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1. ARC Website Wins Award

ARC's website (<https://arc.fiscal.treasury.gov/>) was recognized by the Web Marketing Association with a WebAward for Government Standard of Excellence. If you have not visited lately, be sure to check out our website for valuable information such as our strategic plan, performance reports, monthly bulletins, and annual report. We are also preparing to improve our Customer Access Pages, with this award-winning design in mind. More information about this enhancement will be provided as we move through the process. For more information, please contact Jessica Metz at 304-480-5527 or jessica.metz@bpd.treas.gov.

2. Contract Writing System – Looking to the Future

ARC's current Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) with Compusearch Software Systems Inc., for the contract writing system PRISM, is due to expire in August 2012. Soon, ARC will begin conducting market research by issuing a Sources Sought Notice (Request for Information) to the vendor community to gauge interest and capability to provide ARC's next generation contract writing system. By starting the process early, ARC will allow time for necessary research, evaluation, selection, and transition of possible replacement systems. For additional information, contact Sandy George at 304-480-7134 or sandyj.george@bpd.treas.gov.

3. GovTrip 2.0 Demonstrations Coming Soon

ARC is pleased to announce the deployment of GovTrip 2.0, tentatively scheduled for June 2010. GovTrip 2.0 is a more intuitive, easy-to-use system. The basic functionality of GovTrip remains the same,

but users will see the new application design upon login and experience the ease of use with step-by-step navigation instructions for document preparation.

ARC will be conducting GovTrip 2.0 demonstrations in the Washington, DC area the week of May 17, 2010, at the U.S. Mint facility. These demonstrations are open to all customer GovTrip users at no charge. Attendees will need to sign up for a session in advance and present their agency government ID the day of the demonstration. Primary agency travel contacts will receive training details via email. For more information, please contact ARC Travel Services at 304-480-8000, Option 1 or travel@bpd.treas.gov.

4. FedRooms Guidance

ARC recently sent updated guidance on the benefits of using FedRooms for lodging. This guidance included instructions on how to stay compliant with the requirement to give 'first consideration' to FedRooms. Customers with questions about FedRooms should contact ARC Travel Services at 304-480-8000, Option 1 or travel@bpd.treas.gov.

5. ETS2 Contract on the Way

Along with other government agencies, ARC has been participating in GSA hosted EGov Travel Service 2 (ETS2) meetings to provide feedback regarding the creation of the Statement of Objectives (SOO) that will be used to award the new ETS2 master contract(s). To facilitate the effort, GSA prepared a draft Section C of the proposed ETS2 SOO. This draft incorporates the majority of requirements that agencies would like to see in ETS2, including previously identified issues and lessons learned from ETS1. GSA hopes to award ETS2 by the fall of 2010 so that agencies will have plenty of time to transition to the ETS2 contract before it expires in November 2013. For more information, please contact Diana Bonnell at 304-480-5573 or diana.bonnell@bpd.treas.gov.

6. Trust in Hosting

ARC has entered into an agreement with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) to host their Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) E-Filing and 314(a) applications. The Bank Secrecy Act, later amended by the Patriot Act, requires financial institutions in the United States to assist U.S. government agencies in detecting and preventing money laundering and the financing of terrorism. The BSA application will include some 45,000 contacts from 30,000 financial institutions. FinCEN provides a valuable service to the banking industry and we are excited about this opportunity to partner with them. Please contact Brett Edwards at 304-480-7474 or brett.edwards@bpd.treas.gov for additional information.

7. FSIO Update

ARC has been actively participating in the FMLoB initiative to standardize business processes. ARC reviewed and gave input on the Interagency Agreement (IAA) standard form developed by the General Service Administration's Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO). FSIO has released the final version of the IAA standard form, and implemented many of ARC's suggestions with regards to accounting treatment and data capture. This document gives government agencies the opportunity to use one common detailed form when receiving and providing goods and services with other agencies, and while the form has been finalized, its implementation date has not. The form is available at [http://www.fsio.gov/fsio/download/fmlob/sbp0910/SBP_Document_v1\[1\].2_12_app_f_interagency_agreements.doc](http://www.fsio.gov/fsio/download/fmlob/sbp0910/SBP_Document_v1[1].2_12_app_f_interagency_agreements.doc).

ARC also reviewed the Core Financial System Requirements exposure draft and submitted comments to FSIO to ensure our needs as a shared service provider would be addressed. The exposure draft is available at http://www.fsio.gov/fsio/download/systemrequirements/2010SystemRequirements/Core_Fin_Sys_Req_Exposure_Draft_Feb_%202010.pdf.

If you have any questions on ARC's participation with FSIO, please contact Anda Coiner at 304-480-8414 or anda.coiner@bpd.treas.gov.

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