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1. Commercial Hosting Migration Complete

On April 14, ARC successfully migrated our shared environment of Oracle, Discoverer, and
PRISM applications to Oracle On Demand's hosting services. This also included an upgrade of
Oracle and Discoverer software for these customers. Over the past many months, we have
shared our plans with our customer agencies and provided them with opportunities to participate
in both user testing and training. This successful migration completes the initial phase of ARC's
migration to Oracle's hosted platform.

If you have any questions or issues with any of the Oracle and Discoverer applications, contact
304-480-8000, Option 3, or oraclesupportteam@bpd.treas.gov; and if you experience any issues
with PRISM, contact 304-480-8000, Option 2, or prismsupport@bpd.treas.gov.

For more specific information on the commercial hosting program, contact Lance Gainer at 304-
480-8185 or lance.gainer@bpd.treas.gov.

2. Customer Pricing

Prices for FY 2010 and estimates for FY 2011 will be communicated to all franchise customers
during the month of April. We continue to take steps to minimize and project costs in future

years. Any questions regarding pricing should be directed to Michelle Yanok at 304-480-7236 or michelle.yanok@bpd.treas.gov.

3. IT Staff Presents at ISSLOB Conference

Representatives of ARC's Information Technology group presented at the April 15 Information Systems Security Line of Business (ISSLOB) conference at the NTSB Conference Center in L'Enfant Plaza. As one of the four Shared Service Centers under the ISSLOB, the group presented to a variety of Federal agencies interested in obtaining Certification and Accreditation (C&A) services.

Please contact Orlando Yaconis at 304-480-6634 or orlando.yaconis@bpd.treas.gov for additional information.

4. Fiscal Year 2009 Funding

On March 11, 2009, the President signed into law a $410 billion omnibus appropriations bill to provide FY 2009 funding for the remaining Federal departments and agencies not included in the continuing resolution (Public Law 110-329) that funded Government programs at FY2009 levels through March 6, 2009. ARC has informed contractors of this event. With this approval coming so late in the fiscal year, we realize that you have a compressed time schedule to spend these dollars. Procurement team leaders are eager to assist you with acquisition planning and the processing of your FY 2009 procurement actions. Please see last month's ARC Bulletin for the due dates for the submission of your forecasts and procurement packages. For additional guidance, contact your procurement support team leader at 304-480-7137.

5. New Functionality and System Improvements for PRISM on the Way

Users in our shared environment will see new functionality and system improvements with the upgrade of PRISM to version 6.3, which is anticipated for implementation on Sunday, May 17, 2009. Significant improvements include the ability to post PRISM records into the latest version of the Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) and an increased number of data elements passed to FPDS-NG.

For further information, please contact Brian Woodyard at 304-480-7157 or brian.woodyard@bpd.treas.gov.

6. FTR Provides Agencies With Option To Cap Home Values Under Guaranteed Home Sale Program

For customers who offer Guaranteed Home Sale (GHS) services, the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) authorizes agencies the option of setting a maximum home value, above which it will be the employee's responsibility to cover the costs. This is not a new provision in the FTR, but it is one that agencies may want to consider in light of increased GHS vendor rates and increased scrutiny of the program.

FTR §302-12.111 covers this area and sets forth factors to consider when establishing the maximum home value.

For more information, please contact Lee Buckingham at 304-480-8420 or lee.buckingham@bpd.treas.gov.

7. Form 1099 Recordkeeping Tips

ARC submitted 5,769 IRS 1099 tax forms for calendar year 2008 before the March 31 filing deadline on behalf of our 29 customer agencies. A convenience check log, 1099 record keeping tips, and instructions are provided to convenience check holders when they receive their checks. Reminder emails are also sent periodically to ARC's 1099 contacts.

Please contact ARC1099@bpd.treas.gov if you have questions or comments about recordkeeping tips or ARC's 1099 reporting process.

8. Elimination of Time-in-Grade Delayed

As indicated in the January ARC Bulletin, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued final regulations to eliminate the 52-week time-in-grade requirement for promotions in the General Schedule effective March 9, 2009. Due to the January 20 White House Memorandum on regulatory review, the elimination of time-in-grade has been delayed until May 18, 2009.

To view OPM's announcement of the delay, go to http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-5008.pdf. To view the full text of the new regulations, go to http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-26559.pdf. For any other information concerning time-in-grade, please contact your ARC supervisory staffing specialist at 304-480-8309 or fesbinquiries@bpd.treas.gov.

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