

Supporting Electronic Government Collections

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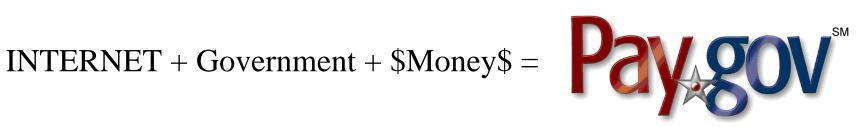
Agenda

- What is Pay.gov
- Benefits of Pay.gov
- Services offered
- Working with Pay.gov
- Q&A



What is Pay.gov?

- Pay.gov's is the Internet channel through which the Federal government collects non-tax revenue
- It offers a suite of on-line electronic financial services for Federal agencies





Why was Pay.gov Developed?

- Move from paper to electronic payment collections –
 Government Paperwork Elimination Act (Oct 1998)
- Respond to customers' increasing demand for Internet payment tools
- Improve governmental efficiency by providing secure and faster receipt of funds for agencies
- Meet compliance issues

Pay.gov Provides Direct Agency Benefits

Financial:

Faster and safer collection service at no cost to your agency

Technical:

Secure transactions available to anyone from anywhere

Business:

 Expert solutions for your technical and regulatory compliance issues

Service:

Comprehensive customer & technical support from day one



Additional Pay.gov Benefits

- Reduction in the number of paper checks
- Ability to conduct business on-line
- Assistance in converting paper forms into electronic documents that can be processed on-line
- Agency bills can be presented electronically
- Access control services are available
 - Authentication and Authorization.
- Transaction data provided via on-line files and reports
- Assistance in integrating electronic data into agency systems



Pay.gov Collection Totals

Since inception, Pay.gov has processed over 51.8 million transactions for an estimated value of \$180.7 billion

Pay.gov has maintained a consistent monthly growth rate of just under 10% a month in both transactions and dollar volume

• For the month ending June 30, 2009 Pay.gov processed over 1.7 million transactions with a dollar volume of over \$6.9 billion

Break Down of Service Areas

• A suite of on-line electronic financial services for Federal agencies provided free-of-charge by the Financial Management Service

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Services Offered

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Trusted Collection Service (TCS)

Form Service

Billing and Notification Service

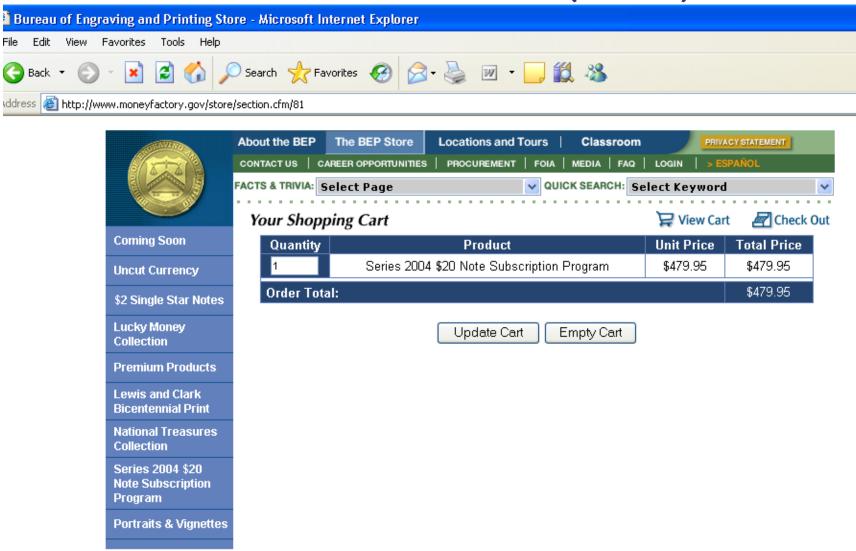
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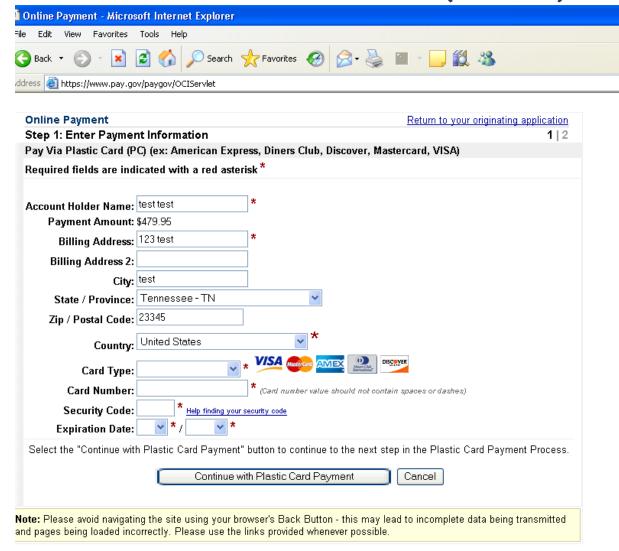
Interface options for communication between agency application and Pay.gov

