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Dear Vendor:

Legislation requiring federal payments to be made via electronic funds transfer (EFT) may have made it difficult for you to apply payments to your accounts receivable. Payment detail is passed electronically from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to your financial institution and they should provide it to you. However, some of our vendors have told us that their financial institution (1) is incapable of processing the remittance information, (2) provides the information on only a monthly basis; or (3) charges an additional fee for the service. The United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is working with the banking community to resolve this problem.

To provide a more immediate response to your needs, USDA has entered into an agreement with Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS) to make the remittance information available via the Internet. The system that provides this information is called the Payment Advice Internet Delivery (PAID) system and was developed to provide an alternative method for delivering the remittance information to vendors who are paid electronically through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system.

PAID is available to you at no cost. The database of remittance information resides on FMS' web site, and is administered by Treasury's Austin Regional Financial Center. Banking information is not a part of PAID. Data is kept on-line for 60 days beginning the day after your account is activated.

You can sign up for PAID by completing and submitting a registration form on-line. To register, access the PAID web site at <http://fms.treas.gov/paid>. Three payment delivery options are available to you: (1) web access only, (2) web access and e-mail notification of when a payment has been made, and (3) web access and e-mail delivery of remittance information.

The PAID webmaster will verify your registration and notify you that your access has been activated within five business days and confirm your acceptance by e-mail. You can check on payments beginning the day after your account is activated. If you selected option two or three, you will receive notice of all payments received beginning the day after your account is activated.

The system is secure. A unique login and password, provided upon acceptance of your registration, controls your access to the system. If you have questions, please contact your USDA agency point of contact or any of the following USDA Controller Operations Division employees:

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