When does the official date of the WBSE Expansion go into effect?
Effective October 1, 2021, all University, non-capital project WBSEs will be created as nine (9) digit WBSEs.

Will all fund codes/cost objects be created as nine (9) digits?
No, cost centers and profit centers will remain at seven (7) digits.

Will existing WBSEs that are seven (7) digits change to nine (9) digits?
No, existing seven (7) digit WBSEs will remain seven (7) digits through closeout.

What will the new WBSEs look like?
A few examples below of the WBSEs as of 10/1/21:
- 313000001: DoD Research
- 308000001: NIH Fellowship
- 393000001: Non-Federal, non-reportable, sponsored research

Will the WBSE create continue with nine (9) digits as we migrate to S/4?
Yes, the WBSE Create process will remain the same as we migrate to S/4.

Which areas at Duke are impacted by this change?
The University is impacted, specifically those areas that use non-capital project WBSEs. DUHS is already using nine (9) digit WBSEs.

Will WBSEs continue to be assigned throughout the transition period?
WBSEs will be created through 4pm on Thursday, Sept. 30th, and begin again by 8am on Friday, October 1st.

Will there be any downtime to where WBSEs will not be assigned or reporting will be unavailable in SAP or other systems?
WBSEs will be created through 4pm on Thursday, Sept. 30th, and begin again by 8am on Friday, October 1st. Holding off on approvals/creating WBSEs for this small window of time will allow us to make the technical changes needed.

If WBSE requests are made prior to October 1, 2021 will the assigned number be seven (7) or nine (9) digits in length?
If a WBSE is created on or after October 1, 2021, it will be nine (9) digits. If a request is submitted prior to Oct. 1st, and approved by Sept. 30th, it will be seven (7) digits. If a request is submitted prior to Oct. 1st, and not approved until Oct. 1st or later, it will be nine (9) digits.

Will the WBSE expansion to nine (9) digits affect the functionality in Duke systems?
No – there will be no changes in functionality due to the nine (9) digit expansion.

Will existing variants be impacted by this change?
If a variant uses a WBSE range, it should be reviewed to determine if it should be modified to include all WBSE ranges.