- Form or Bill applications do not require an interface between an agency webpage and Pay.gov
- An agency webpage/application can connect to Pay.gov using one of two methods to enable collections:
 - ▶ Interactive method (OCI-I): all payment data are collected on the Pay.gov website—payers are transferred from the agency application to Pay.gov for payment and returned to the agency application after approval or decline
 - Trusted Collection Service (TCS): All payment data are collected by the agency application and the data are passed to Pay.gov for processing: this can happen on a per-transaction or a batch basis

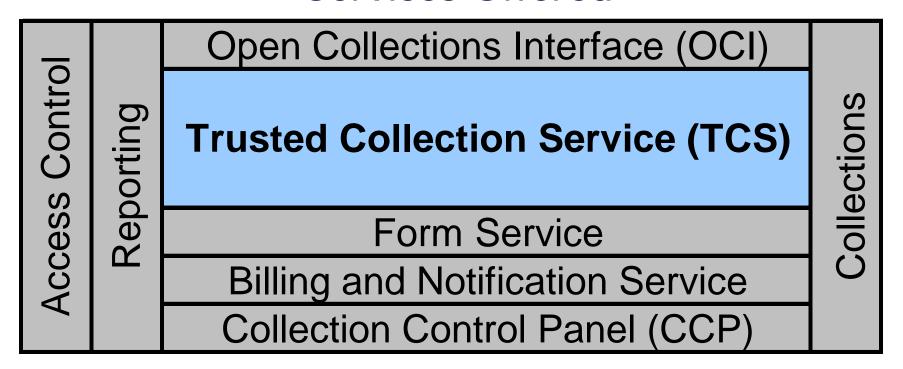
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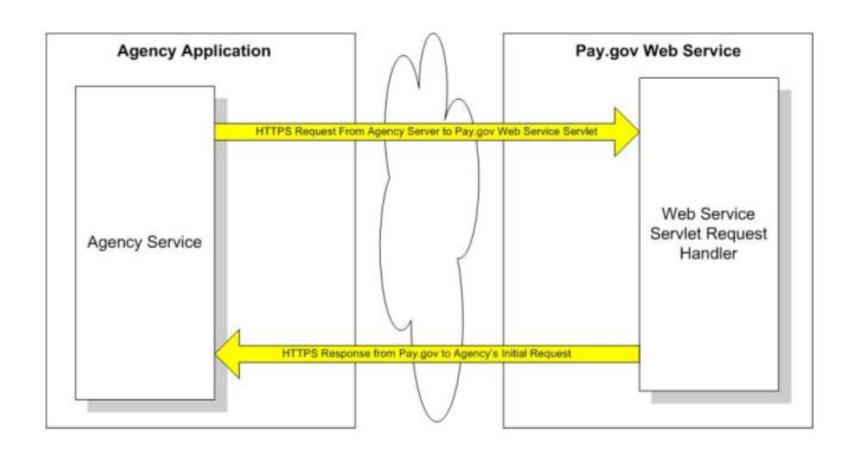


