-- ----------------------
ARC Monthly Bulletin – July 2011

Valuable information for ARC's customers
-- ----------------------
Article headlines appear below. Scroll down for full stories.
-- ----------------------
HEADLINES

Franchise Services
1. Website Search Functionality
2. Oracle Release 12 (R12) Project Update and Deployment Time Frame
3. AGA and FMS Conferences

Human Resources Services
4. Department of Labor Announces Final Rule Updating Procedures for FECA Claims
5. Human Resource Service Line Efficiency Review Initiative

Travel Services
6. FTR Relocation Entitlements Amended Effective August 1, 2011

Financial Management Services
7. IPP Implementation Update

Information Technology Services
8. Office of Fiscal Projection System SA&A Completed
9. FMFIA Review Draft Report Release - No Findings

-- ----------------------

FULL STORIES

1. Website Search Functionality

We recently added new search functionality to our website https://arc.publicdebt.treas.gov/. You now have the option to search for specific topics or interests. A search bar will be located in the upper right hand corner of every customer access page. If you experience any issues or cannot find the information you are researching, please do not hesitate to use the "contact us" link also located in the upper right hand corner.

For additional information, contact Shaun Willison at 304-480-7286 or shaun.willison@bpd.treas.gov.

2. Oracle Release 12 (R12) Project Update and Deployment Time Frame

We continue our efforts on the Oracle Release 12 reimplementation. Current activities include preliminary configuration set-up and testing, design and development activities related to reporting, and custom extensions to Oracle functionality to accommodate the many integrations that exist with outside applications and processes (e.g. GovTrip, PRISM, Payroll, etc.).

Another project milestone has been reached in that we have identified the time frame in which we will be implementing customers in our shared Oracle environment. We will begin to migrate customers to R12 in the summer of 2012 and continue over the next six months. A deployment schedule is currently being developed and we anticipate making this available to our customers by the end of the summer. Customers will be invited to share any concerns they may have with the designated deployment time frame.

For additional information, contact us at R12Communication@bpd.treas.gov.

3. AGA and FMS Conferences

We recently presented at the AGA conference July 10, 2011 through July 12, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia. We had the opportunity to meet with potential customers in addition to several of our current customers and we would like to thank those who stopped by our booth. Also look for us at the FMS conference August 2, 2011 through August 3, 2011. This year's conference will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania, NW, Washington DC. Additional information can be found at the FMS website http://www.fms.treas.gov/tas/conference/annconf.html.

If you plan to be in attendance and would like to discuss ARC's services in detail, we encourage you to schedule an appointment with Shaun Willison at 304-480-7286 or shaun.willison@bpd.treas.gov.

4. Department of Labor Announces Final Rule Updating Procedures for FECA Claims

On June 28th, the Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) released a final rule that revises the procedures used in administering claims under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). The rule signifies the first major change to FECA regulations since 1999. Administrative and procedural changes include requiring employing agencies to submit claims electronically by December 31, 2012. Employers that currently do not have such capability should create such a method. OWCP will implement a free, web-based system (E–COMP) that will allow claimants and representatives to directly upload documents to the electronic case file by the end of 2012. Agencies that enroll in E-COMP will have the option to allow their employees to file new injuries and wage loss compensation forms (CA-1, CA-2, CA-7, etc.). The final rule can be viewed at http://www.dol.gov/compliance/laws/comp-feca.htm.

For more information, contact our Workers' Compensation Team at 304-480-8400 or WorkersComp@bpd.treas.gov.

5. Human Resource Service Line Efficiency Review Initiative

We are a few weeks into the pilots of new business processes within our Classification and Staff Acquisition and Processing service areas. Although it is early in the pilot to fully assess the impact of the changes, we are planning forums that will assess service levels from our customer's perspective. Specifically, we are making plans to receive customer feedback and to share our findings throughout the pilot phase. Activities under consideration include surveys, conference calls, and webinars. Regardless of the means we decide to leverage, our goal is to provide open and frequent communication with our customers.

For additional information, contact Jennifer Lasko at 304-480-8311 or HRODPilot@bpd.treas.gov.

6. FTR Relocation Entitlements Amended Effective August 1, 2011

Effective August 1, 2011, the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) will reflect numerous changes to relocation entitlements. These changes are the result of reviews and recommendations by the Relocation Best Practices Committee (RBPC) and the Government-wide Relocation Advisory Board (GRAB). The Relocation Services Branch (RSB) will send a summary of the changes along with the Federal Register notice to ARC relocation customers in July.

RSB has requested customers to advise ARC of policy decisions for discretionary items, as needed.

For additional information, contact Lee Buckingham on 304-480-8420 or lee.buckingham@bpd.treas.gov.

7. IPP Implementation Update

Treasury recently mandated that all Treasury bureaus and Departmental Offices transition to Financial Management Service's (FMS) Internet Payment Platform (IPP) by the end of FY 2012. Realizing this initiative will be beneficial, we are migrating all our customers to IPP. We are currently working with each customer individually to derive a migration schedule and plan a seamless transition from the current invoice process to the

more automated process IPP provides. We have currently migrated five customers successfully to IPP. More information on IPP can be found at http://fms.treas.gov/ipp/index.html.

For additional information, contact Yvette Dunbar at 304-480-7053 or Yvette.Dunbar@bpd.treas.gov.

8. Office of Fiscal Projection System SA&A Completed

Contractors have completed the annual Security Assessment & Authorization (SA&A) of OFP's Fiscal Projection System. The system is hosted and managed by IT Service. The assessment included reviews of all parts of the infrastructure, including prior audits and internal security, configuration management, system security, user access control, contingency planning, and continuous security scanning. There were no findings reported.

For additional information, contact Anne Young at 304-480-6817 or anne.young@bpd.treas.gov.

9. FMFIA Review Draft Report Release - No Findings

In June, Public Debt completed its Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) review of the Application Development Assessable Units in both our IT and administrative services areas within Public Debt. The units reviewed objectives are to provide support and guidance for the planning, design, development and implementation of new IT systems, the customization of Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) products, and the maintenance of existing systems. Management and internal controls were found to be adequate and in compliance with the FMFIA, with no formal findings reported.

For additional information, contact David Givens at 304-480-7637, david.givens@bpd.treas.gov, or Carrie Roe at 304-480-8239, carrie.roe@bpd.treas.gov.

ARC Websites: Homepage l Customer Access Pages l Bulletin Archives

----

Administration: Subscribe l Unsubscribe l   Bulletin Feedback
----