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FMS to Unveil Treasury Check Information System

"One Stop-Shop" for Payment Information

The Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS) has developed the Treasury Check Information System (TCIS) as a replacement for the Check Payment and Reconciliation (CP&R) system. TCIS will record and reconcile the worldwide issuance and payment of U.S. Treasury checks. This system will also allow end users to query the Payments, Claims & Enhanced Reconciliation (PACER) system for claim status on Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments.

Agency access to TCIS is scheduled for June 1, 2006. TCIS will enable Agencies to access all claims information in one system. Agencies will no longer have to use SecurID Cards and dial-in to gain access to the system. Instead, TCIS may be accessed in one of the two following ways:

- Via the 'extranet' (a private network similar to an agency's 'intranet' that can be shared with select business partners to conduct secure transactions) using User ID and Password (trusted partner). This method capitalizes on an existing trusted network-to-network connection between the Agency and HROC.
- Via the 'internet' using Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) credentials.

TCIS is accessible through a standard web-browser, Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher, and will provide:

- A single front end to TCIS, the Check Payment and Reconciliation System, and PACER On-Line databases, thus eliminating the need for a user to sign-on and query each system separately
- Ability to view payment and claims information relating to U.S. Treasury checks and ACH payment information
- Ability to query by a specific Check Number, by Payee ID (when agencies provide payee identification information as part of the payment request) within a range of Issue Dates, or ACH Trace Number
- Ability to initiate a stop request and to request/view digital images of negotiated U.S. Treasury checks

During the conversion to TCIS, agencies will be impacted in the following ways:

May 23, 2006 - last day of CP&R processing input files (Issues, Paids, Available Check Cancellations and Unavailable Check Cancellations)

- No new claim activity after May 23 will be available in CP&R

May 23, 2006 - June 1, 2006

- PACER will be holding all Agency claims files

- PACER will not process any B or C stops, and therefore Courtesy Disbursements received during this time period will not be issued until June 2 or June 5.

- PACER will not process any Return Check/ACC files. Agencies may receive 1098 and 1185 documents for TCS reversals; however, they will not receive any information on return check or available check cancellations during this period.

- PACER will not perform any claims processing, including Unavailable Check Cancellations during this period.

PACER resumes processing on June 2, 2006

TCIS starts processing claims on June 2, 2006

Agency access to CP&R will be revoked 30 days after receiving their TCIS userID.

For more information on TCIS, please visit the website at http://www.fms.treas.gov/tcis.