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# **ARC Monthly Bulletin October 2018**

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# 1. Discoverer Decommission Planned for May 2019

The Discoverer Replacement Project Team would like to remind all Discoverer users, with the exception of U.S. Mint users, that Discoverer will be decommissioned in May 2019. Users are encouraged to begin using OBI to become more familiar with executing analyses 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 <a href="mailto:OracleSupportTeam@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov">OracleSupportTeam@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov</a>.

### 2. OBI Online Training – Available Anytime

The Business Intelligence Group is pleased to announce that we have online OBI Training tutorials available on our Customer Access Page! Simply navigate to Application Support/Manuals > OBI > Online Training. This training can be taken at your convenience. Currently available are the tutorials listed below, with more online tutorials currently in development. We will update users as new tutorials are made available.

- i. Logging In
- ii. Exporting Analyses
- iii. Viewer Dashboard
- iv. Filters
- v. Prompts
- vi. OBI Calculations Part 1
- vii. OBI Calculations Part 2

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

## 3. OBI Virtual Viewer (Dashboard) Training

The Business Intelligence Group provides OBI 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 OBI Viewer (Dashboard) training sessions on the following days with both morning and afternoon sessions available. All current OBI users will receive information via email from the Oracle Support Team about how to sign up for the virtual classes.

- September 11th, 12th, 13th, 25th, and 27th
- October 30<sup>th</sup>
- November 1<sup>st</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>
- December 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>

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

## 4. OBI Training

The Business Intelligence Group provides OBI 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 OBI training sessions October 9-12, 2018, in Washington, DC. All current OBI users will receive information via email from the Oracle Support Team about how to sign up for the classes.

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

## 5. New Government Charge Cards – SmartPay 3

The current SmartPay 2 contract will expire on November 29, 2018. A new SmartPay3 contract has been awarded to Citibank, the current bank for travel and purchase cards. The new contract will begin on November 30, 2018. New travel cards with new account numbers will be mailed around October 26<sup>th</sup>. ARC Travel will load new cards into ConcurGov during the weekend of 11/23-11/25. Any reservations made in ConcurGov after 11/23 will contain the SmartPay 3 card number. If reservations need ticketed before the SP3 card is active on 11/30, it will require a call to the TMC to update the card information. ARC Travel will also monitor trip status reports and work with the Agency Contacts to ensure reservations are ticketed appropriately.

It will be important for travelers to voucher timely leading up to the 11/23 date. Split disbursement will be turned off from 11/23 to 12/31/18. Any payments made during this time will be made to the traveler's bank account on file. The traveler will need to pay the correct card.

For additional information, contact Chanda Garrett at 304-480-5511 or Chanda.Garrett@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov.

# 6. 2018 Federal Benefits Open Season

The 2018 Federal Benefits Open Season is November 12 through December 10, 2018. The annual Open Season allows eligible federal employees to elect or make changes to Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) coverage, Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) coverage, and Flexible Spending Account (FSA) contributions. The 2019 brochures, plan comparison tools, and other Open Season resource materials will be available on the Office of Personnel Management's website (<a href="www.opm.gov/insure">www.opm.gov/insure</a>). Our Employee Benefits Branch will prepare notices for all customers to send to their employees as we get closer to Open Season.

For additional information, contact the Benefits Service Center at <u>Benefits@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov</u> 304-480-8275 or 1-866-868-4357 (toll free).

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