

Email Subject: CA\$HLINK II Sunset Update

Dear Federal Agency CA\$HLINK II User:

In April 2007, my predecessor, Fred Lehnhoff, sent a letter announcing a move by the Financial Management Service (FMS) to a Collections Business Line Enterprise Architecture, as part of larger Enterprise Architecture initiatives within FMS, at the Treasury Department, and across the Federal government. He also announced significant changes to Governmentwide Accounting (GWA) processes and systems at that time. I am pleased to report that FMS is making steady progress in implementing the planned changes.

Among the resulting changes announced previously is the planned disaggregation of CA\$HLINK II (CL II) which will occur after current CL II processes have been migrated to successor systems and deposit reporting and reconciliation processes now in CL II have completely moved to the new Transaction Reporting System (TRS). TRS is a collections reporting tool, supplying the latest information on deposits and detail of collections transactions to Federal agencies. TRS will:

- Provide a single touch-point for the exchange of all financial transactions across all collections systems
- Offer a centralized repository containing detailed and summarized records of all revenue collections transactions processed by FMS systems
- Facilitate Collections and Cash Management Modernization (CCMM)
- Support reporting of classification information for the GWA modernization initiative.

With TRS's robust reporting and analytic features, agencies will be able to retrieve and review their transaction and deposit data swiftly and in ways unavailable previously.

Under the architecture designed by the CCMM initiative, TRS will receive data from a limited number of sources. Other Treasury initiatives will consolidate legacy data sources into modernized collections channels. For instance, with the phasing out of CL II, all agencies that enter over-the-counter (OTC) deposits directly into CL II will report them electronically in FMS's Treasury General Account Deposit Reporting Network (TGANet) system. TGANet is a secure web-based application that automates the OTC deposit process and provides for electronic bank confirmation of agency deposits. TGANet also captures detailed accounting information at the point of deposit, thereby facilitating the classification of Treasury collections on a daily basis. TGANet will feed deposit information to TRS, which will consolidate it with an agency's other collections activity in the daily integrated transaction/deposit report.

TRS is now in production, and several agencies are currently using the system. The majority of agencies will begin transitioning to TRS in 2010. The disaggregation of CL II has begun and FMS is targeting to sunset CL II in 2012. CL II operational functions associated with Fedwire and Remittance Express (REX) (including returns/reversals and Fedwire corrections) will be transitioned to a new program called the Credit Gateway, starting towards the end of Fiscal Year 2010. There will also be changes in the time of the day when CL II will receive Fedwire and Automated Clearing House Network (ACH) transaction detail. Access to Fedwire and ACH detail information in CL II will only be available after vouchers have been created during the end-of-day process. TRS will provide real-time access to Fedwire detail and future settled ACH transactions. Any agency requiring access to intra-day Fedwires or future-settled ACH transactions will need to enroll in TRS.

FMS recognizes that these promising changes will require some effort on all of our parts to accomplish. We strongly believe that the rewards—including easier-to-use financial information, more timely central accounting classifications, better funds control over deposits, more streamlined reporting and reconciliation of cash receipts and deposits, and significant cost savings to the government—will more than justify the effort. We are committed to working closely with our agency customers in order to ease the transition. For instance, the TRS Agency Outreach team is identifying agencies impacted by CL II changes in the timing of Fedwire and ACH reporting in CL II and prioritizing their enrollment to make sure that agencies that will be impacted first will be enrolled first.

The first three things your agency should be doing to prepare for TRS are:

1. Visit the TRS website (<http://fms.treas.gov/trs/index.html>) and utilize a comprehensive set of resources
 - o Overview information about TRS
 - o Information about preparing for TRS and enrollment
 - o Time frames for data availability in TRS
 - o "An Introduction to the Transaction Reporting System" webinar
 - o And much more.
2. Arrange for someone from your agency to attend an "Introduction to TRS" session to assist in planning for migration to the new system
 - o Learn about TRS
 - o See a TRS demonstration and sample reports
 - o Discover what you need to do to assure that your agency's data will be in TRS
3. Assure that all of your agency's data is being reported to one of the modernized Treasury systems which feeds TRS.

There are a number of resources available now to assist agencies in their planning. After you visit the TRS website (<http://fms.treas.gov/trs/index.html>), if you have additional questions, the following resources are available to answer questions:

- About TRS and "Introduction to TRS" sessions – Call the TRS Agency Outreach line at 301-699-6814 or email TRSAgencyOutreach@PNC.com
- About the TRS project – Call Monica Shelton, FMS TRS Deputy Project Manager at 202-874-1346 or email Monica.Shelton@fms.treas.gov
- About CA\$HLINK II – Call Julie Davis, FMS CA\$HLINK II Program Manager at 202-874-6714 or email Julie.Davis@fms.treas.gov
- About the Credit Gateway – Call Randolph Maxwell, FMS Credit Gateway Program Manager at 202-874-3720 or email settlement.services@fms.treas.gov
- About TGAnet – Call Treasury OTC Support Center at 1-866-945-7920 or visit the website at <http://fms.treas.gov/tganet/index.html>

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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