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**1.  PRISM Training**

The PRISM Support Team provides PRISM refresher training to assist our customers in their efforts to effectively transition newly hired staff and meet other potential training needs. This training is provided to our customers at no additional charge.  We will conduct virtual PRISM Requisitioner training November 19 and 21.  All current PRISM requisitioners will receive information, via email, about how to sign up for the classes.

For additional information, contact PRISM Support at 304-480-8000 (Option 2) or PrismSupport@bpd.treas.gov

**2.  2013 Use or Lose Annual Leave**

The November 30 deadline for scheduling "use or lose" annual leave for 2013 is just around the corner.  "Use or lose" is annual leave in excess of the carryover limitation (typically 240 hours for non-SES members; 720 hours for SES members) and must be used before the end of the leave year (Saturday, January 11, 2014) to avoid forfeiture.  The "use or lose" annual leave balance can be located on an Earnings and Leave Statement or within the T&A summary section of webTA.

Due to the furlough, some previously scheduled annual leave may have been cancelled and will need to be rescheduled by the deadline to avoid forfeiture. Under certain circumstances, employees may be eligible to have forfeited leave restored if the leave is requested and approved by Saturday, November 30, 2013.

For additional information, contact the Pay and Leave Services Branch at 304-480-8400 or Payroll@bpd.treas.gov.

**3. CFC Contributions**

As a reminder, employees cannot elect to make CFC contributions directly in the National Finance Centers Employee Personal Page, or HR Connect.  As a result, employees must submit election forms to their agencies elected CFC point of contact.  Agency points of contact will then need to submit the CFC election forms for their respective agency to ARC for processing.

For additional information, contact the Processing and Quality Review Branch at 304-480-8276 or Processing@bpd.treas.gov.

**4. Quality Control Program for Staff Acquisition**

The Quality Control Program which started October 1, 2012 has completed the third quarter reviews and reports.  There were no major findings in any of the actions reviewed.  Quarter three resulted in almost half of the amount of findings seen in the previous two quarters.

For additional information, contact Teresa Johnson at 304-480-8370 or Teresa.Johnson@bpd.treas.gov.

**5. Delegated Examining Unit Evaluation**

In April 2013, the Office of Personnel Management conducted an evaluation of our delegated examining unit.  The overall findings were favorable and we are committed to significantly improving any process where the potential for violation of prohibited personnel practices or violation of veteran's preference laws is a concern.  The majority of the findings had previously been identified and actions were in place to track and remedy issues.

For additional information, contact Carrie Sharp at 304-480-8371 or Carrie.Sharp@bpd.treas.gov.

**6. IPv6 Enabled in Fiscal Service's Trusted Connection**

In October 2013, Fiscal Service completed the necessary technical and architectural changes to support the Internet Protocol (IP) version 6 through the entire Fiscal Service Trusted Internet Connection (TIC) infrastructure.  The Department of Treasury and its' bureaus, minus the IRS, are customers of the Fiscal Service TIC infrastructure and will receive the following benefits from this enhancement:
- TIC customers will have the opportunity to enable IPv6 within their applications, services, and devices without requiring changes to their infrastructure.
- Fiscal Service, Treasury, and other Fiscal Service TIC customers will be able to meet OMB mandates.
- Infrastructure devices were updated to allow IPv6 to IPv4 conversion for applications that do not currently support IPv6 but require customers using IPv6 to access the application.
- Domain Name (DNS) resolution and DNSSEC signing of IPv6 DNS records were enabled.
- Email infrastructure devices were updated to allow the exchange of email with other mail systems utilizing the IPv6 protocol.

In the near future, Fiscal Service will begin working with TIC customers so they can begin taking full advantages of the available IPv6 functionality.

For additional information, contact Steve Swarr at 304-480-6460, or Steve.Swarr@bpd.treas.gov.

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