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1. PRISM Upgrade

On Sunday, March 4, 2012, PRISM will be upgraded to version 7.1. This upgrade brings significant changes to the Welcome Page and the requisition module. The Welcome Page will provide configurable widgets, which show Inbox, Buyer Workload and Proxy information. The requisition module has a completely new look and feel that streamlines the requisitioning process. All active PRISM users received various training opportunities during the month of February.

For additional information, contact the PRISM Support Team at 304-480-8000, option 2 or PRISMSupport@bpd.treas.gov

 2. FY 13 Agreement Lifecycle

We are currently working diligently to ensure our annual agreements are distributed in a timely manner so each agreement is signed prior to the period of performance. We look forward to another successful year providing shared services to our customers and will keep you informed as we approach and obtain specific milestones throughout our FY 13 agreement process.

For more information, contact Michael Satterfield at 304-480-5527 or Michael.Satterfield@bpd.treas.gov

3. Bureau of the Public Debt and Financial Management Service Consolidation

The President's FY 2013 Budget Request to Congress that was released February 13th proposed to consolidate the Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD) and the Financial Management Service (FMS) into a single organization called Fiscal Service, reporting to Treasury's Fiscal Assistant Secretary. The consolidation is expected to eliminate redundancies in administrative and support functions over the next few years. At this time, we do not anticipate changes to the franchise services being provided to customers as a result of the consolidation. We will continue to provide information that is relevant to our customers as we learn more about the consolidation.

For additional information, contact Michael Satterfield at 304-480-5527 or Michael.Satterfield@bpd.treas.gov

4. **IPP Intra-Gov Pilot**

On January 12, 2012, we joined the FRB Boston and other Federal agencies in Hyattsville, Maryland to learn about Internet Payment Platform's newest feature, IPP Intra-Gov. IPP Intra-Gov will allow agencies to manage their inter-agency agreements on-line and provide an interface to the Intra-governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) system which is used to transfer funds between Federal agencies. The FRB is conducting a pilot of this system which will run from February to May, 2012. A few of our customers will be participating in this pilot to transact business with one or two Federal trading partners. Our financial management staff will be working closely with the FRB to ensure a successful pilot and direct future development of IPP Intra-Gov.

For additional information or would like to be added to the pilot, contact Matt Conrad at 304-480-7004 or Matt.Conrad@bpd.treas.gov

5. HROD Efficiency Study Continues

In January, we kicked off a "Why Lean?" training class to approximately 35 employees. The objective of the class was to educate employees on the need for "Lean" and how to identify process waste, variability, and flexibility. In this class, basic "Lean" concepts were discussed, and then reinforced by a live simulation where participants experience firsthand how eliminating waste and balancing workload improves process quality and productivity. Over the next few months all 200+ HROD employees will learn the "Why Lean?" fundamentals.

As a result of a six-month efficiency pilot, the Employee Services Branch (ESB) finalized its reorganization. This reorganization now separates the classification and staff acquisition functions. In addition to the reorganization, ESB continues to use data analysis to balance workloads, decrease variance, and improve flexibility to meet employment metrics.

For additional information, contact Carla McHenry at 304-480-8228 or Carla.Mchenry@bpd.treas.gov

6. Final Fiscal IT Project Milestone Achieved – 3rd Data Center Closed

Effective January 31, 2012, the Hyattsville Regional Operations Center data center located in Hyattsville, MD., was officially closed. This significant event is the final major milestone in achieving the Fiscal IT objective of closing three data centers. The Contingency Automated Processing Site at Mineral Wells, West Virginia was closed on July 29, 2011, and the Philadelphia Regional Operations Center data center was closed on August 31, 2011. This achievement represents the exceptional effort, competence, and cooperation of the staffs from the IT and Program areas of both FMS and Public Debt. Closure of the data centers is part of the overall Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative (DCCI) to reduce the number of data centers in the federal government.

For additional information, contact Carlos Usera at 304-480-7823 or Carlos.Usera@bpd.treas.gov

7. Federal Travel Regulations

The Federal Register announced on February 2, 2012 that the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) requirement for all agencies to deploy and implement ETS will extend to the ETS2 contract. The notice reminded agencies that they should begin making plans to transition from ETS to ETS2 during FY12 and that they must execute a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for full deployment of ETS2 with General Services Administration (GSA) no later than March 30, 2012. We are currently working with GSA on the MOU and transition plans, which include all travel customers. GSA plans to award an ETS2 15 year contract to no more than two vendors this spring. ARC plans to begin migrating customers to ETS2 in early calendar year 2013. The ETS master contract will expire November 11, 2013.

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