

ISSUING RESCISSION WARRANTS BY WAY OF THE MAX SYSTEM

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- Major Functions
 - Prepare Appropriation Warrants
 - Review and Approve Non-Expenditure documents
 - Assign Treasury Account Symbols



Across-the-Board (ATB) Rescissions

- As part of the Appropriation process, Congress periodically enacts legislation for government-wide Across-the-Board (ATB) reductions.
- In the past, upon enactment of the legislation, agencies were required to provide the Budget Reports Division (BRD) with a written request to process their individual reduction warrants .



Changes to the ATB Rescission Process

In 2008, OMB in collaboration with Treasury's Budget Reports Division (BRD) and several federal program agencies, agreed to pilot a new application in the OMB MAX system.

This new application is named:

Across-the-Board (ATB) Reduction Exercise



ATB Reduction Exercise

What is it?

- A new application added to the OMB MAX system whereby federal program agencies (FPAs) input their ATB rescission figures. This application is internet based and is accessible to FPAs, OMB, and BRD for review and approval of the ATB reduction request.



ATB Reduction Exercise

How did it work this past year?

- All agencies were asked to input their applicable government-wide ATB rescission data from Public Law (PL) 110-161 into MAX for review and approval by OMB and BRD.
- FPAs were also required to submit written requests to BRD for their reductions, except for the three pilot FPAs who certified their data directly in MAX. The three pilot FPAs were Education, Interior, and State.
- Before approval of the request, BRD completed an independent review of PL 110-161.



ATB Reduction Exercise

How did it work this past year? (continued)

- As discrepancies were identified, FPAs, OMB, and BRD worked to resolve them through comments entered into the automated application.
- After all levels of approval were completed in the MAX application, BRD initiated a rescission warrant in GWA.



ATB Reduction Exercise

Will this process work differently in future years?



ATB Reduction Exercise

Benefits of submitting ATB rescission data on-line via MAX:

- Eliminates the need for FPAs to submit written requests to BRD for rescission warrants.
- Provides the ability for the FPAs, OMB, and BRD to communicate and exchange comments on-line to resolve discrepancies.
- Provides the capability to track the status of the review and approval process of the ATB reduction request.
- Provides notification when the warrant is issued in GWA.



Additional MAX application

Continuing Resolution Exercise

This MAX exercise will only be necessary in the event of another year-long Continuing Resolution, as we experienced in Fiscal Year 2007 with Public Law 110-5.



Access Information

MAX Link: <https://max.omb.gov>



GWA Enrollment info:

<http://fms.treas.gov/gwa/forms.html>

GWA System: www.gwa.gov

GWA Treasury Support Center:

1-877-440-9476



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