Business Partner Network (BPN) to all IPAC Users:

On October 15, 2009, IPAC will begin validating the Sender and Receiver DUNS, the Sender and Receiver DUNS+4 and the DODAAC data elements in the IPAC application when entering transactions on-line or via bulk file; these fields are optional, but if invalid data is entered on October 15 or thereafter, the transactions will be rejected.

IPAC temporarily disabled the edits on the Sender DUNS, the Sender DUNS+4, the Receiver DUNS, the Receiver DUNS+4, and the Department of Defense Activity Address Code (DODAAC) to allow agencies time to take the steps necessary to update BPN information. **These edits will be re-enabled on October 15, 2009.** Please review the IPAC Error Messages for BPN Transactions document that is attached to this email**.** You will need to make sure that the BPN number is valid for the ALC you are using in IPAC. If not, IPAC will reject the transactions. Please notify your trading partners that they too must ensure their BPNs are valid for their IPAC ALCs.   **Note:** The DODAAC field should **only** be used by DoD agencies initiating a transaction.

Reminder: If you process changes in FedReg, there is a 2-day lag between changes made in FedReg and IPAC validation. IPAC pulls the file from FedReg at 7 a.m. EST for the prior-day's work. IPAC schedules the job to run overnight so there is no interference with transaction processing.

If you need further information or have questions concerning FedReg, please contact the Federal Service Desk at 1-866-606-8220 (domestic) or 334-206-7828 (international). You are also encouraged to visit the web site at: www.fsd.gov for the answer center as well as FAQs. Also refer to the IPAC website at www.fms.treas.gov/goals/ipac/index.html, look under news for all related documents.