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SUBJECT: IPAC Release 11.3 Implementation

This correspondence announces the Financial Management Service (FMS) Intra-governmental Payment and Collection System (IPAC) scheduled Release 11.3 implementation on April 11, 2009.

Release 11.3 includes three major modifications to the IPAC application:

1. Sort by Document Reference Number (DRN);
2. Sender Initiated Adjustments (SIAs);
3. Business Partner Network (BPN).

The information below provides the details of these major modifications:

1. Sort by DRN - The DRN is the confirmation number of an IPAC transaction. For on-line transactions, IPAC assigns the DRN. For bulk file transactions, an agency has the choice of allowing IPAC to assign the DRN or the agency can assign the DRN when uploading its bulk files to the IPAC system (this option will be available on reports only). With the DRN sort option, an agency will be able to query the IPAC database and search for transactions by DRN.
2. SIA - Currently, if an error is discovered on an original IPAC transaction, the sender of that transaction cannot initiate the correction via IPAC's adjustment screens. The most common means for correction is for the sender to manually contact the receiver agency and request that it initiate a chargeback. Another option is for the sender to initiate a new original transaction, but this does not facilitate a link back to the original transaction in error. Also, it does not provide the correct accounting classification for business events. For agencies that report Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) and Business Event Type Codes (BETCs) in IPAC as GWA Reporters, transaction correction capability is necessary to ensure proper posting to their accounts. Therefore, in support of Governmentwide Accounting and Reporting

Modernization efforts, IPAC has lifted this correction limitation, and senders will be able to initiate correcting or adjusting transactions.

3. BPN - The support of the BPN (FedReg) initiative for the Central Reporting Team (CRT) requires the validation of Dunn and Bradstreet Numbers (DUNS), Dunn and Bradstreet Numbers +4 (DUNS+4), and Department of Defense Activity Address Codes (DODAACs) on all IPAC transactions. Federal civilian agencies and nongovernmental entities use the nine-digit DUNS, and the Department of Defense uses "DOD" plus the six-character DODAAC. Currently, IPAC does not validate DUNS, DUNS+4, and/or DODAAC numbers.

All agencies that buy from or sell to a Federal agency must register with the BPN and obtain a Business Partner Network Number (BPNN). The BPNN must be valid for the ALC for which it was registered in FedReg. This process and validation increase security and are part of the Presidential E-Government Initiative. Beginning April 11, 2009, IPAC will validate the BPNN, if entered, and will confirm the BPNN is valid for the ALC as indexed in FedReg. However, IPAC will not require the BPNN.

For more information on the BPN or to obtain a BPNN, check the BPN Web site at <http://www.bpn.gov>.

For updated information, check the IPAC Web site at [www.fms.treas.gov/goals/ipac](http://www.fms.treas.gov/goals/ipac). If you have any questions, contact Lori Makle-Sellman at 202-874-8782 or via e-mail to [lori.makle-sellman@fms.treas.gov](mailto:lori.makle-sellman@fms.treas.gov).

Thank you for your continuous support and cooperation with FMS to improve IPAC.