Services Offered



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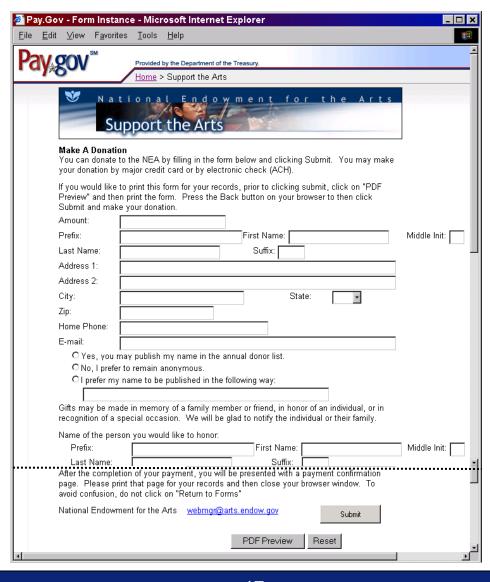
- Simplified by replacing the triple handshake OCI interface with certificate based authentication and Web services
- Agencies are responsible for collecting sensitive financial information
- Citizens never visit a Pay.gov hosted page
- Allows for batch processing of payments
- Previously the Pay.gov non interactive interface was the Open Collections Interface – Non Interactive (OCI-NI)

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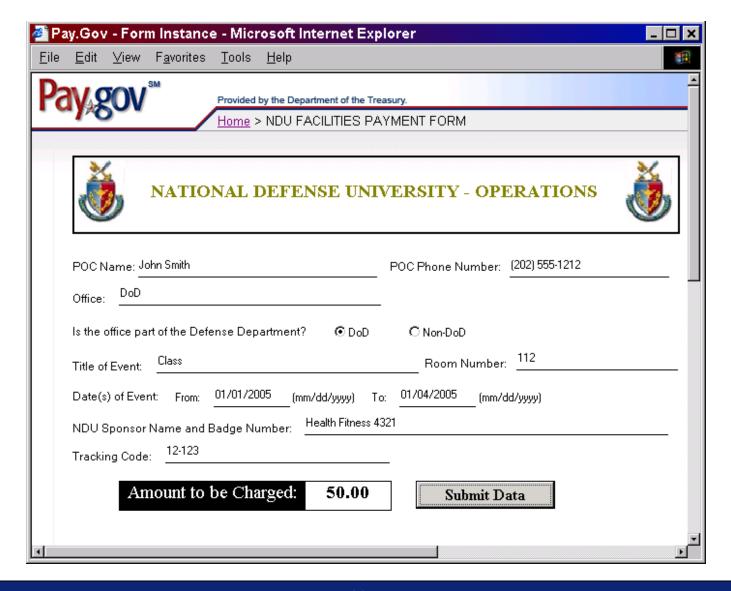
▶ Form Service - Pay.gov can host an agency's forms as Web pages. Forms can be configured to closely mirror their paper counterparts, including OMB and agency control numbers, Paperwork Reduction Act and Privacy Act notices, and instructions.

