



## FOCAS Project Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
Agency Bulkload Liaison	State Agency representative who has technical proficiency and a working knowledge of their agency's interface to the current Central Accounting System (CAS).
Agency Coordinator	State Agency representative who serves as the primary point of contact for coordinating communications and activities between the FOCAS and NYFMS Project teams and State Agencies. Responsible for helping ensure the successful implementations of state financial systems within their respective agencies, and may delegate tasks to staff within their agency as appropriate.
Chart of Accounts (COA)	A chart of accounts is an index to financial transactions. This classification system is used to identify, aggregate and report financial transactions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis and planning</li> <li>• Management and budgetary control</li> <li>• Resource allocation</li> <li>• Regulatory compliance</li> </ul>
Cost Center	Associates an agency's financial activity with its appropriations and segregations in order to track the expenditure of funds at a specific level below the segregation level.
Domain Owner	Five domains have been created within the Strategic Alliance governance structure. Four of the domains address specific business areas: Budget & Finance, Accounting & Chart of Accounts, Procurement and Human Resources. The fifth domain focuses on Technology. Domain Owners translate board guidance into operating actions and are the key owners of systems, business functions, or technical infrastructure that are expected to be directly impacted by the development of a statewide financial system.
Feeder system	Any system other than the Agency's primary FMS that bulk loads data to the CAS.
Joint Governance Board	Provides strategic direction and maintains alignment between the NYFMS & FOCAS projects. The Board is comprised of three members representing the Office of the State Comptroller, the Division of the Budget and the Office of the Chief Information Officer/Office for Technology. The Board has responsibility for the key decisions with the greatest impact on the success of the joint project, and resolves issues on which consensus cannot be reached at the lower levels of governance.
Payee	Entities (usually individuals) that receive one-time payments from the State. Unlike Vendors, Payees do not have an ongoing business relationship with the State, even though they may receive more than one payment from the State over time.
Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA)	A technology integration platform that facilitates the synchronization of data across two separate IT systems for near real-time transaction processing across the two systems.



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Strategic Alliance	The Office of the State Comptroller, the Division of the Budget and the Office of the Chief Information Officer/Office for Technology have formed a partnership to develop a single statewide financial system. The core elements of the system will be developed by the State Comptroller's Future of the Central Accounting System (FOCAS) Project. The goal of the FOCAS team is to replace the current Central Accounting System while the goal of the New York State Financial Management System (NYFMS) project is to implement a standard financial management system for agencies.
Subject Matter Expert (SME)	A person who is an expert in a particular area.
Vendor	A legal entity, a person, a business or a municipality that the State intends to conduct business with.
Vendor repository	The master file of vendors that the State is intending to do business with. The repository will contain all the related information about each vendor such as multiple addresses a vendor may have, identification numbers, owners' information and other demographic information.
Vendor workgroup	Convened by the Joint Governance Board for Financial Systems Procurement Domain Owners to guide the development of a single statewide vendor management system for New York State. Works closely with Procurement Domain Owners as well as the FOCAS and NYFMS Project teams to identify current procurement and vendor issues from the Agency perspective.