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SFA is in the process of loading data, building budgets and packaging awards by the end of the year. The 2001-2002 Trailing 60 is the allocated space for SFA staff to test processes and do extensive set ups in PeopleSoft. “While our PeopleSoft team is at a remote location, that has not slowed their progress. They have been working diligently with other office staff to ensure that setup and testing are accomplished by our 2002 target,” says Janie Counts, associate director. All SFA staff, along with the exception of student assistants, have received PS 1000 basic training and are anxious to learn how to serve our students with the new PeopleSoft process.

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