MEMORANDUM FOR ALL OTCnet Users

FROM: David M. Metler
Over the Counter Division (OTCD)
Revenue Collections Management

SUBJECT: OTCnet - Upcoming Application Change

May 12, 2017

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for using OTCnet. This letter is to officially inform you about an upcoming change to the OTCnet Application.

In August 2017, we will upgrade the OTCnet Application to Release 2.5. This is a technology focused release that replaces Java Applets used to interact with the check scanner and other workstation functions with a new component called the OTCnet Local Bridge (OLB). Release 2.5 does not change OTCnet functionality or capabilities, but does require all OTCnet Users to install the new OLB component on their workstations.

To facilitate this change, Fiscal Service will support a transition period of one year, beginning in August 2017 and running through July 2018, during which we will support both the current Java based and new Websocket based architecture for utilizing the Application. Additionally, our OTCnet Team will work with agencies to identify a mutually agreed upon timeline that meets agency business and security needs for adopting the new OLB component.

Agencies will see a long-term benefit in that OTCnet will be able to support future alternative browsers and technology as the OLB removes the dependency of OTCnet to require Java to be installed on agency workstations.

Throughout the spring and summer, our OTCnet Team will contact all Agency POCs to determine a rollout timeline tailored to each agency. Thank you again for your support of OTCnet and please reach out to Reginald McKinney at (202) 874-6893 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David M. Metler, Director
Over the Counter Division (OTCD)
Revenue Collections Management