

CONTROLLER ALERT: Announcing the Department of Treasury as the Program Management Office for the Financial Management Line of Business

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This Controller Alert clarifies and announces that, as of Fiscal Year 2013, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) will serve as the managing partner for the Financial Management Line of Business (FMLOB). The FMLOB provides support to partner agencies under the guidance and strategic direction of the Chief Financial Officers Council (CFOC) and Council on Financial Assistance Reform (COFAR).

Treasury's Office of Financial Innovation and Transformation (FIT) will serve as Managing Partner and the Program Management Office (PMO) for the FMLOB. In accordance with OMB's guidance on shared services (the Federal IT Shared Services Strategy), the Treasury's FIT will lead efforts to transform Federal financial management, reduce costs, increase transparency, and improve delivery of agencies' missions by operating at scale, relying on common standards, shared services, and using state-of-the-art technology. Under the guidance of the CFOC, and COFAR, partner agencies will work with the FMLOB's support to standardize core financial business processes (including financial assistance) and data elements across the Federal Government to provide: (1) reliable and accessible financial data to the public; (2) adequate training and development resources to agency workforces; and (3) strong oversight of Federal programs using tools such as the Single Audit. The FMLOB will also play a role in implementing OMB's Memorandum M-13-08, *Improving Financial Systems Through Shared Services*. We anticipate that the FMLOB's efforts will save Federal funds, improve public reporting of Federal financial data, reduce administrative burdens, lower the risk of waste, fraud and abuse, and significantly improve Federal financial management services.

Following the issuance of this alert, Treasury will follow up with a FMLOB-FIT Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that each agency must sign immediately. Each agency should complete the MOU with Treasury no later than two weeks after receiving the MOU. Funds may be transferred as soon as the E-Gov Benefits Report has been sent to Congress. We expect this transfer to take place in the coming weeks and will inform you as soon as the transfer has happened.

Thank you for your continued support of FMLOB efforts, and we look forward to the important progress we expect to achieve. Please direct any questions to Regina Kearney at RKearney@omb.eop.gov or Kristine Conrath at kristine.conrath@treasury.gov.