Example: Pay.gov Form

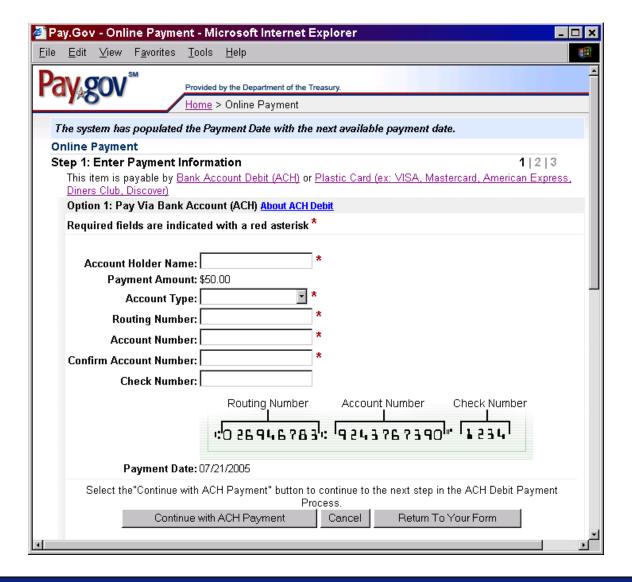




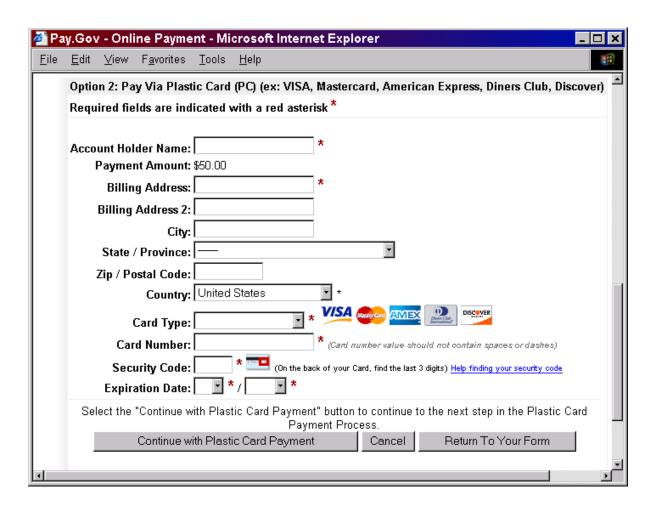
Example: Pay.gov Form



Example: ACH Payment



Example: Credit Card Payment



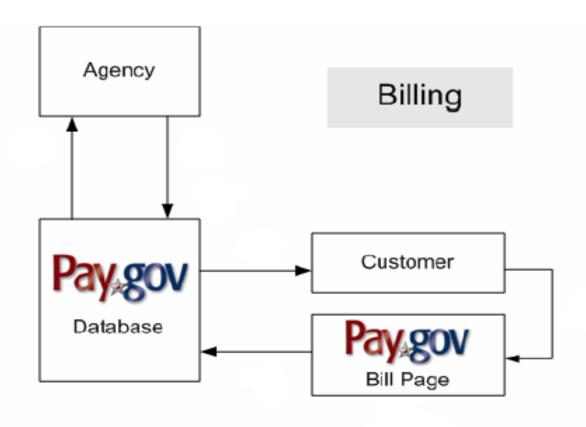


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Billing and Notification Service - Agencies may use the service to notify customers that information is available online for them to view, such as a report or a bill with an associated payment. The notification the customer receives contains a link to the information.

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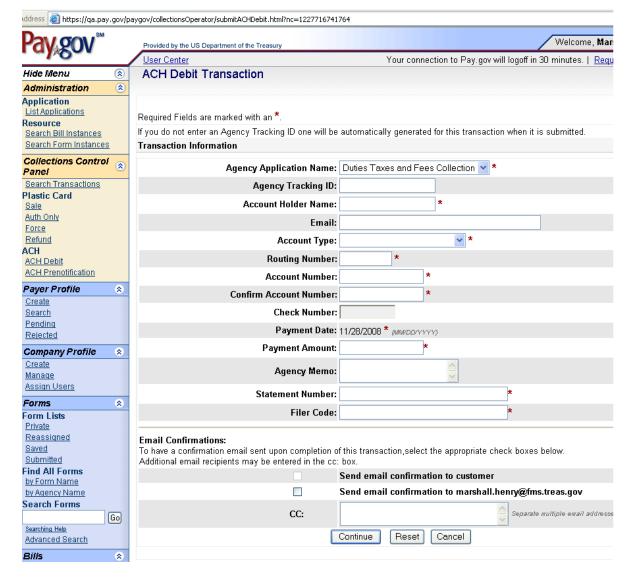
- Notifications are sent to the user by email.
- The frequency of notification is determined by the agency
- A link is included in the notification directing the user to the Pay.gov billing page,
- Agencies may use the service to notify customers that information is available online for them to view without an associated payment.

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Collection Control Panel - Interface used by authorized agency representatives or administrators to process ACH and credit card transactions.

