CA$HLINK II:

Countdown To Shutdown

An update from the Financial Management Service (FMS) CA$HLINK II Team

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The Time is Now: CA$HLINK II Shutdown begins **Monday, December 31**

In one week, on **Monday, December 31, 2012**, the final shutdown of CA$HLINK II will begin.

This final CA$HLINK II shutdown update for 2012 provides information about how the shutdown will impact your agency or financial institution.

This update includes notices about the following topics:

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Attn: Agency Users and Financial Institutions

Deposit Reporting:

Financial institutions will no longer have the capability to enter deposit information into the CA$HLINK II system as of **Monday, December 31, 2012 at 9:00 pm ET**. Financial institutions must use OTCnet to enter over-the-counter deposit reports.

Fedwire and ACH Credit Transactions:

All agency Fedwire and ACH credit transactions must settle directly in Treasury through the Credit Gateway and not through a commercial bank. It is critical that these are transitioned to settle through the Credit Gateway before deposit reporting in CA$HLINK II is shut down on **Monday, December 31, 2012 at 9:00 pm ET**.

If your agency or financial institution is receiving Fedwires and/or ACH credit transactions directly in an agency's TGA account, contact the FMS Credit Gateway Program Manager, Randolph Maxwell, at (202) 874-3720 or email settlement.services@fms.treas.gov to transition these to Credit Gateway.

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Special Points of Interest

- Financial institutions will no longer have the capability to enter deposit information into CA$HLINK II as of Monday, December 31, 2012 at 9:00 pm ET.
- CA$HLINK II User IDs for agency users will be removed from CA$HLINK II on Friday, January 11, 2013 at 9:00 pm ET.
- CA$HLINK II User IDs for financial institutions will be removed from CA$HLINK II on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 9:00 pm ET.

Agency Users and Financial Institutions (continued)

OTCnet Adjustment, Correction or Rescission (ACR) Update:

Effective October 27, 2012, Adjustment, Correction or Rescission (ACR) actions for over-the-counter deposits made in either OTCnet or CA$HLINK II must be performed in one of two ways, depending on the type of ACR action:

- Directly In OTCnet: Treasury General Account (TGA) banks and International Treasury General Account (ITGA) banks can process the ACR action directly in the OTCnet application
- OTCnet Customer Service: Agencies, TGA banks, and ITGA banks can contact the OTCnet Customer Service team

OTCnet only accepts Dollar Amount Adjustments and Return Item Adjustment ACR actions. Therefore, agencies and financial institutions will need to contact OTCnet Customer Service at FMS.OTCInformation@citi.com, who will perform all other types of ACR actions on your behalf.

Agency Users

TRS Name Change to Collections Information Repository (CIR):

CIR Collections Information Repository
(Formerly the Transaction Reporting System)

The Transaction Reporting System (TRS) will be renamed to the Collections Information Repository (CIR) on **Saturday, January 5, 2013**. FMS is rebranding the system to be consistent with the naming convention for its other data repositories, such as the Payment Information Repository (PIR).

The application link will not change and there will not be any changes to the functionality of the system related to the name change; it will operate the same as it does today.

Collections Reporting:

TRS/CIR will be your primary mechanism for viewing your collections data. After **Monday, December 31, 2012**, you will use TRS/CIR to view collections data and perform your daily work processes.

CA$HLINK II Historical Data to TRS/CIR:

CA$HLINK II historical data (not previously reported in TRS/CIR) for the last two fiscal years (October 2010 to September 2012) was loaded into TRS/CIR on **Saturday, December 1, 2012.** The CA$HLINK II historical data for this period is now available using existing TRS/CIR standard reports. The remainder of CA$HLINK II historical data, as of October 1, 2004, will be loaded into TRS/CIR by **Monday, January 14, 2013.** Since miscellaneous vouchers contain a mixture of payment and collection activities, these vouchers will reside and be available for viewing in both PIR and TRS/CIR.

The TRS/CIR Team has made the following reference materials available to you within the TRS/CIR application to support your transition:

From the Training page:

- **Web Application Reference Manual:** Describes features, such as logging in, navigating, updating your password, creating ALC groups, and working with XML files
- **Business Objects General Help:** Describes some common features of how the system uses Business Objects, including setting your preferences and scheduling reports

From the Reports folders:

- **Agency Reports Help:** Describes reports available to agency users with definitions of selection options and report fields
- **Business Objects General Help: (**See description above)
- **CA$HLINK II Report Crosswalk Document:** Compares the current CA$HLINK II reports to comparable TRS/CIR reports to help users with their transition
- **Agency Download Reports - CSV File Layout Specification Document:** Describes the details of the three TRS/CIR reports primarily designed to be downloaded in CSV format – Fedwire, Plastic Card, and Voucher – as well as the ACH Detail Report

Available on the TRS/CIR website (http://fms.treas.gov/trs/index.html):

- Collections Reporting Topics: Brief presentations to supplement Web-based Training (WBT) modules and the online help / reference documents
- CA$HLINK II: Countdown to Shutdown Newsletters

Resources

A number of resources are available now to assist you in your transition from CA$HLINK II.

