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1. Association of Government Accountants Professional Development Conference

We will be participating as an exhibitor at the Association of Government Accountants Professional Development (AGA) Conference & Exposition in Orlando, FL from July 13-16. This event always offers opportunities for us to personally interact with many of our current and potential customers. Details can be found on the AGA website at the following address:
<http://www.agacgfm.org/PDT2014/Conference-Home.aspx>.

For additional information, contact Michael Satterfield at 304-480-5527 or michael.satterfield@fiscal.treasury.gov.

2. Grants Management

As communicated in the last several newsletters, we are currently exploring the expansion of our service offerings to include Grants Management.

We have initiated 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. During the next several months, we will gather specific requirements from our individual customers as well as others in the Grants Management marketplace.

Although we can't yet share the project details and generated requirements with our interested industry counterparts, we encourage others to participate and provide their contact information.

If your agency would be interested in joining the requirement gathering phase or you are an interested vendor, wishing to share your contact information, please contact Mario Coon at marios.coon@fiscal.treasury.gov or 304-480-7410.

3. Exemplary Quality Review Process for Staffing

The Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) accountability staff recently commended the quality review process, including peer review process and check-lists, used by the Administrative Resource Center. OPM noted that our Quality Control Program for Staffing is one of the best they have seen.

We took the initiative to develop this formal process and the detailed checklists for the Staffing arena several years ago, with input from our office and from OPM accountability staff members. In addition, we have agreed to share this "best practice" with the entire Treasury HR community.

For additional information, contact Carrie Sharp at 304-480-8371 or carrie.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov.

4. Fiscal Service Data Day

Over 300 Fiscal Service Staff, including the Executive Board and staff from every facility took part in "Data Day", many via video conference and web conference. In addition, staff from OFAS also attended. The day was designed to discuss how data is impacting the bureau and to gain a better understanding of the range of activity the bureau has underway in support of our strategic goal to "promote data transparency and usefulness as a public good". The agenda included the introduction of a model for thinking about Fiscal Service data uses; transparency topics (including the recent passage of the DATA Act and its impact on the bureau, USAspending.gov, and the bureau's long-term vision for transparency); a briefing on business intelligence and analytics activities; and discussion of the various information repositories within the bureau. In the afternoon, the Executive Board and the Data Day planning team began to discuss next steps and how to expand the model from a way of viewing data to implementation steps to use and provide data to promote transparency, better decision making, and more efficient operations. Information and Security Services (ISS) compiled the online feedback that was provided throughout the morning and has developed a survey to obtain additional feedback.

For additional information, contact James Rolfes at 208-874-5314 or james.rolfes@fiscal.treasury.gov.

5. PRISM Training scheduled for July

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 PRISM Requisitioner training July 22 through July 24, 2014 in Washington, DC. All current PRISM users 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.

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