Collection Control Panel

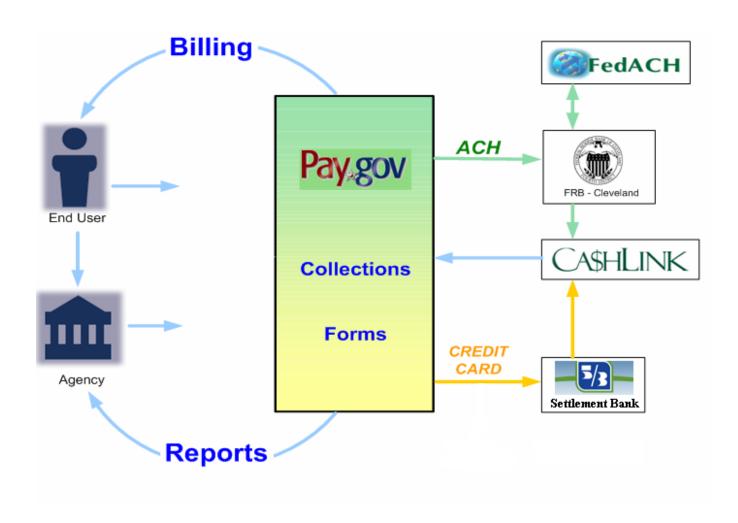




Collection Control Panel

- Agencies manually enter payment information
- Recurring payments can be setup
- Agencies decide who has access to this interface
- Refunding transactions is an option for Credit Card payments

How does Pay.gov Work?



Pay.gov Service Offerings

SERVICE	CCP only	Forms	Bills	OCI-I	TCS
Front-end development effort required	None	Very low	Low	Medium to High	High
Common Solution	Call center, mail/fax payments	Conference fees, penalties, donations	Data presentment, Bill payment	Shopping cart applications	Monthly/ quarterly recurring payments
Communication with Pay.gov?	Not required	Not required	Small requirement	Significant requirement	Significant requirement
Reporting options	Online reports, "activity files"				
Average Implementation time	2 weeks	4-6 weeks	4-6 weeks	4-8 weeks	4-8 weeks

How does Pay.gov fit within an agency project?

- Provides a straightforward and proven method for collecting data, sending notifications, or delivering bills
- For projects with collections, it provides the mechanism to accept credit card or ACH (e-check) payments
 - All deposits are made into agency Treasury Accounts (reported in Ca\$hlink)
 - All credit card payments are settled through Fifth Third Bank
 - All ACH payments are settled (funded) through the Federal Reserve Bank-Cleveland
- The Pay.gov product is provided free-of-charge by the Financial Management Service*



^{*}Any FTE costs associated with the development of an agency's interface(s) to Pay.gov would be covered by the agency. Additionally Pay.gov will not cover the cost of any collections that are Federal government to Federal government.

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Reporting - All information captured through Pay.gov is available by online reporting or XML activity file.

Retrieving reports

- Online reports are available to administrative users and contain all of the detail necessary for reconciliation
- Online reports are downloadable in Excel format
- Daily downloadable "activity files" are also available generally used for a more automated solution
- Activity files are downloadable in XML format from an HTTPS mailbox
- Schemas are available from Pay.gov
- Four basic activity files are available:
 - Credit Card activity file
 - ACH activity file
 - Form activity file
 - Billing activity file



Pay.gov implementation components

- Each implementation will be unique, but the basic components include:
 - Agreements
 - Initial agreements between the agency and FMS as well as the settlement banks are required
 - Documentation is completed and signed throughout the process
 - Meetings
 - A kick-off meeting and regularly scheduled (e.g., bi-weekly) conference calls with agency, FMS and FRB-C
 - Requirements
 - Fully gathering and documenting agency requirements for interactions with Pay.gov
 - Setup
 - Pay.gov staff establishes the application within the Pay.gov product



Pay.gov implementation components (cont'd)

Build

- Pay.gov developers and staff build the necessary components (i.e., form or bill) as necessary
- Agency or agency contractor builds the front and back-ends required to interface with Pay.gov with guidance from Pay.gov staff

Testing

 Complete testing is required on the agency side of all aspects of the application (front-end, user experience, online reports, activity file use, and reconciliation)

Production

• After setup and testing are complete, the agency authorizes Pay.gov to establish their application in the production environment

Support

Pay.gov customer support is available for the agency but also for the end user



Pay.gov Implementation Milestones

- Project Kick-Off Agreement Sign Offs
- Project Monitoring
- Requirements Gathering
 - Configure Application in QA Test
- Application Design & Development
- Access Control for Pay.gov Test Environment
- Finalize ACT (Agency Configuration Template)
- Move to Production
- Go Live Activities
- Post Production Follow Up



Next Steps

• All Pay.gov documentation and forms are available here:

https://qa.pay.gov/agencydocs/

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