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This bulletin provides guidance on identifying the Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) and Business Event Type Codes (BETC) associated with financial transactions.

1. Background

A new initiative from the Department of Treasury's Government-Wide Accounting (GWA), requires all Federal Program Agencies (FPA) to provide a Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) and a Business Event Type Code (BETC) when processing intra-government transactions with GWA Reporting Agencies. Currently, the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and other United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies are not part of the GWA initiative. It is anticipated that USDA will begin reporting by 2012. In the meantime, we will need to provide our TAS and BETC to any GWA Reporter agencies we are doing business with.

2. Definitions

Business Event Type Code (BETC) – A code used in the Government-Wide Accounting GWA system to indicate the type of activity being reported, such as payments (DISB-Gross Disbursement) and collections (COLL-Offsetting Collection). The BETC is used to classify the transaction against the fund balance with Treasury.

Financial Management Modernization Initiative (FMMI) – The new USDA financial management system which will replace the Foundation Financial Information System (FFIS), the current financial system.

Federal Program Agency (FPA) - Federal Government agencies who report their financial operation to Treasury.

GWA Reporting Agency - Government agencies that participate in the Treasury's GWA project which addresses central accounting, reporting functions, business processes associated with budget execution, accountability, and cash/other asset management.

IPAC - The Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) System. IPAC facilitates the intra-governmental transfer of funds from one FPA to another.

Receiver Agency – The Agency on the receiving side of an IPAC transaction.

Sender Agency - The Agency initiating or sending the IPAC transaction.

Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) - A string-based format consisting of seven or more digits (e.g. 1291400).

3. Purpose

The purpose of the bulletin is to notify all responsible officials of the new GWA Initiative requirement. This will affect our business processes. After USDA implements FMFI, ARS along with the other USDA agencies will be required to become GWA reporters. In order to prepare for this change and to satisfy the new requirement, all new reimbursable interagency agreements with GWA Reporter agencies must include the TAS/BETC.

4. Policy

The following policies are effective immediately:

- Every IPAC transaction charged to a GWA agency must include the TAS and a BETC.
- All new reimbursable interagency agreements sent to ARS-Ops must include the TAS and BETC for every agency (Receiver) that ARS bills through IPAC. On Form 324, the Receiver agency's TAS and BETC must be included in the block titled "specific billing instructions."
- For existing agreements, ARS-Ops will contact the responsible ARS official to obtain the TAS and BETC. If ARS-Ops does not provide a Receiver TAS/BETC the bill will reject and not be generated by ABCO.

5. References

The new format for the TAS and the BETC can be found on Treasury's Web site:
<http://www.fms.treas.gov/gwa/>.

Below is a chart with ARS Treasury Account Symbols, the funds associated with the symbols, and the BETCs. This information is to be provided to representatives from other Government agencies and departments inquiring about ARS TAS and BETC.

ARS TAS and BETC

Treasury Symbol (TAS)	Fund	BETC
<u>Single Year</u>		
1291400	01 & 08	DISB & COLL
1281400	01 & 08	DISB & COLL
1271400	01 & 08	DISB & COLL
1261400	01 & 08	DISB & COLL
1251400	01 & 08	DISB & COLL
1241400	01 & 08	DISB & COLL
<u>Multi-Year</u>		
126/71400	34	DISB & COLL
126/71401	35	DISB & COLL

The following list is effective as of January 1, 2008 with the agencies that are GWA Reporters.

GWA Reporter	Treasury Symbol (TAS)
Government Printing Office	04000002
Department of Justice, Prisons	15100445
Department of Treasury, IRS	20096500
Department of Treasury, IRS	20091800
Department of Treasury, BPD	20552002
Department of Treasury, FMS	20180031
Executive Office of the President	11030001
*Department of Agriculture, CCC	12360000

GWA Reporter	Treasury Symbol (TAS)
Department of Energy, FERC	89000004
Department of the Treasury, TOP	20184904
Denali Commission	95670001
Defense Intelligence Agency	97000005
Department of Justice, Prisons	15100900
Department of Treasury, BPD	20550865
General Services Administration	47000016
General Services Administration	47000017
Coast Guard	70230001
Department of Homeland Security	70301513
Agency for International Development	72000001
Agency for International Development	72000010
Agency for International Development	72000011
Agency for International Development	72000031
Agency for International Development	72000038
Agency for International Development	72000058
Agency for International Development	72000061

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