Visit the CA$HLINK II and TRS/CIR websites:

www.fms.treas.gov/cashlink
www.fms.treas.gov/trs

If you have additional questions, contact the appropriate FMS system / program resources:

www.fms.treas.gov/programs.html

Contact Information

Information for contacts referenced in this communication (as of December 2012) is below and on Page 3.

ASAP:
Carol Cole at (202) 874-6542 or Carol.Cole@fms.treas.gov

Agency Relationship Management:
http://www.fms.treas.gov/arm/contacts.html

Bank Management:
Leo Warring at (202) 874-7148 or Leo.Warring@fms.treas.gov

CARS/BMS:
For technical problem in reporting: FRB Atlanta help desk at (404)273-3685 or Billing.CBAF@atl.frb.org.

For general reporting problem (including late or incomplete reporting):
TGA Support Team at (866) 771-1842 or stls.tga.support@stls.frb.org

CARS/GWA:
1 (877) 440-9476 or GWA-CRM@fms.treas.gov

Agency Users (continued)

CA$HLINK II User IDs for agency users will be removed from CA$HLINK II on **Friday, January 11, 2013 at 9:00 pm ET**. Agency users will not be able to login to CA$HLINK II after January 11, 2013.

CA$HLINK II Historical Data to the Payment Information Repository (PIR):

The PIR contains historical data on payment (5515 & 215) and miscellaneous vouchers (debit and credit), as of June 1, 2005. Since miscellaneous vouchers contain a mixture of payment and collection activities, these vouchers will reside and be available for viewing in both PIR and TRS/CIR.

Once your CA$HLINK II User ID is removed on **Friday, January 11, 2013**, historical payment data as of June 1, 2005 will only be available in the PIR. In order to view this data, you must enroll in the PIR. Review the PIR website for instructions on how to enroll in the PIR: http://www.fms.treas.gov/pir/getting-started.html

Financial Institutions

Cash Concentration:

Treasury Cash Management System (TCMS) will assume cash concentration functionality for all deposits reported/processed through Treasury after **Friday, January 4, 2013 9:15 pm ET**.

Effective this date, financial institutions must use the Federal Reserve Bank's National Settlement Service (NSS) for all transfers in place of CA$HLINK II's ACH and Fedwires. TCMS will submit files to NSS per the following schedule: **8:30 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 4:00 pm ET**.

Friday, January 4, 2013: Last cash concentration via Fedwire from CA$HLINK II

Saturday, January 5, 2013: TCMS receives first voucher deposit files for settlement on January 7, 2013

Monday, January 7, 2013: Last ACH settlement processing for prior business day (for previous business day activities) in CA$HLINK II; and, first expedited (same day) TCMS NSS transfer

Tuesday, January 8, 2013: First non-expedited (next business day) TCMS NSS transfer

Bank Management:

Customer Accounts Receivable System/Bank Management Service (CARS/BMS) will be used by financial institutions to report monthly expenses incurred while providing depositary services to support the Treasury's General Account (TGA) program. Effective with the reporting of January 2013 expenses on **Friday, February 1, 2013**, financial institutions must use CARS/BMS to report expenses.

Thursday, January 10, 2013: Last day for financial institutions to enter bank management information in CA$HLINK II (for December 2012 statement)

Thursday, January 31, 2013: Last CA$HLINK II bank management cycle for TGA accounts (for December 2012 statement)

Friday, February 1, 2013: Financial institutions begin using CARS/BMS for entering January 2013 business expenses for TGA account

CA$HLINK II User IDs for financial institutions will be removed from CA$HLINK II on **Friday, February 8, 2013 at 9:00 pm ET.** Financial institutions will not be able to login to CA$HLINK II after February 8, 2013.

Financial institutions that will need access to historical voucher information from CA$HLINK II should download any data you need from CA$HLINK II before your User ID is removed on February 8, 2013.

