



CCMM UPDATE

Mid-Year 2010: CCMM Implements New Debit Gateway and Retires Systems

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The Collections and Cash Management Modernization (CCMM) project is an ongoing effort to implement a new systems architecture for the collections and cash management programs of the Financial Management Service (FMS) and the Department of the Treasury. CCMM will reduce the number of systems used for each collection channel (over-the-counter, mail, phone, and Internet), will lead to the use of gateway applications for various settlement mechanisms (checks, Automated Clearing House (ACH) debits, ACH credits, Fedwires, and debit and credit cards), and centralize most transaction and deposit reporting to agencies through a single program. The following is a summary of recently completed and upcoming strides taken as part of CCMM this year.

So Far This Year

Two Programs Retired

In the move to a new collections architecture, recent months have seen the retirement of some legacy programs. The functionality of the FEDTAX II system that allowed federal agencies to make tax payments has been folded into the

Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). The functions of the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) program have been incorporated into Pay.gov.

Progress Made in Eliminating Additional Programs

The number of Federal Tax Deposit (FTD) coupons processed under the Paper Tax Application



Greg Till, director of the Modernization Planning Office (MPO) meets with Shalene Gupta (on left) and Andrew Perniciaro (on right) of the MPO staff.

(PATAX) continues to decline in anticipation of the decommissioning of this system next year. Federal Tax Deposit (FTD) coupon volume is down over 20% compared with last year. In addition, the Treasury Department announced that coupons will no longer be used after the end of this year, which effectively will end the Paper Tax System (PATAX).

In addition, progress continues to be made in reducing the number of electronic lockboxes. Many of



ACH debit lockboxes have converted to Pay.gov, while ACH credit and Fedwire lockboxes have been consolidated elsewhere as well.

New System Implemented

The Debit Gateway has had its first production release with Pay.gov (Internet). It is the first of the new settlement gateways to be up and operational. Transactions from the over-the-counter, mail, phone, and Internet collection channels eventually will flow into the gateway. Other applications will migrate to the gateway over time. These migrations should be invisible to agencies, but will consolidate many solutions currently used for electronically settling checks and ACH debit transactions.

Upcoming

Credit Gateway

The next settlement gateway to come online will be the Credit Gateway, planned for releases in September and December. Implementation of the Credit Gateway will allow for the elimination of several systems. The Fedwire Deposit System (FDS), Remittance Express (REX), and the Federal Reserve Electronic Transaction Application (FR-ETA) will be retired this year as incoming ACH credits and Fedwires begin to flow through the gateway. In the case of FDS and REX, agencies still will be able to view deposit details in CA\$HLINK II, which will make this information available at the end of the day. Transactions also will be reported to agencies through the

Transaction Reporting System (TRS), often more expeditiously than will be the case through CA\$HLINK II.

TRS

TRS is the heart of the CCMM architecture. TRS will serve as the single touchpoint for much of the collections data that currently flows to agencies through many programs. TRS is currently in production and will continue to expand on its operations throughout the year. Until recently, the focus of TRS has been on obtaining transaction data from other programs. With much of that data now coming into TRS, the emphasis is beginning to shift toward TRS providing data to agencies. Dozens of agencies will have access to TRS by the end of the year. For the foreseeable future, the information that TRS provides to agencies will not replace the data that agencies receive from collections programs, although at some point TRS will become the single touchpoint. For now, information will be made available in parallel through both TRS and the collections programs.

OTCnet

The first release of the OTCnet system will be coming in the next 6 months. OTCnet will replace both the Paper Check Conversion Over the Counter (PCC OTC) and TGAnet systems. To plan for the conversion, the onboarding of agencies to the PCC OTC and TGAnet systems will cease effective October 1. Agencies that want to implement PCC OTC or TGAnet through September 30 will be

supported and are encouraged to use these systems. After that date, the focus will be on the preparation needed to convert agencies to the OTCnet system and agencies will only be able to implement OTCnet, not the legacy systems. The conversion of PCC OTC agencies (as well as agencies using CA\$HLINK II for deposit entries) is expected to last until 2012.

In another six months, we hope to confirm these upcoming milestones and tell you about additional changes that are coming down the line. Stay tuned!

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