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Valuable Information for ARC's customers

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1. **Putting Customers at the Center of our Workflow**

   Our Minimally Viable Product (MVP) for Budget processes is ready for User Acceptance Testing! Beginning December 13, 2021, a subset of our Customer users will begin working in the system to prove the value and usability of the oneARC Portal, including reports, dashboards, and supporting global features – like delegation of authority. Additionally, it is our goal to take this MVP functionality to production within the next twelve weeks.

   If you have any questions, please contact Jacob Oberlin at Jacob.Oberlin@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov and/or David Drennen at David.Drennen@Fiscal.Treasury.Gov.

2. **Communication with Trading Partners Regarding DISGF/DISNGF BETCs**

   ARC encouraged customers to communicate with their trading partners regarding the recording of Business Event Type Codes (BETCs) for Intragovernmental Payments and Collections (IPACs) beginning October 1, 2021. The communication requested the transition from BETC DISB to either DISGF/DISGFAJ or DISNGF/DISNGFAJ as directed by the General Fund of the U.S. Government. To appropriately inform each customer of the BETC which should be utilized for specific transactions, ARC researched past and current federal to federal buy/sell activity. The research covered the scenarios of customers acting as the Seller as well as the Buyer in the transaction.

   To decide which new BETC to use when ARC's customers were the Sellers in a transaction, ARC provided logic contingent on the Main Account of the customers' Trading Partners. The logic stated that for Trading Partner Main Accounts falling between 0000 and 5999, the default BETC would be DISGF or DISGFAJ, and for Main Accounts 6000 to 8999, DISNGF or DISNGFAJ would be used. ARC asked customers to distribute the information to its Trading Partners by September 3, 2021. In the event a Trading Partner did not agree with the logic, communication was requested by September 20, 2021 to allow time to resolve the conflict. Otherwise, Trading Partners were notified that ARC would be implementing these changes on October 1, 2021.

   It was also necessary to provide communication as to which new BETC Trading Partners were to use in recording transactions where ARC's customers were the Buyer. ARC analyzed all customer obligations to understand which funding group was associated with each obligation. From there, a determination was made as to whether the TAS associated with the obligation would require both DISGF and DISNGF as defaults so the correct BETC could be used. In the event a TAS had used both BETCs, ARC then provided guidance of which BETC was deemed appropriate based upon a further breakdown of the TAS involving the Authorization Duration associated with it. For example, did the annual appropriation TAS of a fund family might call for DISGF while the no-year TAS called for DISNGF. ARC asked customers to distribute the information to its Trading Partners by October 15th and requested that Trading Partners adhere to the change no later than October 31st.

Any questions regarding the information related to this new BETC implementation can be addressed by contacting the Agency Intragovernmental team at Intragov@Fiscal.Treasury.gov.

3. **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**

Who
The System for Award Management (SAM.gov)
What
The federal government will transition away from the use of the DUNS Number and toward the new Unique Entity ID (UEI) as the primary means of entity identification for federal awards government-wide.
When
After April 4, 2022, UEI will replace DUNS as the primary identifier

What does this mandate mean for Oracle?
A new field will exist at the Supplier Site level in Oracle that will house the Unique Entity Identifier, which will be the UEI SAM (12 characters) + the Entity EFT Identifier (4 characters). Many of our interfaces make use of Supplier data from SAM and will be affected by this process (e.g., SAM to Supplier, PRISM, HHS GrantSolutions, IPP-Purchase Orders, IPP-Suppliers, Supplier Interface, etc.).