Contact Information (continued)

CA$HLINK II Call Center:
1 (800) 346-5465, (301) 887-6600, or Cashlink2@pnc.com

CA$HLINK II Shutdown:
CA$HLINK II Stakeholder Outreach at CL2Shutdown@pnc.com

Credit Gateway
Randolph Maxwell at (202) 874-3720 or settlement.services@fms.treas.gov

ITS.gov:
ITS Accounting Group at (201) 531-3777 or nyits.accounting@ny.frb.org

OTCnet:
OTCnet Agency Adoption at (703) 377-5365 or FMS.OTCInformation@citi.com

PACER:
(202) 874-9492 or Pacer.Questions@fms.treas.gov

PIR:
PIR Agency Outreach at (816) 414-2340 or PIR.Agency.Outreach@fms.treas.gov

TCMS:
TCMS Customer Service at (855) 677-TCMS (8267) or BOS.TCMS.Operations.Group@bos.frb.org

TRS/CIR Agency Outreach:
TRS/CIR Agency Outreach at (301) 699-6814 or TRSAgencyOutreach@pnc.com

TRS/CIR Call Center:
1 (800) 346-5465, (301) 887-6600, or TRS@pnc.com

FMS Users

Below is a high-level breakdown of how the shutdown of the CA$HLINK II system will impact FMS users:

Deposit Reporting:

Deposit reporting functions will be removed from the CA$HLINK II system on **Monday, December 31, 2012 at 9:00pm**. At this time, all over-the-counter deposit reports must be entered through OTCnet.

Collections Reporting to CA$HLINK II:

Collections information will no longer be loaded to CA$HLINK II after **Friday, January 11, 2013**. All collections information must be viewed through the Transaction Repository System (TRS) / Collections Information Repository (CIR).

Cash Concentration:

Treasury Cash Management System (TCMS) will assume cash concentration functionality for all deposits reported/processed through Treasury after **Friday, January 4, 2013 9:15 pm ET**. Effective this date, financial institutions must use the Federal Reserve Bank's National Settlement Service (NSS) for all transfers in place of CA$HLINK II's ACH and Fedwires. FMS must use TCMS reports, or the Commercial Voucher Transfer Status Report in TRS/CIR that provides prior day transfer activity, to manage outstanding funds balances for on-going commercial deposit reporting.

Bank Management:

Customer Accounts Receivable System/Bank Management Service (CARS/BMS) is a new system for financial institutions to report monthly expenses incurred while providing depositary services to support the Treasury's General Account (TGA) program. Effective with the reporting of January 2013 expenses on **Friday, February 1, 2013**, financial institutions must use CARS/BMS to report expenses.

Cash Forecasting:

Beginning **Monday, January 7, 2013**, limited Cash Forecasting reporting will be available in CA$HLINK II to report any residual activity for cash concentration ACH and Fedwire RTNs. Effective this date, cash forecasting reports will be available in TRS/CIR for the new NSS RTN activity as well as all other Collections RTN activity excluding the ACH and Fedwire cash concentration RTNs. Cash Forecasting reports will no longer be generated in CA$HLINK II as of **Monday, January 14, 2013**.

Required Actions:

FMS Users - Review the CA$HLINK II: Countdown to Shutdown updates in detail to ensure you are prepared for each phase of CA$HLINK II shutdown. You have received these updates in your email over the last few months. You may also find them on the CA$HLINK II website at http://fms.treas.gov/cashlink. Watch your email for future updates.

If you have questions about plans for shutting down functions that you use in CA$HLINK II, contact the following resources:

- Bank Management: Leo Warring at (202) 874-7148 or Leo.Warring@fms.treas.gov
- CA$HLINK II: Stakeholder Outreach Team at 301-699-6814 or CL2Shutdown@pnc.com
- OTCnet: OTCnet Agency Adoption at (703) 377-5365 or FMS.OTCInformation@citi.com
- TCMS: TCMS Customer Service at (855) 677-TCMS (8267) or BOS.TCMS.Operations.Group@bos.frb.org
- TRS/CIR: TRS Agency Outreach at 301-699-6814 or TRSAgencyOutreach@pnc.com

CA$HLINK II Stakeholder Outreach Team

The CA$HLINK II Stakeholder Outreach Team is available to research and answer general, non-TRS/CIR related questions about CA$HLINK II shutdown.

Contact us at:

CL2Shutdown@pnc.com

Information for contacts referenced in this communication (as of December 2012) is on Pages 2 and 3.

Have a Question?

Within FMS, Agency Relationship Managers (ARMs) serve as central points of contact for Federal Program Agencies (FPAs).

You are encouraged to contact the ARM Division with any questions you may have about Collections and Cash Management Modernization (CCMM) and its related systems and programs. The link to find your dedicated ARM Point of Contact is: http://www.fms.treas.gov/arm/contacts.html.