



TRS Glossary

Term	Definition
ABA	Refers to an ABA Routing Number (a.k.a. ABA number or Routing Transit number), developed by the American Bankers Association, to identify the specific financial institution responsible for the payment of a negotiable instrument.
ACH	Automated Clearing House Network – A nationwide batch-oriented electronic funds transfer system that provides for the inter-bank clearing of electronic payments for participating depository financial institutions.
ALC	Agency Location Code – A numeric symbol used to identify an agency accounting location or regional financial office on accounting reports and documents. The ALC consists of an eight-digit agency accounting station, a four-digit disbursing office symbol, or a three-digit Treasury Financial Center symbol. An ALC is also a data type within TRS and is used to restrict access to data secured by an ALC.
ARM	Financial Management Service Agency Relationship Management Division – Responsible for managing the relationships between FMS and the Federal Program Agencies.
BETC	Business Event Type Code – An eight-character code used in the Governmentwide Accounting system to indicate the type of activity being reported, such as payments, collections, and borrowings.
BO	Business Objects – Commercial off-the-shelf software used by TRS to facilitate report creation.
Business Date	The Business Date represents the date used to identify the TRS Business Cycle associated to transmissions received from Sending Trading Partners (STPs). The Business Date in TRS corresponds to the Process Date in CA\$HLINK II.
C-Key	Classification Key – A unique agency accounting code assigned to a transaction. Agencies will establish C-Keys in the Shared Accounting Module (SAM) for collection transactions that will be used to derive the appropriate values of Treasury Account Symbol (TAS)/Business Event Type Code (BETC).
CAFE	Central Accounting Front-End System – An FMS system that captures data files from source systems and directs them to STAR until GWA becomes the system of record and STAR is retired. CAFE receives data from TRS.
Card Acquiring Service	An FMS service, formerly referred to as the Plastic Card Network (PCN), through which FMS collects obligations via credit or debit card transactions. Card Acquiring Service will send data to TRS.
CA\$HLINK II	An FMS system used to manage the collection of U.S. government funds throughout the world and to provide deposit information to federal agencies.
CCMM	Collections and Cash Management Modernization – A comprehensive, multi-year effort to streamline, modernize, and improve the processes and systems supporting FMS's and Treasury's collections and cash management programs.
CGAC	Common Governmentwide Accounting Classification – A uniform structure and set of definitions for classifying the financial effects of government business activities.
Channel	Delivery method used by a remitter to initiate payment to an agency. Channel identifies the original point of payment initiation, the first interface between the end consumer/citizen and the government. Payment channels include mail, over the counter, internet, and telephone.
Connect:Direct	Communications software used to connect the TRS network to the networks of the collection systems and Federal Program Agencies.



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Credit Gateway	A new FMS service that will receive all incoming wire transfers and ACH credit payments to the Federal government. Current legacy system payments will be migrated one at a time to the new gateway. The first migration will include the Fedwire Deposit System (FDS) and the Remittance Express (REX) application. The next migration will include the Federal Reserve Electronic Tax Application (FR-ETA) and electronic lockboxes from the General Lockbox Network (GLN). The final migration will include ACH credit payments associated with the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). The Credit Gateway will send data to TRS.
Deposit Information	Information regarding funds credited or debited to a Treasury account. Is also known as a voucher/deposit ticket.
Enterprise Architecture	A conceptual blueprint that defines the structure and operation of an organization. The intent of enterprise architecture is to determine how an organization can most effectively achieve its current and future objectives.
ECP	Electronic Check Processing – An FMS program that clears check transactions by converting them to an image or ACH transaction. ECP interfaces with lockbox financial agents to electronically clear paper checks. ECP sends data to TRS.
EDA	Enterprise Data Architecture – Refers to the FMS team that serves as FMS’s central focal point, consultant, and technical advisor on matters and issues related to data exchange, data administration and data standards.
EFTPS	Electronic Federal Tax Payment System – An FMS system to help business and individual taxpayers conveniently pay all their federal taxes electronically. EFTPS sends data to TRS.
FDS	Fedwire Deposit System – An FMS wire transfer collection system whereby remitters can instruct their banks to transfer payments by the Federal Reserve Communications System to Treasury’s main account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
Fedwire	A nationwide program offered by the Federal Reserve Banks to provide real-time electronic funds transfers.
Financial Agent	A financial institution designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as a depository and financial agent of the U.S. Government. A designated financial agent of FMS provides financial services to Federal Program Agencies and the public. A depository agent is specifically authorized to accept deposits of public money.
Financial Transaction	Represents a financial instrument used for payment. A financial transaction may be equivalent to a single check or credit card payment.
FPA	Federal Program Agency – A permanent or semi-permanent organization of government that is responsible for the oversight and administration of specific functions.
FRB	Federal Reserve Bank – The Federal Reserve System (also the Federal Reserve; informally The Fed) is the central banking system of the United States.
FRB CA\$H-LINK	An FMS system that consolidates and reports information regarding Federal government collections and disbursements in Federal Reserve Banks.
GWA	Governmentwide Accounting – Provides the central/financial accounting and reporting infrastructure for federal payments, claims, collections, central accounts and other financial transactions.
GWA Classifications	Breakdown of funds collected by Treasury Account Symbol (TAS)/Business Event Type Code (BETC) or C-Key for reporting to Governmentwide Accounting (GWA).



