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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. 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.

### 3. FY20 BOC Listing

The 2019 OMB Circular A-11 has been released, and ARC's Budget group has made the appropriate updates for the 2020 Budget Object Class (BOC) listing. The FY20 BOC listing has now been published on the customer web pages. If you have any questions please email the Budget group at BudgetARC@fiscal.treasury.gov or HUDBudgetARC@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/making-contributions/howmuch-can-i-contribute/#top.

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).

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