INSTRUCTION GUIDE FOR FUNDS TRANSFER

DEPOSIT MESSAGES TO TREASURY

All Government agencies must provide specific information to their depositors so that a funds transfer deposit message can be transmitted to the Department of the Treasury (Treasury). Likewise, the depositors must communicate this information to the bank sending the funds transfer. The funds transfer deposit message format is included within this appendix. A narrative description of each field on the funds transfer deposit message follows:

Field                  Content

1. RECEIVER-DFI# - The Treasury Department's ABA number for deposit-messages is 021030004. This number should be entered by the sending bank for all deposit messages sent to the Treasury.

2. TYPE-SUBTYPE-CD - The type and subtype code will be provided by the sending bank.

3. SENDER-DFI# - This number will be provided by the sending bank.

4. SENDER-REF# - The sixteen character reference number is inserted by the sending bank at its option.

5. AMOUNT - The transfer amount must be punctuated with commas and decimal point; use of the "$" is optional. This item will be provided by the depositor.

6. SENDER-DFI-NAME - This information is automatically inserted by the Federal Reserve Bank.

7. RECEIVER-DFI-NAME - The Treasury Department's name for deposit messages is "TREAS NYC." This name should be entered by the sending bank.

8. PRODUCT CODE - A product code of "CTR" for customer transfer should be the first data in the RECEIVER-TEXT field. Other values may be entered, if appropriate, using the ABA's options. A slash must be entered after the product code.

9. AGENCY LOCATION CODE - THIS ITEM IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. IT MUST APPEAR ON THE FUNDS TRANSFER DEPOSIT MESSAGE IN THE PRECISE MANNER AS STATED TO ALLOW FOR THE AUTOMATED PROCESSING AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE FUNDS TRANSFER MESSAGE TO THE
AGENCY LOCATION CODE OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY. The agency location code (ALC) refers to three-, four-, or eight-digit numeric symbols used to identify Government departments and agencies (e.g., accounting stations, disbursing and collecting offices). The agency's unique code must be specified in the funds transfer message in order for the funds to be correctly classified to the respective agency. The ALC identification sequence includes the beneficiary code field tag, BNF-, and identifier code, /AC-, followed by the appropriate ALC number. These three components must be in the following format:

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BNF-/AC-nnn     3-digit ALC
-OR-
BNF-/AC-nnnn    4-digit ALC
-OR-
BNF-/AC-nnnnnnn 8-digit ALC
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The ALC identification sequence can, if necessary, begin on one line and end on the next line; however, the field tag “BNF-” must be one line and cannot contain any spaces.

10. THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION - The appropriate information to identify the reason for the funds transfer should be provided by the agency to the depositor. The originator to Beneficiary Information field tag "OBI-" is used to signify the beginning of the free-form third-party text. The field tag "OBI-" must be on the same line and cannot contain any spaces. The field tag is placed following the ALC identification sequence and preceded by a space. An example of this data line using the 8-digit ALC would be as follows:

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BNF-/AC-nnnnnnnn OBI
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It is important to note that the length of the third-party text depends on how close you can place the ALC identification sequence (Field 9) to the PRODUCT CODE (Field 8). Under the Federal Reserve System's Structured Third-Party Format, financial institutions have the ability to place additional information fields for their own use between field 8 and field 9. Agencies should instruct their depositors and financial institutions to limit the use of these additional fields, and attempt to adhere to the optimum format for fields 7, 8, 9, and 10. This format using an 8-digit ALC is as follows:

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TREAS NYC/CTR/BNF-/AC-nnnnnnnn OBI-
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The optimum format, shown above will allow 219 character positions of information following the "OBI-" indicator. The information that is constant for all agencies is shown in the Funds Transfer Deposit Message Format within this appendix. This includes the RECEIVER-DFI# (FIELD 1), the RECEIVER-DFI-NAME (FIELD 7) and the PRODUCT CODE (FIELD 8). In addition to these constant fields, the agency must provide fields 9 and 10 to their depositors and the depositor must provide field 5 to the sending financial institution.
The depositor should inform the financial institution that sends the funds transfers to Treasury to use due care and ensure that all information is provided in the prescribed format. Failure to provide the information in the prescribed format may cause a delay in the notification of the funds transfer to the agency.

A sample of a funds transfer deposit message to Treasury is included within this appendix.

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021030004 (2)

(3) (4) (5)

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/ (7) (8)

TREAS

NYC/CTR/

(9)

BNF-/AC-nnnnnnnn

OBI-

(10)
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