Are You Ready?
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I am writing to all users of CA$HLINK II to remind you of the various system implementation timeframes related to shutting down CA$HLINK II. I am pleased to report that FMS is on schedule for implementing the planned changes and is counting down to the initial shutdown of CA$HLINK II on December 31, 2012.

At that time, CA$HLINK II users will have a short period to complete their processes tied to the end of year business reporting cycle.

When CA$HLINK II is shutdown:

• All required CA$HLINK II data will have been migrated to other systems.
• All required CA$HLINK II functionalities will have been housed in other systems.
• CA$HLINK II users will have been enrolled in the appropriate systems as needed.

The shutdown of CA$HLINK II marks a major milestone in FMS’s modernization efforts. As a result, CA$HLINK II users are required to convert from legacy systems to the new end-state systems and enterprise architecture by December 2012.

As we count down to CA$HLINK II shutdown, you will receive periodic communications to keep you informed of the steps required to transition off CA$HLINK II successfully.

Nine months remain until the initial shutdown of CA$HLINK II on December 31, 2012.

FMS expects you to limit your CA$HLINK II usage and increase your use of TRS, OTCnet, and other end-state systems.

If you have not yet enrolled in these systems, you need to do so in order to begin using available information and functionality to perform your business processes.
Resources

A number of resources are available now to assist you in your transition off CA$HLINK II.

Visit the CA$HLINK II and TRS websites:
www.fms.treas.gov/cashlink
www.fms.treas.gov/trs

If you have additional questions, contact the appropriate FMS Systems / Programs resources:
www.fms.treas.gov/programs.html

All CA$HLINK II Users

Adjustments, Corrections, and Reversals:
The adjustment, correction, and reversal functionality for financial institutions and agencies will be turned off with the shutdown of CA$HLINK II. The process for submitting adjustments, corrections, and reversals will be managed by each end-state source system. TRS will not receive data from financial institutions directly. The Collections and Cash Management Modernization (CCMM) Team expects to finalize and implement the new process by the end of the 3rd Quarter of CY 2012. Once the new process is implemented, TRS will begin receiving vouchers for adjustments, corrections, and reversals.

Financial institutions and agency users need to prepare for CA$HLINK II shutdown by being aware of and/or completing the following activities on Pages 2 and 3

Financial Institutions

Deposit reporting: If you use CA$HLINK II to enter deposit reports, the appropriate FMS Program will contact your financial institution to initiate the process to transition reporting to the appropriate system.

Funds transfers (related to deposit reporting): If you are a commercial bank, Federal Agency deposits are transferred to Treasury accounts at the Federal Reserve Bank, either by Fedwire or ACH. You should contact the Treasury Cash Management System (TCMS) Team to sign an agreement for funds to be transferred using the National Settlement Service (NSS). TCMS is a new application that will assume FMS cash concentration functionality when CA$HLINK II is shut down. TCMS will inherit the historical transfer activity from CA$HLINK II.

Bank management: If you are a bank that uses CA$HLINK II for Bank Management purposes, such as reporting data and viewing the monthly compensation statement, be aware that the new Bank Management Service (BMS) will assume functionality for Bank Management. BMS is a module of the Federal Reserve Bank’s Customer Accounts Receivable System (CARS) that allows FMS to reimburse designated financial agents by collecting, analyzing, and approving expense information. Contact CARS/BMS for more information.

Bank Management reporting in CA$HLINK II may need to continue beyond December 31, 2012, in order to support the December monthly bank management cycle for the remaining TGA banks.
Agency Users

CA$HLINK II Data Migration: Review the CA$HLINK II Data Migration Snapshot on Pages 4 and 5. The activities outlined will help you plan your transition off CA$HLINK II to TRS and other end-state systems.

TRS Information: If you only use CA$HLINK II to retrieve data that is currently available in TRS, we urge you to begin using TRS to retrieve the data. It is imperative that you begin using TRS now. This will allow for a smoother transition off CA$HLINK II. If you use CA$HLINK II for data that is not yet available in TRS, be prepared to transition off CA$HLINK II once your data is available in TRS.

For more information, visit the TRS website (www.fms.treas.gov/trs), subscribe to updates, and utilize a comprehensive set of resources available on the website, including:

- TRS data availability chart
- Overview of information about TRS
- TRS event information (upcoming notifications and previous presentations)
- Common questions

Attend TRS webinar sessions to assist in planning for migration to the new system:

- Learn about TRS
- See a crosswalk between CA$HLINK II and TRS
- Discover what you need to do to assure that your agency’s data will be in TRS

Payment Information: The Payment Information Repository (PIR) will come online in the 3rd Quarter of CY 2012 to support the shutdown of CA$HLINK II from the payment side.

For more information, visit the PIR website (http://fms.treas.gov/pir/index.html), subscribe to updates, and utilize a comprehensive set of resources, including:

- Overview of information about PIR
- Common Questions
CA$HLINK II Data Migration Snapshot

**Dates are as of March 2012 and Subject to Change**

When these activities are complete, 100% of summary information for revenue collections will be available in TRS. Some payment information will also be available in TRS on an interim basis until the PIR is available and begins reporting these payments to the Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS, formerly GWA).

