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## 1 Scope of this Document

This document is designed to be an introduction to the new features of Pay.gov v3.5.

Specifically, it is addressed to individuals who desire an overview of the new features contained in this release, without the level of detail that may be found in other administration, operational, and developer level documents.

## 2 Referenced Documents

The following documents are either referenced in this notice or provide supplemental information. Please contact your FMS representative to obtain them.

*Pay.gov Overview Guide*  
*Agency Configuration Template (ACT)*  
*Agency Guide to the Collections Service*  
*Agency Guide to the Forms Service*  
*Agency Guide to the Reporting Service*  
*Agency Guide to the Billing and Notification Service*  
*Agency Guide to the Verification Service*  
*Agency Guide to Access Control*  
*Open Collections Interface (OCI) Reference Guide*  
*Pay.gov User's Guide*

## 3 Overview of Pay.gov v3.5

The US Treasury, Financial Management Service, is pleased to announce the new features that will be delivered with Pay.gov v3.5.

Pay.gov is a collection portal that offers five major services:

**Collection Service** – Collects and processes agency transactions. Pay.gov offers many ways to initiate a collection including a collection originating from an agency webpage, a collection originating from a form hosted on Pay.gov, or a collection in response to a bill notifying the user of payment required.

**Form Service** – Hosts agency forms. The forms can be configured to mirror (to the extent practical) their paper counterparts, including OMB and agency control numbers, Paperwork Reduction Act and Privacy Act notices, and instructions. Forms can be used either to gather information for administration purposes such as production reporting or they can be used to initiate an associated collection.

**Billing/Notification Service** – Allows agencies to send out notifications of payment due to the agency. If the bill has an associated payment, a link is included directing the user to the Pay.gov Billing page where the information can be reviewed and, if applicable, payment made.

**Reporting Service** – Provides an extensive range of reports, allowing for transaction reconciliation with reports from other financial applications such as CASHLINK or settlement

agents. The reporting service delivers transaction details via two mechanisms – Online reports and Activity Files.

**Verification Service** – Enables agencies to authenticate potential customers of their site without previous registration. The customer provides key pieces of information, and then the VS references government and commercial databases to confirm the customer.

The following presents an introduction to the enhancements in the release for Usability, the Collections, and Reporting Services.

## 4 Usability

### 4.1 Links to external websites on the left-hand navigation bar

Located at the bottom of the left-hand navigation bar are three icons:

- Financial Management Service (FMS)
- Department of the Treasury
- Firstgov

With Pay.gov 3.5 these icons will be clickable, redirecting the user to the respective website.

## 5 Collections Service

### 5.1 Support Fifth Third Bank as a plastic card authorization and settlement provider

Currently, for plastic card transactions, settlement is provided by Bank of America or Mellon Bank. With Pay.gov 3.5, Fifth Third Bank is also offered as an authorization and settlement provider. The choice of settlement provider is configured during set up of the agency application. Please note that at a to be determined date in 2007, Fifth Third Bank will be the only settlement provider available. At that time, all agency applications will be migrated to Fifth Third Bank. The migration plan is currently being developed by FMS. .

### 5.2 Support additional configurable settings for each Custom Collection Field.

Pay.gov allows for up to 12 configurable Custom Collections fields. These fields can be used by the agency to gather data from a user such as a particular piece of information that may pertain to that collection only i.e. an invoice number. The Custom Collection Field data can be displayed on the Collection pages, the Collections Control Panel, Reports, Activity Files and e-mails. With Pay.gov 3.5 the number of ways in which the data is displayed has been expanded to the following options (new options are indicated with an asterisk):

- Required
- Encrypted\*
- End User Entry
- Display to End User\*
- Addenda

Details on how these different settings are used and any considerations will be provided in the *Pay.gov V3.5 Agency Guide to Collections*. The required option(s) are set at the Pay.gov application level.

### 5.3 Discover Bank Plastic Cards

As of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 Discover Bank added a new Bank Identification Number (BIN) for their Plastic Cards. Discover Bank plastic card BIN's may now start with the digits "65" along with the current BIN's starting "6011". Pay.gov 3.5 will support processing of both.

### 5.4 Plastic Card Help Text

The help page displaying information on how to locate the Card Security Code on a plastic card has been revised so that all card types are displayed on one screen.

## 6 Reports Service

### 6.1 Display Encrypted Custom Collection Field data.

Pay.gov 3.5 allows for Custom Collection Field data to be encrypted when it is stored to the Pay.gov database (ref 5.2 above). Any encrypted values included in a report, activity file or on a webpage will be shown decrypted.

## 7 Defects Corrected in Pay.gov 3.5

**Different Form Status' displayed for the same Form Instance.** For the same Form Instance the Form Status displayed in the Saved Form list was different from that displayed in the Forms Search Report. If a user saved a form for the first time, or duplicated a form, the Saved Form listing page would show 'Saved', while the Forms Search Report would show 'Created'. Pay.gov 3.5 corrects this.

**The [x]close window icon not closing Reports window.** The online reports are displayed in a secondary window. The [x] Close Window icon when clicked did not always close the Reports window correctly. This has been corrected in Pay.gov 3.5.