GTAS ... What's New!

Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Governmentwide Accounting

Agency Testing

We would like to extend our thanks to those who diligently worked to get their active TASs submitted into GTAS during the official test window. To say this was no small task is quite an understatement. The following statistics speak to the level of effort that has been put forth over the past year: 12,800 total active TASs; 8,619 submitted; 6,614 Passing Required Edits.

On July 3, 2013, Treasury announced that GTAS will go live December 2013 for November 2013 balances. If your agency is not prepared to move to GTAS by December 2013, it is urgent that you notify Treasury of your issues by August 16.

Although the official test period ended June 30, we have extended period 3 – March 2013 testing through August 2013 as an optional test period.

Stay in tune with the latest GTAS information by subscribing to the GTAS program located at https://www.fms.treas.gov/fmsweb/EmailSubscribeAction.do

Updates will also be communicated via Newsletters, Webinars and GTAS Homepage messages.

Useful Resources
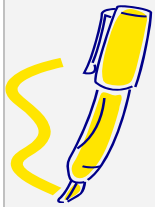
Many have expressed interest in utilizing the summer months to continue working with GTAS.

Below are links to resources that are always helpful:

GTAS Contacts:
http://www.fms.treas.gov/gtas/contacts.html

Bulk File Format, Edits and Validations:
http://www.fms.treas.gov/ussgl/tfm_releases/12-03/2014/part3_current.html

GTAS Enrollment Process:
http://www.fms.treas.gov/gtas/forms.html

Changes

Life is full of changes, and GTAS is no exception to this fact. An ever changing economy and reporting requirements necessitate system enhancements from time to time. The following items will become effective in GTAS after the June 30 test window closes:

1) **Reduction Type Attribute** – This will be an additional 3 characters added to the end of each bulk file line, increasing the count from 89 to 92 characters per row. Non-compliance with this change will result in the bulk file not making it to the validation checks. Domain values can be found on the USSGL Attribute Table. If a value is not required, blank spaces should be used as place markers. This change became effective in GTAS July 22, 2013.

2) **Z Domain Value** – A new domain value of 'Z' was added to the USSGL Attribute Table for Fed/NonFed Code. This value is defined as Federal activity that does not have a trading partner. Please refer to the Attribute Table to see which USSGLs this value pertains to. This change became effective in GTAS July 22, 2013.

3) **Trading Partners** – New Trading Partner Agency Identifier (TP AID) codes will be created to facilitate intragovernmental eliminations with the following agencies (if **no** Trading Partner Main Account Code is reported):

- 916 = Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
- 933 = Smithsonian Institution
- 960 = National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust
- 978 = Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation
- 999 = Classified & Unknown Trading Partners

In FY 2019, when the Trading Partner Main Account code is required on all TAS, the above TP AIDs will be discontinued (except TP AID 999).

OMB Codes

Within GTAS there are certain codes provided by the Office of Management and Budget. One code in particular that has been questioned on numerous occasions is the Budget Enforcement Act (BEA) Category Code.

If discrepancies are discovered between the agencies SF 132 versus GTAS, you may notify your GTAS contact. If it is determined that the domain value on the SMAF reflects what is in the Central Accounting and Reporting System (CARS), you will be notified to contact someone in the Budget Review Division at OMB to resolve this issue. If OMB determines that the domain value is correct, no action can be taken to make a change on the SMAF.

If OMB determines that the value is incorrect, they must change the daily file they make available to be loaded into CARS. Once the file has been loaded into CARS, it will reflect the correct value. This however does not automatically update GTAS. It's not until the scheduler runs the following day that GTAS is updated with CARS data.

Since this is not an instant process, it is very important to keep an open line of communication with your budget examiner so that items like this can be resolved in a timely manner.

TAS Removal

As GTAS testing has progressed, there have been several requests submitted to the Budget Analysis and Appropriations Team (BAAT) to have Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) discontinued from Central Accounting. In light of receiving these requests, a few clarifying points should be made:

1) If you see TAS in your GTAS SMAF file that your agency is not responsible for reporting (due to another agency holding that responsibility), please contact the Treasury Support Center at 877-440-9476 or at GTAS@stls.frb.org to have the TAS removed from your GTAS SMAF view.

2) If you have a TAS with a $0 balance, and has had no activity for two consecutive years, please refer to the TFM Part 2 Chapter 2000, Section 2025 for instructions on how to have these TAS discontinued.

GTAS Issues

Throughout the official testing period, GTAS system issues have been detected. The Bureau of the Fiscal Service is committed to resolving those items which remain outstanding as quickly as possible. As part of that commitment, weekly progress updates will be provided on the GTAS homepage for the following items:

1) FBWT for Unavailable Receipt Accounts – Correct balances should be loaded into GTAS mid-August.

2) Edit 2 and 20 – Some USSGLs are not mapping to the proper lines in these edits due to domain values that are required to be excluded from the agency bulk file. A resolution is being discussed.

3) Edit 21 – Some FACTSII ending FY2012 period 12 post-close balances didn't get loaded properly into GTAS to establish proper beginning balances for this check. A resolution is being discussed.

4) SF133 Report – Line items are not being included and there are some calculation issues that are currently being researched for resolution.