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1. Holiday Greetings

In this time of thanks, we are grateful for your patronage and confidence in our services. We appreciate you and look forward to a successful, new year. On behalf of all of the Administrative Resource staff, we wish you a very happy holiday!

2. Oracle Release 12 Migration Project Concludes

In July 2012, the phased migration of customer agencies from our shared system environment to Oracle Release 12 (R12) began. We are pleased to announce that in December the migration of 64 customer agency entities to R12 concluded according to our planned schedule.

The migration of customer agencies to R12 is the culmination of a significant 3-year project that required teamwork and careful coordination among all of ARC's service lines as well as with customer agencies. We thank our customers for their participation and support of the project.

As a result of this project we are able to continue to provide a state-of-the-art financial management system that is compliant with the Common Governmentwide Account Classification structure. Additionally, with this release, customers are offered the added benefit of Oracle's Project Costing and Project Billing modules which enhance cost tracking capabilities and improve accounting for reimbursable agreements.

If you have questions, visit the R12 website at https://arc.publicdebt.treas.gov/fs/oraclar12/fsoracle_r12.htm.

3. Upcoming Changes in Take Home Pay

Many employees will notice changes in their net pay during the upcoming months for a variety of reasons. Changes in Flexible Spending Accounts, Thrift Savings Plan, Federal Employees Health Benefits, Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program, and Combined Federal Campaign

contributions could impact the amount of take home pay in the coming weeks. In addition, Federal, state, and local tax changes could also impact net pay. A more detailed description of changes in take home pay will be posted in early January on your agency's customer access page at https://arc.publicdebt.treas.gov/customer_access_pages.htm.

If you have questions, contact the Benefits Service Center at 304-480-8275 or benefits@bpd.treas.gov.

4. Performance Management Line of Business and Performance Measure Manager

The Office of Management and Budget is currently working with agencies to stand up the Performance Management Line of Business (PMLOB), an interagency effort to develop government-wide performance management capabilities, support current management efforts, and meet the transparency requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act's Modernization Act through Performance.gov.

Our shared service offerings include the Performance Measure Manager (PMM). The PMM is designed to collect, aggregate, and report performance information (measures) as well as support agencies' accomplishment of strategic goals and objectives. The PMM currently assists agencies with the generation of Performance and Accountability Reports/Annual Performance Reports, and will be working with the new PMLOB to develop requirements and solutions for the new Performance.gov reporting.

If you have questions, contact the Division of Franchise Services at 304-480-7227 or arccommunicationsmailbox@bpd.treas.gov.

5. New Intragovernmental Transaction Business Rules

Treasury has established new business rules and will be providing a new policy related to all IntraGovernmental Transactions. We are analyzing this change and determining how to incorporate the new requirements into our processes. We will keep you informed as we move forward. For more information on Treasury's update to the Treasury Financial Manual, visit: <http://fms.treas.gov/tfm/vol1/a-13-01.html>

If you have questions, contact Matt Conrad at 304-480-7004 or matt.conrad@bpd.treas.gov.

6. New System for Fund Balance with Treasury Reconciliation

Effective December 31, 2012, CA\$HLINK II will sunset. The Transaction Reporting System (TRS) will be the new system to monitor customer collections. While in transition, the Accounting Services Division accountants are comparing reports between the two FMS systems to ensure that all deposits are properly accounted for. Any deposits not showing in TRS have been researched. As a result, it has been discovered that a few banks are still making deposits into the CA\$HLINK II system instead of utilizing the mandated FMS system called OTCnet. All deposits entered in OTCnet flow directly to the TRS reporting system.

This system change will have a minor impact on the way accountants reconcile customer accounts at the end of each month. The only difference between using CA\$HLINK II and TRS is how the report is executed and exported. Internal documents have been updated to support TRS reports so that all reconciliations can be completed as normal.

If you have questions, contact Megan Duncan at 304-480-8736 or megan.duncan@bpd.treas.gov.

7. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Customer Visit

On November 13, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) staff visited Parkersburg to participate in a full day of Information & Security Services (ISS) customer-related activities. The day included meetings with technical staff, a tour of the data center, a review of the production patching schedule, and a discussion of the 2013 Service Agreement. During the visit, FinCEN expressed interest

in learning more about the flexibility of the system and application monitoring services and the hosting services available for FinCEN systems.

If you have questions, contact Patrick Greer at 304-480-6926 or Patrick.Greer@bpd.treas.gov

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