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1. Discoverer Decommission

The Discoverer Replacement Project Team would like to remind all Discoverer users, with the exception of U.S. Mint users, that we have extended the decommission date until November 30, 2019. Users are encouraged to begin using OBI to become more familiar with executing analysis and using dashboards. The full 'Discoverer Decommission Timeline' is available on the Customer Access Pages under Application support/Manuals – OBI or click the link below.

https://arc.fiscal.treasury.gov/files/pdf/fsagencydiscovererdecommissiontimeline.pdf

For additional information, contact the Oracle Support Team at 304-480-8000 (Option 3) or OracleSupportTeam@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov.

2. Management Announcements

Debbie Daniell has accepted a position within Fiscal Service's Quality Service Management Office (QSMO) and will be sharing her knowledge and experience in financial management to support the efforts of the QSMO. Debbie will be working to establish strategy, policy, and standards. Debbie has been a strong force in financial management for many years and she will add tremendous value to the QSMO effort.

Matt Bumgarner has accepted a position as the Agency Reporting and Analysis Division (ARAD) Director. Prior to being selected as the Accounts Payable and Receivable Division (APRD) Director in September 2018, Matt served as the Branch Manager of Reporting & Analysis Branch and has been involved in various aspects of providing financial management services to Agency accounting customers, including the US Mint, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, National Mediation Board and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Chris Beck has been selected as the APRD Director. Chris began his career with the Bureau in 2009 and had held a variety of positions within Fiscal Accounting, including agency financial reporting and governmentwide accounting. Since January 2019 he has served as a Manager of the Intragovernmental Transaction and Reconciliation Branch, and prior to that served 3 years as the Manager of the General Ledger & Advisory Branch. In these positions Chris was responsible for issuing the USSGL TFM Supplement, the development and implementation of Treasury's G-Invoicing system, and GTAS.

3. G-Invoicing Update

G-Invoicing is gaining momentum. our customers are finalizing account enrollment and moving on to the next steps to meet mandated use of the system. There are also new versions of the 7600 documents for creating Interagency Agreements (IAAs). Agencies are already championing G-Invoicing.
What's next? Completing account structure, enrolling users and training. Agencies are scheduled throughout July and August to complete account structure and enroll users. By the first of September each customer is anticipated to complete their inaugural entry in G-Invoicing. Along with that milestone ARC-provided user trainings are available to meet customer needs. Finishing out the calendar year will include more exercises including order and performance entries. Our schedule will continue to evolve as updates are released for the G-Invoicing system.
New Forms. New GTC and Order forms replacing the old 7600A and 7600B are available on the Customer Access Pages. We encourage the use of the new IAA forms. These documents align new required data elements with G-Invoicing entries. Early adoption of the forms will help facilitate system use and the eventual cutover of all IAAs to the electronic format.
Championing G-Invoicing. All our customers are now enrolled in G-Invoicing. ARC, FSA, TIGTA, and TDO have already met our September entry milestone. DOJ has brokered an agreement with an ARC customer. Background checks through DOD IAAs are being required in G-Invoicing. GSA has recently reached out to our team as well. We expect more agencies to come knocking at the door.

Our key advice is to stay informed and be prepared.

For additional information on GINV, including TFM references and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Fiscal Service GINV website.
https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/acctg/g_invoice/g_invoice_home.htm

For specific information and questions about G-Invoicing, our training times or implementation schedule, email us at ARCGINV@fiscal.treasury.gov.

4. TSP Contribution Limit Reminder

Employees covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), including FERS-RAE (Revised Annuity Employee) and FERS-FRAE (Further Revised Annuity Employee), who reach the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) annual contribution limit before the end of the tax year will miss receiving agency matching contributions. The contribution limit for the 2019 tax year is $19,000.

TSP contributions—including agency matching contributions—for FERS-covered employees will stop when the annual limit is reached. To maximize receipt of agency contributions, FERS employees should continue investing at least five percent of salary—the amount that produces the maximum agency contribution—during every pay period of the tax year. Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System receive no agency contributions to the TSP and are not affected by this issue.

The TSP "How Much Can I Contribute" calculator can assist employees in calculating the TSP contributions needed to maximize agency contributions for the tax year. Employees can also read more about the TSP annual contribution limit at https://www.tsp.gov/PDF/formspubs/tspfs07.pdf.

Employees can make TSP contribution elections/changes using the Employee Personal Page: https://www.nfc.usda.gov/epps.

For additional information, contact the Benefits Service Center at Benefits@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov or 1-866-868-4357 (toll free).

5. SmartPay3 Purchase Card Reallocation Training

The Purchase Card Accounting team has scheduled training sessions to assist Cardholders and Approving Officials with statement reallocation in the SmartPay3 environment. Training will focus on custom G/L creation, reallocating transactions, and approving statements. Trainings will be conducted via Webinar and are scheduled for August 7th and 14th, 2019. Each day will consist of 2 sessions, 1 ½ hours each, at 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. To gain the most from training we ask that all attendees log into Citi prior to training to ensure they can access the banking system. Cardholders and Approving Officials will have the opportunity to create customs, reallocate transactions and approve their August statement during this training session.

All Cardholders and Approving Officials will receive information, via email, containing the Webinar link for each session.

For additional information, contact the Citi Help Desk at 304-480-8000 (Option 6) or AcctCardProgram@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov.

6. ConcurGov Refresher Training in DC

We plan to provide one-time ConcurGov refresher training on August 14 & 15, 2019 at the Granite Training Facility in Washington, DC. The training includes four separate sessions at no additional charge to our customers. This training will provide a refresher for Agency Travel Liaisons and frequent travelers.

We provide monthly ConcurGov training via webinar for those unable to attend the DC training.

For additional information, contact ARC Travel Services at 304-480-8000 (Option 1) or Travel@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov.
