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To: All Federal Agencies Serviced by the Austin Financial Center (AFC)

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Subject: Governmentwide Accounting/Secure Payment System Questionnaire

The Governmentwide Accounting Modernization Project (GWAMP) will streamline the central accounting, reporting, and reconciliation process for federal agencies and Financial Management Service (FMS). Under Governmentwide Accounting (GWA), agencies will classify transactions to the proper Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) when transactions are initiated. The TAS is an account symbol assigned to each transaction based upon whether it is a receipt, appropriation, expenditure, or fund account. Additionally, agencies will classify their transactions by a new data element, the Business Event Type Code (BETC). The BETC identifies the type of transaction and the accounting effect on the fund balance with Treasury.

The Secure Payment System (SPS) project team is currently making changes to SPS to accommodate the inclusion of the TAS and BETC in payment schedules by 2009. As the SPS project team makes changes to the system to accommodate GWA, it is imperative to obtain feedback from the agencies' accounting staff regarding their unique payment needs.

Agency questionnaire background information is available on the following website. Please click <http://www.fms.treas.gov/afc/correspondence.html> to print the questionnaire.

Responses may be submitted via email, fax, or mail.

Email to: AFC-GWA@fms.treas.gov
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Mail to: Austin Financial Center
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Please submit completed questionnaires by **Friday, November 30, 2007**.

You will receive an acknowledgement email upon receipt of the completed questionnaire. If you have questions regarding the questionnaire, please email them to AFC-GWA@fms.treas.gov or call one of the following AFC Program Analysts:

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