

THE FUTURE OF FEDERAL DEPOSIT REPORTING

The Financial Management Service (FMS) is undergoing a comprehensive move to a Collections Business Line Enterprise Architecture. This effort is part of larger Enterprise Architecture initiatives within the agency, at the Treasury Department, and across the Federal government. FMS is also implementing sweeping changes to its Government-wide Accounting (GWA) processes and systems.

As part of these efforts FMS is seeking to optimize its information technology infrastructure and re-align it with core business functions. The implications for CASHLINK II are that processes in that system will be migrating to successor systems in the near future. In particular, the deposit reporting and reconciliation processes now in CASHLINK II will be incrementally assumed by the new Transaction Reporting System (TRS).

TRS will be a centralized repository of detailed collection transaction information that will simplify Federal agency revenue management and accounting processes. As such, TRS will provide a single touch point from which an agency can obtain transaction data and standard reports integrating information across all collection channels and settlement mechanisms. With TRS's planned robust reporting and analytic features, agencies will be able to sort and review their transaction and deposit data swiftly and in ways unavailable to date.

Under the new model, the majority of deposit reports will be generated from detail-level transactions sent by banks to TRS. This will allow TRS to provide agencies with an integrated transaction/deposit report spanning all collection mechanisms on a daily basis. FMS expects that this integrated report will greatly streamline agencies' reconciliation and balancing of cash receipts to deposits. TRS will also send deposit reports containing central accounting classification information to the GWA system, satisfying the new GWA reporting requirements.

Agency over the counter (OTC) deposits to commercial banks and Federal Reserve Banks will present a variation on the model. With the phasing out of CASHLINK II, all agencies with OTC deposits will report them electronically in FMS's new Treasury General Account Deposit Reporting Network (TGAnet) system. TGAnet is a secure web-based application that automates the OTC deposit process and provides for electronic bank confirmation of agency deposits. TGAnet also captures detailed accounting information at the point of deposit, thereby facilitating the classification of Treasury collections on a daily basis. TGAnet will feed deposit information to TRS, which will consolidate it with an agency's other collections activity in the daily integrated transaction/deposit report.

To prepare for the transition away from CASHLINK II, agencies should begin migrating all OTC deposits to TGAnet as soon as possible. The sunset date for CASHLINK II is scheduled for the 2010 timeframe. Agencies should also be ready to work with the TRS team starting in 2007 as we begin outreach to our agency customers.

FMS recognizes that the upcoming changes will require some effort on all of our parts to accomplish, and we plan to take an incremental approach over the next three years. We strongly believe that the rewards -- including easier-to-use financial information, more timely central accounting classifications, better funds control over deposits, more streamlined reporting and reconciliation of cash receipts and deposits, and significant cost savings to the Government -- will more than justify the effort. We are committed to working closely with our agency customers in order to make it happen and get it right.

For questions about TRS, please contact Christina Cox at 202-874-7207. If you have any questions regarding TGAnet, please visit the website at www.fms.treas.gov/tganet. For information about implementing TGAnet at your agency, contact the Treasury Support Center at 1-877-255-9033. If you have any questions about CASHLINK II, please contact Tamara Whitaker at 202-874-7132.

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