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1. Grants Management

As communicated in the March newsletter, we are currently exploring the expansion of our service offerings to include Grants Management. While we aren't able to offer this service during Fiscal Year 2014, we have selected an approach to offer this line in the next 1-2 fiscal years.

We are managing a large Trust Fund, and will soon begin using an established Grants Management system to help with that responsibility. We will monitor this experience over the next several months, to see what works well and what enhancements may be necessary. In parallel, we will initiate a Requirements gathering phase with our interested stakeholders, in an effort to get a complete set of requirements, including those mandated by USA Spending and OMB. We are confident our goal of developing an integrated Grants Management solution that satisfies the needs of our customers, OMB, and the Treasury can be achieved. During the next several months, we will gather specific requirements from our individual customers as well as others in the Grants Management marketplace.

If your agency would be interested in joining the requirement gathering phase, contact Mario Coon at marios.coon@fiscal.treasury.gov or 304-480-7410.

2. Premium Pay Cap Reminder

General Schedule (GS) and other covered employees may receive premium pay only to the extent that the sum of their basic pay and premium pay does not exceed the biweekly rate of a (1) GS-15, step 10 pay with locality rate, or 2) level V of the Executive Schedule, whichever is HIGHER. Any premium pay earned in a biweekly period which exceeds the applicable amount above is "capped" and subsequently forfeited. Premium pay includes:

·   Overtime/compensatory time off
·   Night pay
·   Sunday pay
·   Holiday work
·   Standby pay
·   Administratively uncontrollable overtime (AUO)
·   Law enforcement availability pay (LEAP)

Premium pay caps by locality pay areas for 2014 can be found at https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/pay-administration/#url=Biweekly-Caps.

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

3. Personal Information Review

Now that we are in a new tax year, it is a good time for employees to log into the Employee Personal Page (EPP) to review their personal information, taxes, TSP, E&L Statements, Leave, and other important information. You can access EPP at: https://www.nfc.usda.gov/epps/.

For additional information, contact the Processing Call Center at 304-480-8276.

4. Trusted Internet Connection (TIC) Phase II Project Completion

During the initial build out of TIC infrastructure to support the transition of Treasury bureaus to the Fiscal Service TIC, only essential TIC capabilities were enabled or offered to the bureaus due to the accelerated transition schedule. However, as the result of the engineering forethought of the ISS network staff, the deployed infrastructure offered several enhanced service capabilities. Fiscal Service has now completed the introduction of these enhanced capabilities to the bureaus through the TIC Phase 2 project. These services included:

- Migration of Externally hosted DNS to Fiscal Service
- Authenticated Proxy service
- Anonymous Proxy service
- Enhanced Mail Transfer Services including custom quarantine abilities and secure/encrypted email.
- IPv6 enablement
- Custom Load Balancing to increase overall performance
- Fiscal Service hosted Remote Access

Several of these services provide significant benefit to the bureaus at no additional cost because these capabilities were included in the initial build out. Specifically, the IPv6 services enable bureaus to meet the OMB IPv6 mandate with no changes to the bureau network and infrastructure.

For additional information, contact Steve Swarr at 304-480-6460 or steve.swarr@fiscal.treasury.gov.

5. Oracle Discoverer Training

We provide Oracle Discoverer 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 Discoverer training sessions June 17 through June 19, 2014 in Washington, DC. All current Discoverer users will receive information, via email, about how to sign up for the classes.

For additional information, contact Oracle Support at 304-480-8000 (Option 3) or oraclesupportteam@bpd.treas.gov.

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