**Note:** The CA$HLINK II account type codes are italicized in parentheses, where appropriate.

**Available Now in TRS**

- Credit Gateway voucher and detail data for Fedwire Messages and ACH Credit Transactions
- OTCnet voucher data for bank deposits
- PATAX-TIP voucher data
- Card Acquiring Service vouchers and detail data (for all plastic card transactions)*
- EFTPS voucher data (except Federal Agency Taxes (Fedtax II))*
- Pay.gov voucher and detail data*
- ECP voucher and detail data*

*Adjustments, corrections, and reversals to the noted vouchers will be available in the 3rd Quarter of CY 2012

**Available in TRS: 3rd Quarter of CY 2012**

- FRB Miscellaneous Collections (*FRB MiscCr*)
- FRB CA$H-LINK vouchers for collections:
  - Paper Check Conversion (*FRB PCC* and OTCnet)
  - Commercial and Government Checks deposited at the FRB (*FRB Checks*)
  - Currency Bureaus at the FRB (*FRB Speci*)
- FRB International Treasury Services (*FRB ITS*) vouchers for collections. TRS expects to receive FRB ITS collections through the Credit Gateway.
- Stored Value Card vouchers for the Department of Defense:
  - EZ Pay Collections (*FRB EZPay*)
  - Eagle Cash Collections (*FRB EagleC*)
  - Navy Cash (*StoredValu*)
- EFTPS vouchers for Federal Agency Taxes (*Fedtax II*) vouchers
- Adjustments, corrections, and reversals to vouchers by source systems
- ECP and Pay.gov adjustments, corrections, and reversals to vouchers
- OTCnet detail transactions for check capture (for agencies that have converted to OTCnet)
Available in TRS: 3rd Quarter of CY 2012 (continued)

- FRB CASH-LINK payment vouchers. TRS will report these payments to CARS until the PIR begins reporting to CARS. When the PIR begins reporting these vouchers to CARS, they will only be accessible through the PIR. TRS and CASHLINK II will no longer receive the following payment voucher activity:
  - Food Stamp Coupons (FRB FS)
  - Postal Money Orders (FRB PMO)
  - FedACH NTDO Payments (FRB ACH)
  - FRB International Treasury Services payments (FRB ITS)
  - Miscellaneous NTDO Payments (FRB MiscDr)

Additional Data Information (continued)

Legacy PCC-OTC migrations to OTCnet:

TRS will receive the voucher activity associated to legacy Paper Check Conversion Over-the-Counter (PCC OTC) data in the 3rd Quarter of CY 2012. TRS will receive the detail check transactions when OTCnet begins to report the transactions to TRS on a date to be determined.

Electronic lockbox migrations to the Credit Gateway and Pay.gov:

- Electronic lockbox bank activity is in the process of migrating to the Credit Gateway for Credit EFTs and to Pay.gov for Debit ACHs. As these migrations occur, an agency may need to use TRS to access the transactions because the current bank may no longer have the information.
- Electronic lockbox activity that cannot be migrated to the Credit Gateway or Pay.gov in 2012 will be reported through OTCnet.

General lockbox transactions that are not settled through ECP:

FA Settled general lockbox activity will be reported to ECP, which will report data to TRS for agencies to access on a date to be determined.

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CA$HLINK II Stakeholder Outreach Team

The CA$HLINK II Stakeholder Outreach Team is available to research and answer general, non-TRS related questions about CA$HLINK II Shutdown.

Contact us at: CLZShutdown@pnc.com

Information for contacts referenced in this communication (as of March 2012) is on Pages 2 and 3.

CA$HLINK II Shutdown Questions and Answers

What is CA$HLINK II: Countdown To Shutdown?

CA$HLINK II: Countdown to Shutdown is a new phrase that you will be hearing over the next nine months as we move toward the initial shutdown of CA$HLINK II on December 31, 2012. The purpose of this and future periodic communications you will receive is to remind you that the shutdown is coming and to begin to decrease your dependence on CA$HLINK II.

When was the CA$HLINK II Shutdown first announced?

The shutdown of CA$HLINK II was first announced in a 2007 letter to agencies. An updated announcement was made in January 2010 by Tamara Whitaker, Director, Accounting and Data Management Division, and David Lebryk, Commissioner of FMS, sent further information to CFOs in January 2011. All agencies are required to convert from legacy systems to the new end-state systems and enterprise architecture for collections by December 2012.

Is TRS a replacement for CA$HLINK II?

Many people think that the TRS is a replacement for CA$HLINK II. However, the systems have different data, functions, and features. TRS is a reporting mechanism for deposits and detail of collections transactions, while CA$HLINK II supports multiple functions. CA$HLINK II does provide deposit reporting but it also allows for some transaction processing, cash concentration, and voucher corrections. With CCMM, functions of CA$HLINK II that are not provided by TRS will be performed in other Treasury systems.

While CA$HLINK II reports only on deposits, TRS will be the primary mechanism for collections reporting, including both deposits and detail. TRS also provides data across collections sources, enabling agency users access to information from a primary source.

TRS supports the reporting of Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) / Business Event Type Code (BETC) or Classification Keys (CKeys), facilitating reporting to the Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS, formerly GWA).

CA$HLINK II has several functions; TRS has one function.

CA$HLINK II:
- is a deposit reporting application
- supports multiple functions, including deposit reporting, cash concentration, and voucher corrections
- does not support reporting of TAS and BETC
TRS:
- reports both deposits and details of collections transactions
- is a reporting solution for deposits and the details of collections transactions
- supports reporting of classification codes to CARS

Where can I find training for TRS?

Training for TRS is provided through a web-based training (WBT) program that users can access after they enroll. WBTs allow agency users to train for TRS when it is convenient for them and their agency, refresh themselves on modules when new assignments are made, provide new staff with training, and retake modules about which users may have less confidence.

For security reasons, the WBTs are available only to enrolled users within the TRS application.