



# CCMM - We're Half Way There!

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## CCMM UPDATE



**A**lmost two years ago, I wrote to you about our Collections and Cash Management Modernization (CCMM) Initiative that will streamline and modernize the way Federal Program Agencies (FPAs) will process their collections. In every *Financial Connection* published since that time, we have been keeping you updated on the progress we are making with this initiative. We have been very busy over the past two years selecting the fiscal and financial agents that will build and operate our new collection systems, completing the IT governance processes, and starting the system development efforts to implement the new architecture. Over the next two years, we expect to complete the new architecture. Many of the existing systems that agencies use today will be decommissioned, and FPAs will need to begin using the collection systems in the new architecture.

Some of these changes are happening now. For example, we are

working with FPAs to convert their tax payments from FEDTAX II to the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System and moving agency Pre-Authorized Debit cash flows to the Pay.gov System. Both of the legacy systems will be shut down by the end of this calendar year. The chart on page 2 shows the legacy collection systems FPAs are using today and the new CCMM systems agencies must convert to over the next 2 – 3 years.

As the CCMM systems become operational, FMS will be contacting the FPAs to begin the conversion effort. The legacy systems will be decommissioned. Of particular note is the conversion effort for OTCnet. In the future, all FPAs must use OTCnet when collecting and depositing their over-the-counter collections. We will be converting all the TGANet and PCC OTC users to OTCnet beginning in early 2011. We hope this transition will be fairly seamless. Those agencies not using one of these two legacy systems, must begin using OTCnet in order to make their deposits. Since all agencies have some kind of over-the-counter deposits, every FPA must use this new system. There will be no exceptions. FMS is developing an implementation strategy and will be contacting FPAs to plan their conversions. Similarly, ACH credit or Fedwire cash flows will transition next year to the Credit Gateway, as opposed to being handled by the Fedwire Deposit System, Remittance Express, and Electronic Lockboxes.

FPAs must also be aware of a change to the architecture impacting the way FPAs will receive information about their collections. Currently, agencies receive their collection information via CASHLINK II and directly from the financial and fiscal

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agents that operate the various collection programs (e.g. lock-boxes). Under the new architecture, FPAs will receive their collection information and reports from a new system - the Transaction Reporting System (TRS). Instead of receiving multiple files every night from multiple fiscal and financial agents, FPAs will receive one file from TRS. Having a central system for transaction and deposit reports will provide great benefits to FPAs.

However, FPAs may be required to do some re-programming in order to implement the new interfaces and be able to receive the information to update their receivables files. FMS has been working with FPAs to build the new reports in TRS. If agencies are not already participating in the TRS User Group, I suggest they contact

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I'm sure all of you have heard about FMS's Governmentwide Accounting Modernization Project and that, among other things, it will require FPAs to classify collections when the transaction occurs. FMS is in the process of upgrading all the CCMM systems to allow FPAs to classify each collection transaction. FPAs will need to determine how to report the Treasury Account Symbol/ Business Event Type Code (TAS/ BETC) for each of their cash flows, and populate the Shared Accounting Module (SAM) with the Classification Key - TAS/BETC combinations. FMS will be working with FPAs on each cash flow to ensure we can capture the correct Classification Key or TAS/BETC at

the beginning of each collection transaction.

The CCMM initiative will allow all of us to minimize costs and maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of Federal Government collections. Upon completion of the CCMM initiative, FMS will have fewer collection programs – more logically organized, and better suited to meet the needs of FPAs. Since communication with our customers is so important, FMS will continue to provide regular updates in the *Financial Connection* and on the CCMM Website at [www.fms.treas.gov/ccmm](http://www.fms.treas.gov/ccmm). Additionally, FMS is hosting Webinars in January and June of 2010 to discuss CCMM and provide further details on how the initiative will impact the FPAs. I hope you have the opportunity to participate.

Legacy Collection System	CCMM System	Conversion Period
Fedwire Deposit System	Credit Gateway	2010
Remittance Express	Credit Gateway	2010
Electronic Lockboxes – Automated Clearing House Debits	Pay.gov	2009 - 2010
Electronic Lockboxes – Automated Clearing House Credits and EDI	Credit Gateway	2010-2011
Electronic Lockboxes – Fedwires	Credit Gateway	2010-2011
Over-the-counter processes and systems, including TGAnet and PCC OTC	OTCnet	2011 - 2012
TT&L Plus	Treasury Collateral Management and Monitoring System	2011
CA\$HLINK II	Transaction Reporting System (TRS)	2009 - 2012