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ITS.gov	International Treasury Services is an FMS payment and collection system used for processing international direct deposit payments to benefit recipients and both electronic and check payments to vendor, foreign payroll, and miscellaneous payment recipients. ITS.gov sends data for international collections to TRS.
OTC	Over the Counter – OTC collections describes those funds that are received directly from the general public or other remitters by Federal Program Agencies.
OTCnet	A new FMS program that will serve as a channel application for all OTC transactions currently processed through TGAnet, PCC OTC, and TGA banks. OTCnet will send data to TRS.
PATAX/TIP	Paper Tax System/Treasury Investment Program – An FMS system that collects, adjusts, and reports all advices of credit that represent paper federal tax deposits in commercial financial institutions. PATAX/TIP sends data to TRS.
Pay.gov	An FMS system that enables end-users to make electronic payments to Federal Program Agencies over the Internet. Pay.gov sends data to TRS.
PCC OTC	Paper Check Conversion Over the Counter – An FMS program which converts personal and business checks into electronic funds transfers.
Program Data	Unstructured agency-specific data associated with collections. Typically, it includes remittance information posted to receivables.
REX	Remittance Express – An FMS program which allows the Federal government to receive ACH credits directly into the Treasury General Account from the private sector for payments to a federal agency.
RTP	Receiving Trading Partner - A system that receives data from TRS.
SAM	Shared Accounting Module – An FMS program that allows agencies to classify all Fund Balance with Treasury transactions and adjustments to the appropriate Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) and Business Event Type code (BETC) at the time the transactions or adjustments are reported to the Treasury. SAM provides TRS with supporting reference data (ALC information and ABA information).
Settlement	The discharge of financial obligations with respect to a funds transfer between two or more parties.
STAR	The Federal government's legacy central accounting system, operated by FMS.
Stored Value Card	An FMS program in which a plastic card represents money on deposit with the issuer and functions similarly to a debit card. The stored value card programs Eagle Cash and Navy Cash will send data to TRS.
STP	Sending Trading Partner – A system that provides data to TRS.
TAS	Treasury Account Symbol – Receipt, appropriation, expenditure and other fund account symbols and titles as assigned by the Department of the Treasury and Office of Management and Budget that identify a specific Treasury account.
TCMS	Treasury Cash Management System – This planned FMS program will provide federal cash concentration services, settlement of all inflows and outflows affecting the Treasury's General Account, and cash accounting and reporting functions. TCMS will receive data from TRS.
TGA	Treasury General Account – May refer to either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary operating account for the U.S. Treasury Department maintained at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. All official U.S. government disbursements are made from this account. • An FMS-owned account at either a commercial or a Federal Reserve Bank into which any collections by any agency may be deposited.
TGAnet	Treasury General Account Deposit Reporting Network – An FMS program that enables Federal Program Agency users to report over the counter (OTC) receipts in a secure, web-based system. TGAnet sends data to TRS.



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TRUFACS	Trust Fund Accounting and Commissary System – An FMS centralized electronic monetary system for federal prison inmates. TRUFACS will send data to TRS.
TWAJ	Treasury Web Application Infrastructure – A highly secure environment provided by the Federal Reserve Information Technology to support several enterprise-wide Treasury applications.
UAT	User Acceptance Test – A process to obtain confirmation by a subject matter expert, preferably the owner or client of the object under test, through trial or review, that the modification or addition meets mutually agreed-upon requirements.
Voucher	A summary record that represents a grouping of detailed financial transactions. This is the level at which financial transactions are reported in CA\$HLINK II and FRB CA\$H-LINK as deposit tickets or debit vouchers.
XML	eXtensible Markup Language - A general-purpose markup language that supports a wide variety of applications. Its primary purpose is to facilitate the sharing of data across different information systems, particularly systems connected via the Internet.