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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CFOs AND DEPUTY CFOs

FROM: David A. Lebryk, Commissioner
Financial Management Service

SUBJECT: Extended Testing Schedule for the Government-wide Treasury Account Symbol (GTAS) System

The Financial Management Service (FMS), in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), has decided to postpone the implementation date for Federal agencies to begin to use the Government-wide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System (GTAS). The implementation date had been December 2012 for Fiscal Year 2013 reporting. The new date is December 2013 for Fiscal Year 2014 reporting.

FMS asked OMB for help in assessing agency readiness for reporting this December. OMB issued a Budget Data Request and found that while many agencies are ready for the new reporting requirements and others are working very diligently to become ready, a significant number of agencies will not be ready to make the transition in December. Based on these results, FMS and OMB identified this as an opportunity to extend agency testing for another year, allowing us to meet our statutory and other reporting requirements in the 2013 fiscal year with less risk. We recognize that many agencies have made extraordinary effort to prepare for GTAS reporting. Your efforts are commended and greatly appreciated. They will contribute to a smoother transition in FY 2014.

For the remainder of FY 2012 and for all of FY 2013, we will operate as follows:

- Agencies will continue to use FACTS I, FACTS II, IFCS, and IRAS to report trial balance data to FMS and OMB, just as you do today.
- Agencies will continue to report using the same 4 digit United States Standard General Ledger (USSGL) account, attribute and domain formats that were available during FY 2012. The USSGL Treasury Financial Manual (TFM) Supplement will be updated and published to modify the March 2012 release. You will be able to distinguish requirements for fiscal year 2013 from requirements for fiscal year 2014.

Beginning in July 2012 and for the remainder of FY 2013, agencies will be able to submit trial balance data to GTAS, which will operate in a test environment. The GTAS data will not be used for any FMS or OMB publications. However, FMS will actively partner with OMB to confirm that every agency can successfully pass validations and edits in the GTAS test

environment. You can expect more details about what you must test and when as we move through fiscal year 2013. The transition will be complete by December 2013. We will have proved the readiness of all agencies at that point.

The trial balance data in these systems is critical to allowing FMS and OMB to comply with statutory reporting requirements and, more generally, to respond to stakeholders inside and outside Government with better quality information about the Government's financial and budgetary condition.

In reviewing responses to the budget data request issued by OMB, it was absolutely clear that agencies have been working diligently to migrate to GTAS in FY 2013. FMS has worked closely with many and knows first-hand that every agency has made progress. We thank you all for helping us achieve great strides and accomplishments to date, and we look forward to a successful implementation for Fiscal Year 2014.

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