When is the planned implementation date for Oracle?
The planned implementation date for Oracle to populate the UEI field at the Supplier Site level and for the UEI to be used as the Supplier Number for new suppliers is February 27, 2022

For more information and FAQ, please visit

 https://arc.fiscal.treasury.gov/about-arc/news-and-events/news-article/2021/news-12-2021/

4. **Year End Carryover RPA**

The Budget Execution Branch, along with the Digital Automation Branch successfully implemented Robotics Process Automation (RPA) at the end of the 2021 fiscal year to analyze available balances in all no-year and multi-year funds against OMB approved apportionments for FY 2022. Any available balances that were not supported by an apportionment were moved to an unavailable status, and combined with system rules, prevented any new FY 2022 spending to avoid potential Anti-Deficiency Act violations. A total of 717 fund and Category B apportionment lines were prepared in a checklist for the RPA to reference, and 166 journal entries were posted by the RPA to move funds (partially or in total) to an unavailable status. Efforts are currently underway to further enhance the process for future fiscal years. We will continue to encourage customers to timely submit initial apportionments to OMB ahead of the new fiscal year to help limit the number of RPA actions needed to move balances to an unavailable status to begin the fiscal year.

5. **G-Invoicing – Countdown to the Mandate**

The G-Invoicing mandate is right around the corner. According to the Treasury Financial Manual, G-invoicing must be used for any new Orders (7600B) with a period of performance starting October 1, 2022 or later. To be prepared for the mandate, we advise agencies complete the steps listed below.

- Confirm your agency's account structure is accurate with the appropriate groups.
- Identify and enroll the necessary users for each group within your account structure.
- Ensure users have the correct roles and access to ensure an agreement can be completed in G-Invoicing.
- Have users attend training opportunities and/or create test documents in your agency's test (QAC) environment.
- Reach out to your agency's Trading Partners to discuss when they will be ready to implement G-Invoicing.
- Begin working on the GT&C (7600A) portion of the inter-agency agreements early. Some agencies anticipate working on the GT&C section as early as April.

It is also encouraged for each agency to review and update the G-invoicing and System Access Tabs on the Delegation of Authority. These tabs identify who is authorized to approve user accesses and G-invoicing agency account changes.

Additional information updated Interagency Forms, and the G-Invoicing Rules of Engagement can be found on the G-Invoicing website.

As always, ARC is here to assist our customers with any of the steps mentioned above. Reach out to the ARCGINV@Fiscal.Treasury.gov mailbox with any G-invoicing related questions or concerns.

6. **Upcoming Changes in Take Home Pay**

    Many employees will notice changes in their net pay during the upcoming months for a variety of reasons. Changes in Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs), Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB), Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) contributions could impact the amount of take-home pay in the coming weeks. In addition, Federal, state, and local tax changes could also impact net pay.

    A more detailed description of changes in take home pay will be posted in early January on your agency's ARC customer access page at https://arc.fiscal.treasury.gov/customer_access_pages.htm.

    Please contact the Benefits Service Center at Benefits@Fiscal.Treasury.gov or 1-866-868-4357 (toll free) if you have questions about these changes. If you are a NARA employee, please contact the Benefits, Compensation and Systems branch at NARAHR@Fiscal.Treasury.gov or call 304-480-8998.

7. **Thrift Savings Plan Contribution Limits for Tax Year 2022**

    The TSP maximum deferral limit for regular TSP contributions [combination of Traditional (pre-tax) and Roth (after-tax)] has increased to **$20,500** for the 2022 tax year. The TSP Catch-up limit for participants turning age 50 or older in 2022 remains **$6,500**. The 2022 tax year begins **December 19, 2021** and ends **December 17, 2022**.

    Employees under age 50 who wish to contribute the **maximum** to regular TSP for the 2022 tax year should make a new election for **$789** per pay period. Employees who are age 50 (or turning age 50 in 2022) and wish to contribute the **maximum** regular TSP **AND** Catch-up for the 2022 tax year should make the new election for **$1,039** per pay period. As a reminder, there is no longer a separate election for Catch-up contributions. More detailed information will be shared for distribution to employees before the end of the current tax year.

    Employees are required to use their agency's self-service system to make TSP contribution elections/changes. NARA employees should use Employee Express and employees of all other ARC clients should use the Employee Personal Page (EPP).

    For help with TSP questions, NARA employees should contact the BCSB Service Center at NARAHR@Fiscal.Treasury.gov or 304-480-8998. All other employees should contact the Benefits Service Center at Benefits@Fiscal.Treasury.gov or 1-866-868-4357 (toll free).