

IPAC Update

To all IPAC users:

The information provided below updates you on the status of various IPAC activities related to Release 11.3.2 (deployed on April 15, 2009).

Sender Initiated Adjustment (SIA)

We had encountered a problem with the SIA transactions being reported incorrectly to the central accounting system. The adjustments for the erroneous transactions have been made. IPAC also has implemented a change to correct the initial problem. Now, agencies can process SIA transactions without further problems.

Business Partner Network (BPN)

Some agencies were receiving “invalid BPN” and “invalid ALC/BPN combination” error messages when processing their IPAC transactions even though they checked FedReg prior to IPAC validating the BPN. There were multiple reasons that agencies were receiving these errors. Some issues were related to the way FedReg displayed the status on the registration; when agencies checked in FedReg, it appeared as though their registrations were valid even though they had expired. Other issues involved agencies understanding the IPAC edit definitions.

We have been working with FedReg to address specific issues regarding the FedReg application. Also, below we provide information on what the IPAC edits are and what your agency needs to do in order to report valid BPNs.

IPAC has **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 12, 2009.**

Note: The DODAAC field should **only** be used by DoD agencies initiating a transaction.

Now, FedReg is displaying the status on the on-line screen including the expiration date. All agencies should re-check the BPNs they use and make sure these BPNs are in FedReg and are active. If the status indicates expired, then the agency must re-register the BPN in order to ensure that it will be accepted as a valid number in IPAC.

FedReg also has updated Agency Location Codes (ALCs). When enrolling, you should be able to go into the FedReg application, select a valid ALC, and associate it to the appropriate BPN number. IPAC edits on ALC/BPN combinations, so please make sure that the BPN number is valid for the ALC you are using in IPAC. If not, IPAC will reject the transaction. Please notify your trading partners that they too must ensure their BPNs are valid for their IPAC ALCs.

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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. eastern standard time for the prior-day's work. IPAC schedules the job to run overnight so there is no interference with transaction processing.

We are including FedReg Account Instructions prepared by FedReg personnel. The FedReg Web site at www.bpn.gov/far also has been updated with this information.

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