014 - Nov 7, 2014
- 5 Forget Line 4
- ADDING BIDLINE: Award Pairings If Pairing Check-Out Time Between Nov 10, 2014 00:00 And Nov 12, 2014 23:59

*Award Pairings*

### Bid Submission Message Change

This enhancement adds detail to the bid submission message. When a bidder submits their bid, PBS will now specify the status of each bid submission: Current, Default, and Training. Bids that are not successfully submitted will be displayed in an orange text while bids that have been successfully submitted will be displayed in green text with a confirmation number.

**Bid Submission**

( ✘ ) Bid Period Closed, Current Bid Cannot Be Submitted

( ✓ ) Default Bid Submitted Successfully, Confirmation # 1548359909

( ✓ ) Training Bid Submitted Successfully, Confirmation # 1548359909

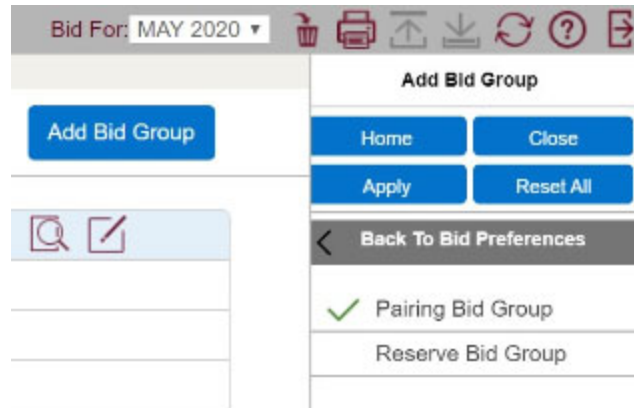
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### Change Syntax for Starting Bid Groups

This enhancement changes the text in the button used to start a new bid group. The box now

states *Add Bid Group* (rather than *Start Bid Group*). Additionally, the labels for the available bid groups have changed for clarity:

- Start Pairings changes to **Pairing Bid Group**
- Start Reserve changes to **Reserve Bid Group**



### Bug Fixes

The following bugs from prior versions have been corrected:

- Pairing Screen Preference Section Scrolling – there was a bug that would sometimes cause the bottom of the list of preferences on the Pairing Tab to be obscured
- Submit Button Display – there was a bug that would occasionally cause the Submit button to be enabled when it should have been disabled, such as immediately after making a submission
- Change Calendar Display for Out-of-Period Dates – there was an issue that would sometimes allow a bidder to select a date that was in the following bid period
- Vacation Slide with Positive Time Zone on Device – there was a bug that would not allow a vacation slide adjacent to another absence when the device being used was set to a time zone with a positive UTC
- Unable to Close Bid Preference Panel – there was a bug that would occasionally prevent the user from closing the bid preference panel while adding or editing bids
- Analyzer Not Filtering Some Prefer Offs – there was a bug that would cause the Analyzer to occasionally display patterns as available for an Award line that should have been filtered out by a higher priority Prefer Off
- Buttons in Top Tool Bar are Disabled After Re-Sync – there was a bug that would cause all of the buttons at the top of the Bids tab to be disabled after a re-synch occurred
- Day of Week Calendar Selection – there was a bug that would cause issues when selecting single versus multiple days of the week for some bid options
- Pairing Number Depart on Bid from Pairings Tab – there was a bug that would cause a previously selected (but then deselected) pairing/date combination to still be added to the Bid tab when the bidder added the selected pairing/date combinations
- Not Recognizing Else Start Next in Max Above Reserve Bid Option – there was a bug that would cause the WebApp to fail to recognize the Else Start Next added at the end of a Max Above Reserve bid option

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